

General information for volunteers

Traveling

If flying in to South Africa it's best to land in **Cape Town** and then get a bus (Translux, Greyhound or Intercap) in the morning (around 7am) which would mean that you reach Plettenberg Bay roughly at 2pm. Coming during the day is much easier as it gives you opportunity to go food shopping for your first week.

All bookings can be made online.

Volunteer Houses

Monkeyland and Birds of Eden have - 2 volunteer houses, each house is equipped with a kitchen, living room and bathroom. House 1 has 1 double + 1 triple room. House 2 has 2 double rooms.

It is free to stay in our houses; you just need to buy your own food and toiletries.

Bedding is provided but you can bring your own if you so choose.

Jukani does not have a volunteer house. All Jukani volunteers must stay at Homestay.

Volunteer duties (will vary ever so slightly from park to park)

Welcoming visitors at the front gate and accompanying them to the reception

Instructing visitors about the rules of the sanctuary

Taking tourists on 1hr safaris through the sanctuary whilst giving information about animals

Daily cage cleaning and assisting with feeding

Making enrichment items from recycled items

Assisting with marketing for Monkeyland, Birds of Eden and Jukani

Forest maintenance (e.g. removing rubbish, cleaning the bridge etc)

Uniform

A uniform shirt, epaulettes and fleece/jersey will be provided. You have to bring your own khaki trousers and brown or black shoes preferably with no bright colours, waterproof boots are also very helpful as we have a year round rain season.

Our general colours are dark green, brown and khaki. If you have any warm clothes of that colour it is best to bring them with.

Payment/Deposit

Please note there is a **R800 non-negotiable deposit** required for your volunteer uniform/keys/booklets/etc.

This deposit is returned to you when you personally hand back all your received items.

General information

You will get two days off per week. A normal work day lasts from 8am to 5pm.

All training will be provided once you get here.

Please note:

Monkeyland, Birds of Eden as well as Jukani are "hands off" sanctuaries meaning that we at no time actually have physical contact with the animals. If this rule is broken you will be asked to leave immediately.

Special Note:

We prefer to favour volunteers who can commit to the project for a minimum of **two months**. Shorter stays are possible but will not have preference unless previously discussed with the volunteer coordinator in charge. If you are staying for less than 2 months – accommodation in our volunteer housing is then not available for you.