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Volunteer with Good Hope Volunteers

Be passionate about a cause

All of our projects provide services vital to the communities and the environment in which they are based. Volunteers play an integral part in the services offered, and your help is needed! A portion of your fee goes towards the upliftment of the community or project you're working on as well as your passion to serve, so you get to leave Africa knowing you have made a difference!

Anyone can get involved

We have selected and developed projects which take place in an environment that is suitable for everyone, whether you are a tourist, a solo traveller, a student, or coming as a family. We offer everything from budget experiences to premium projects. All you need in order to apply is a good command of the English language and be at least 18 years of age. Our projects attract volunteers from dozens of different countries, allowing you to make life-long friends from across the globe.

We will find the right project for you

Applying to Good Hope Volunteers is free! Allow us to walk you through our application process to best determine which projects will be most suitable for your goals and needs.

We come highly recommended

For over 20 years, the Good Hope brand has been creating experiences and supporting students and volunteers from all over the world. We have been actively involved in changing the lives of thousands of students embarking on the adventure of a lifetime through meaningful travel in southern Africa. Read through some of our many testimonials to see for yourself!

We offer a wide variety of project options

We offer projects in South Africa and Namibia. The experiences range from community-driven social projects to those that focus on environmental and conservation initiatives. Wherever your passions lie, Good Hope Volunteers will match you up with the right project at a fair cost.

We are passionate about volunteering

We are an experienced and motivated team with years of practice operating and travelling throughout southern Africa. We are small and flexible enough to meet your personal needs but also large enough to offer you a full range of support services. We will be on hand to help you every step of the way, from visas to airport transfers, accommodation options to advice and around the clock on-the-ground support.



Good Hope Volunteers in Cape Town



Projects in Cape Town

Athlone Children's Home



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 8 weeks
from 18 years

The Children's Home provides full-time care for up to 49 babies and children from 0 - 5 years old. The children are either neglected, abandoned, abused or orphaned and are accepted at the home irrespective of HIV status, race or gender.

Cape Nature Conservation



Social & conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

Volunteer at a reserve that aims to promote the conservation of the indigenous fauna and flora of the Zandvlei wetland in Muizenberg. The programme is very broad and every day will be a new adventure. Interact with people from across Africa and make a difference in the conservation of the reserve.

Caring for the Elderly



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This organisation aims to provide all its residents with the highest standard of care and nursing within a homely environment, and to promote quality of life, the maintenance of independence, and the preservation of dignity.

Children's Hospital



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This is a voluntary support group to South Africa's largest children's hospital. It seeks to provide assistance and care for the patients and their families. The project is committed to helping make the hospital experience less traumatic for the young patients that are treated there.

Photography Course



Voluntourism
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ 1 week
from 18 years

Under the guidance of a professional photographer, learn and develop new and exciting photography skills. Practice what you learn in and around Cape Town, visiting hot spots and local volunteer projects. Capture your memories while making a difference during your adventure!

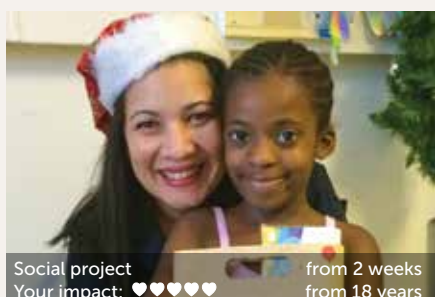
Recovery Hospital



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 4 weeks
from 18 years

Expert nursing and medical care is provided in a homely and loving environment for infants and children who are recovering from acute medical conditions. They are unable to return home for medical or social reasons.

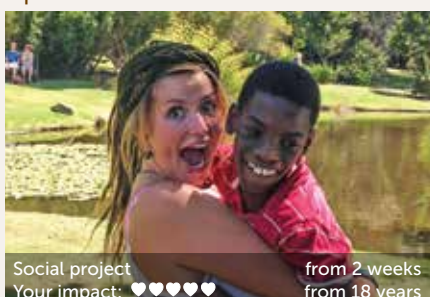
Safe Haven



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This organization supports children and their immediate family in a dignified and compassionate manner and also provides a safe haven for abandoned and abused children. Volunteers join a variety of projects supported by the organization during their experience.

Special Needs Care Centre



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This centre exists for a small percentage of the many marginalized people in the Cape Town community and provides specialized care for 90 profoundly intellectually and physically disabled citizens. Make a real difference in the life of someone who needs it most!

Teaching Centre

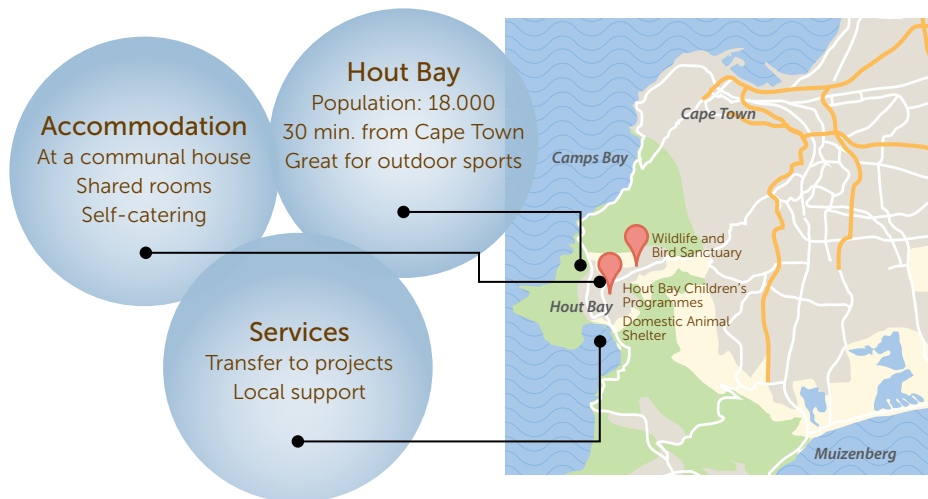


Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 4 weeks
from 18 years

This is an early intervention literacy programme. It supports children who are at risk in learning to read. To do this, the programme focuses on language enrichment, offering extra help and remedial assistance to children.



Good Hope Volunteers in Hout Bay



Projects in Hout Bay

Domestic Animal Shelter



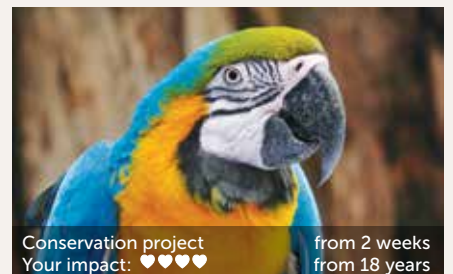
This centre is a pro-life, nonprofit organisation whose core aim is to rescue, rehabilitate, re-unite and re-home lost, abandoned, abused and neglected dogs and cats.

Hout Bay Children's Programmes



This project caters for the poor in a developing community near Hout Bay. As a volunteer, you spend mornings caring for young children while their parents are at work. Afternoons are spent in an after-care programme that assists older children once school has finished.

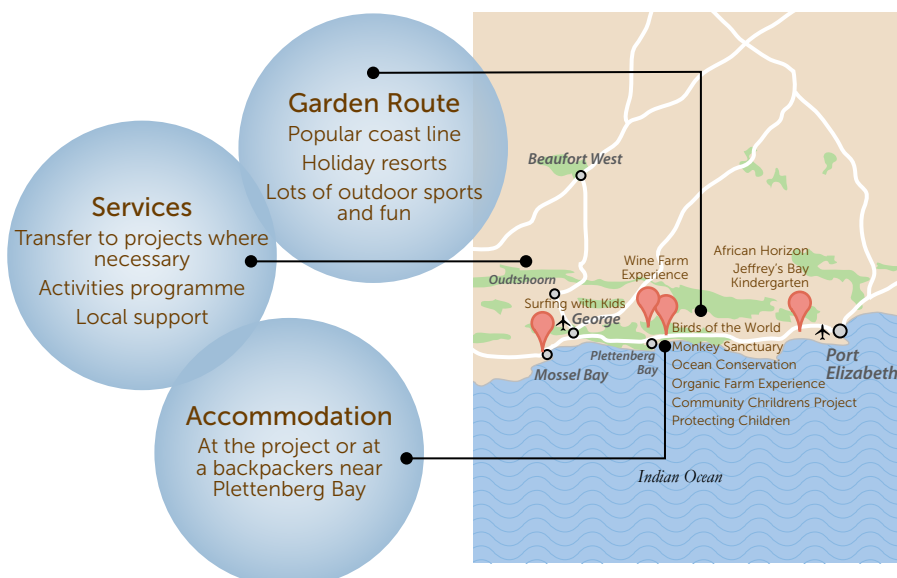
Wildlife and Bird Sanctuary



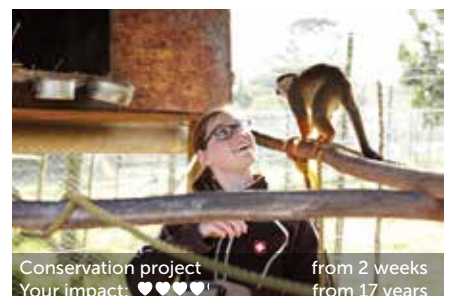
This incredible sanctuary on Cape Town's doorstep is the largest bird park in Africa. Over 400 species are rehabilitated in more than 100 spacious landscaped walk-through aviaries, allowing intimate closeness with nature.



Good Hope Volunteers along the Garden Route



African Horizon



This animal rehabilitation centre feeds and cares for stranded and injured animals. Up to 50 different species call this centre home. Unfortunately, some animals that can't be free-roaming are kept in enclosures, but most of the larger animals roam freely during their rehabilitation.

Projects along the Garden Route

Birds of the World



Conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 4 weeks
from 18 years

This project is based in the world's largest free-flight aviary and bird sanctuary. It is dedicated to the rehabilitation and care of hundreds of species of birds and is a must for anyone passionate about birds and small animal rehabilitation.

Community Children's Project



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

The project centres around a nursery school for disadvantaged children. The project provides education and stimulation and relies on basic aids to teach the children and provide an educational experience for them.

Jeffrey's Bay Kindergarten



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 4 weeks
from 18 years

The project centres around a nursery school for disadvantaged children. The project provides education and stimulation and relies on basic aids to teach the children and provide an educational experience for them.

Monkey Sanctuary



Conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 4 weeks
from 18 years

The sanctuary caters for dozens of species of rescued and rehabilitated primates. They are free to move about the forest in some of the most beautiful natural environments of Southern Africa.

Ocean Conservation



Social & conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This foundation is dedicated to the conservation of the marine environment in South Africa through research, willingness to help, and dedication. You can make a real change for the future of South Africa's beautiful coastline.

Organic Farm Experience



Farm Stay
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

The farm is a family established dairy farm that has successfully grown from its original mixed-agriculture and milk production activities to a highly popular farm-stall and coffee shop offering a wide assortment of produce for retail and in-house consumption, plus an established horticultural seedling and plant retail nursery.

Protecting Children



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 21 years

Situated on the famous Garden Route, the project is home to 23 children. These children were potential or actual street children, but with a lot of love and care, the project has managed to brighten their futures!

Surfing with Kids



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This programme teaches surfing to underprivileged youth from a rural area. Surfing keeps them out of trouble and away from drugs by giving them support to develop. Volunteers learn to surf and at the same time teach kids to surf; assist with beach games, yoga, and swimming lessons; and help with after-school homework.

Wine Farm Experience

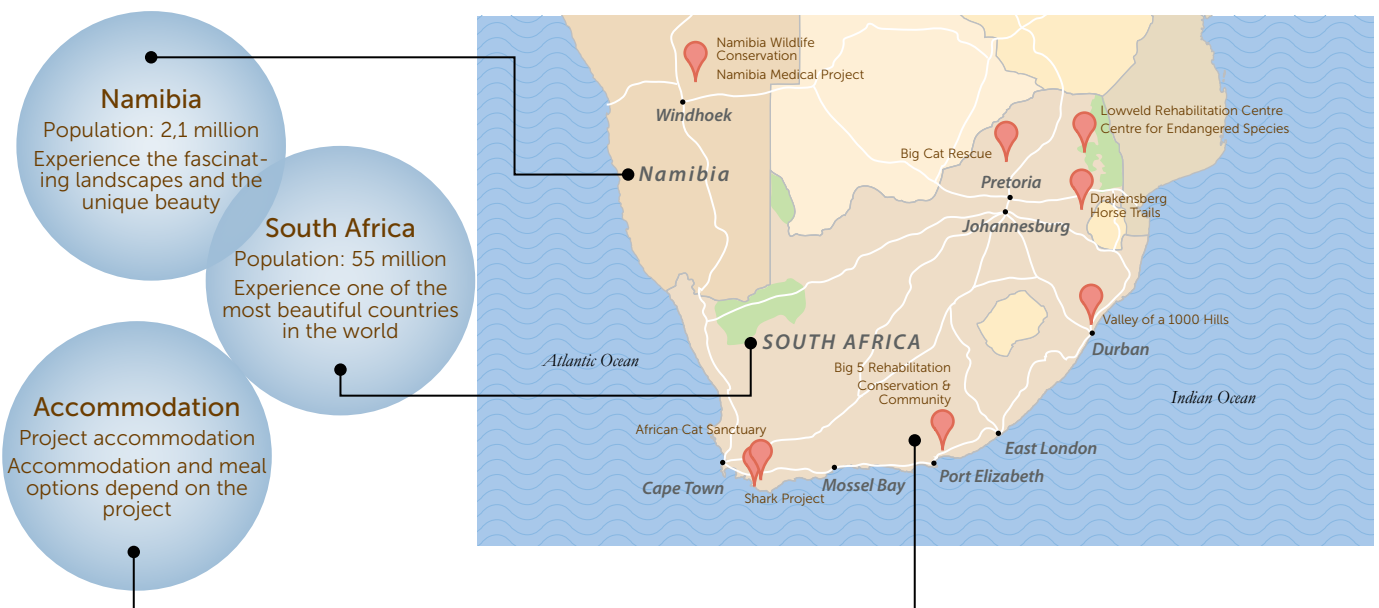


Farm Stay
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This farm is a family established, owned and managed boutique wine estate that has successfully grown in size and reputation since its beginnings in 2008. They also assist the historically disadvantaged local community by constantly exploring means of broadening their economic participation.



Good Hope Volunteers in other parts of southern Africa



Projects in other parts of southern Africa

African Cat Sanctuary



This is an environmentally friendly sanctuary for any captive-bred big cats, where they will be protected and prosper for the rest of their lives. This 40-hectare paradise provides a beautiful home for the animals. The project upholds a belief in the connection between both environmental and wildlife conservation.

Big 5 Rehabilitation



This reserve aims to assist with the conservation efforts of big game rehabilitation in the Eastern Cape. Daily activities involve caring for elephants, lions and large antelope, as well as the maintenance of a large reserve. And the popularity of this project provides a wonderful chance to make friends from all over the world.

Big Cat Rescue



This world-famous site offers a home to over 40 rescued lions and tigers from zoos and circuses around the world. The project now provides a stress-free, comfortable home for these predators to live out the remainder of their lives away from the public, and back under the African sky.

Centre for Endangered Species



Conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This facility is dedicated to the survival of rare, vulnerable and endangered species, particularly rhinos and cheetahs. The programme aims to equip volunteers with the ability to actively participate in the conservation of wildlife in the Kruger National Park area.

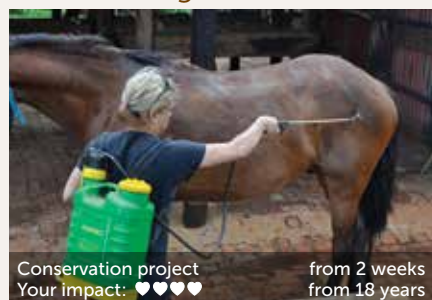
Conservation & Community



Social & conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

A rare opportunity to combine community development and environmental protection. This amazing project assists with conservation efforts on a working game reserve and with a home for vulnerable children in a lower income community.

Drakensberg Horse Trails



Conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

This project is perfect for advanced horse riders and is set against the breathtaking Drakensberg escarpment. The horses live a natural life among the wild horses of Kaapsehoop. As a volunteer, you will sharpen your riding skills and learn countless more.

Lowveld Rehabilitation Centre



Conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

Originally designed as a home for orphaned, poisoned or injured wildlife, this centre's main aim is to rehabilitate wildlife that can be reintroduced to their natural environment. Unfortunately, some of the animals in their care, due to their injuries, will never be able to return, and now live out their days in peace at the centre.

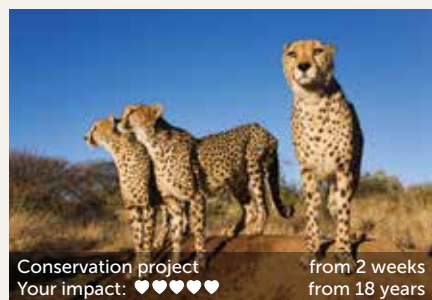
Namibia Medical Project



Medical project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

The project is committed to improving the lives of the San community through education, health care and improved living conditions. The project aims to give the next generation the education, health care and help they need to survive and to build a brighter, healthier future.

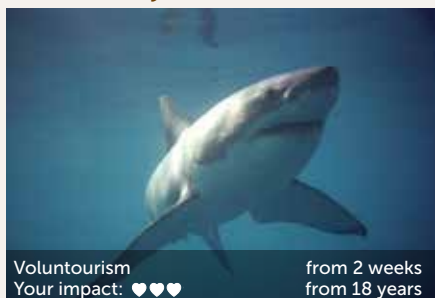
Namibia Wildlife Conservation



Conservation project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

Their vision is an Africa where humans and wildlife can live and thrive together. Their mission is to conserve the land, cultures and wildlife of Namibia and rescue species threatened by an ever-shrinking habitat.

Shark Project



Voluntourism
Your impact: ♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 18 years

An ocean-based project which aims to unite scientific research and public participation in the protection of South Africa's great white shark. Volunteers are primarily here to work closely with sharks and tourists and in doing so increase awareness of these wonderful creatures.

Valley of a 1000 Hills



Social project
Your impact: ♥♥♥♥♥ from 2 weeks
from 17 years

Through skateboarding, this project brings together people from diverse backgrounds. Skateboarding gives rural and vulnerable youths self-esteem and pride. It keeps them off the streets and out of trouble and brings them a sense of freedom, possibility and purpose.





Good Hope Volunteers

Launched in 2009, we started bringing people from all over the world to various projects in southern Africa to supply local organisations with desperately needed volunteers.

Our programme has grown quickly to over 30 projects. Through Good Hope Volunteers you can assist in both social and conservation initiatives. Furthermore, you can also book a farm stay or a photography course. We provide experiences to immerse yourself in foreign cultures and communities in need and also to help serve, protect and conserve the environment and the animals that live within them.

We don't see volunteering as a process in which you merely help others in need; we understand volunteering as a life-changing experience in which you also grow - learning about and developing yourself while making friends from all over the world who share your passion for service to others. We assist in setting up your once-in-a-lifetime adventures by arranging activities and assisting you in booking excursions for your free time and weekends.

Our passion is in intercultural exchange programmes. We strongly believe that South Africa and Namibia are two of the best places in the world to visit and spend time and energy, be it learning English or growing as a person through involvement in social or conservation projects.

We are based in Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa. Here we also operate a volunteer house from where our volunteers support all our projects in the area. Further, we focus on Hout Bay and the Garden Route, but we also support many more interesting projects throughout South Africa and Namibia.

We look forward to supplying you with all the necessary information that you need to make an informed decision on which project is best suited to your involvement. We will then support you through the entire experience, and guide you from start to finish. We trust that you will leave with only the best memories, a vast amount of experience, and a new outlook on the world around you.



Combine volunteering with a language course



Our sister company, Good Hope Studies, operates two English language schools in Cape Town. One school is situated in the leafy residential area of Newlands and the other is in the vibrant city centre on a pedestrian walkway.

We offer short-term and long-term programmes for General English as well as exam preparation courses, business courses and a teacher training centre.

Our schools are well-known for the professional yet relaxed environment in which learning is both challenging and fun. Students from up to 50 different countries benefit from our courses each year.

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GHV, alcuni prezzi per i progetti di volontariato nel 2018

Valley of a 1000 Hills	€947 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)
Children's Hospital	€1.179 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)
Caring for the Elderly	€988 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)
Protecting Children	€1.006 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)
African Horizon	€675 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)
Surfing with Kids	€741 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)
Bush School & Wildlife Orphanage	€979 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)
Organic Farm Experience	€829 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)
Big 5 Rehabilitation	€1.261 for 2 weeks (all inclusive)