

Conservation Travel Foundation

Volunteer Program

Grootberg Primary School Volunteer Opportunity

Grootberg Primary School project supported by the Conservation Travel Foundation

Have you ever wanted to work with children?

Have you dreamed about living and working in Africa or Namibia?

Do you have passion for enriching the lives of under privileged school children?

Are you an independent individual, a self-starter, with the drive to make a difference?

Do you want to travel Namibia and spend time in the North West of Namibia?

Are you available for one to six months in 2015 or 2016?

If these questions appeal to your soul, then please read on...



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Project Overview

The Conservation Travel Foundation supports the Grootberg Primary school through many avenues, and this exciting volunteer program looks at enriching the lives of young children, and the local community in general, in the areas that we as Ultimate Safaris operate. The program aims at improving the English and computer skills of the young children at the school as these are vital to their further education as they get older. Additionally, the programme aims to make improvements to the school itself through mini projects that the volunteers initialize and follow through. Through this programme we aim to make an impact at a young age, as these children could well be leaders for the next generation in Namibia's success as a country and a leader in conservation practices.

The Volunteer Program is a 100% not for profit project, where the cost that the volunteers incur will be for their own keep and the entire contribution goes directly to projects at the school. There are no fees payable to anyone and this will ensure that the volunteers know that their entire contribution will benefit the school and the children that they have spent their time with.

Conservation Significance

This collaborative project between the school and the Conservation Travel Foundation volunteers will ensure a brighter future for the children of this community who previously would not have had this opportunity to gain the skills that are now on offer. With ongoing support and a continuous flow of volunteers, the project can make a long term difference to the development of this area, in all fields such as education, social welfare and conservation. It may seem a small contribution to the education of the youth in this community but, in the long term, it will be of considerable benefit to them and help to ensure the development of the area and improvement of the livelihoods of its inhabitants.

Incentives

By becoming a part of this project you will allow yourself the opportunity to travel through Namibia and experience some of Namibia's greatest aspects. Subject to availability, the Conservation Travel Foundation with its Partners has made the following opportunities available to the volunteers that spend more than 2 months at the school:

- A day visit to a traditional and genuine Himba settlement with an Ultimate Safaris guide
- A weekend at the community owned Grootberg Lodge, including all meals and a guided activity
- A 20% discount on an Overland camping safari through Namibia at the end of your stay

Location

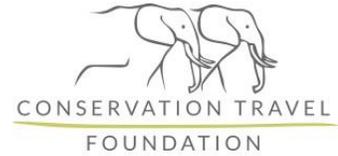
Grootberg Primary School, Erwee, North Western Namibia

Conservation Travel Foundation Volunteer Role

The Conservation Travel Foundation Volunteer will undertake the assistance of education in both English and computer lessons, under the supervision of the local teachers. The volunteer will initialize and take on mini-projects which would improve the livelihoods of the youth and community; these are projects that should aim at being long term sustainable projects. The volunteer would assist the school where ever possible and reach out to the local community through projects aimed at improving the education and experience levels in the community.

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Project Reporting

You will report back to the Foundation Trustees via email or telephonically through Ultimate Safaris on the progress of projects undertaken and the development of further projects for the future.

Reporting Line

You will report directly to the teachers and head master at the school as well as checking in with the Ultimate Safaris coordinators on a regular basis.

Period

Approx. 1 - 6 months (Currently any period in 2015/2016, but ideally based on school term times)

School Terms in 2015 - (will be similar in 2016)

<i>First term</i>	<i>14 January to 17 April 2015</i>
<i>Second term</i>	<i>19 May to 13 August 2015</i>
<i>Third term</i>	<i>1 September to 4 December 2015</i>

Position Requirements

The individual must be a self-starter, flexible and able to work independently, but also as part of a small team and/or collaboratively with project partners and other volunteers. Ideally the individual will have a higher education, High School or University. Basic computer skills, good use of the English language, social skills and a teaching diploma would be a great advantage, as would interest and experience in both sports and art. We are looking for students older than the age of 20 and if you would wish to travel at a younger age, we would require you to travel with partner.

Accommodation

Volunteers will be accommodated in a newly built Volunteers building, funded through the Conservation Travel Foundation and local partners and consists of en-suite bathrooms and a small shared kitchenette. The building will have two rooms which accommodate two volunteers, but each room will have two beds, this will be used if travelling with a partner or for short periods such as handovers, or when there are short term people joining in with those who are working there longer. Longer serving volunteers will get preference to short term volunteers, where possible.

Conservation Travel Foundation Project Contribution

- Accommodation in Volunteer accommodation block
- Assistance in Visa application, for periods longer than three months
- Meals while on site (Provided through the school)
- Project tools and Materials
- Transport to Project site (Availability depending)

Volunteer Own Contribution

- Own transport to and from Namibia, and up to the school if no transfer is immediately available
- Pre and Post accommodation and expenses
- Financial contribution towards infrastructure and equipment at the school
- Own visa costs and applications for extensions if required

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- Own travel and health insurance and own vaccinations if necessary
- Own personal expenses (drinks, toiletries, preferred food items etc.), any additional costs and accommodation in Windhoek as required.

Cost Breakdown

These are the costs that you will incur and are broken down into two categories, unknown and known costs. The given costs are estimations and are subject to change.

Unknown:

- Cost of flights to get to Windhoek, Namibia
- Travel Insurance
- Visa costs
- Personal expenses

Known:

- £10 - £25 per person per night for accommodation, for before and after time spent at the school
- £10 per person per day for food, for before and after time spent at the school
- £220 per person for transport to the school and back
- Contribution to the school: £1000 per person traveling alone
 £1500 for two people traveling together
 £1800 for three people traveling together
 £2000 for four people traveling together

How to Apply

Interested volunteers should send a CV/Resume, and an application letter to Jason@ultimatesafaris.na

In your application letter please specifically highlight your expertise (educational skills), outline why you want to join the volunteer program, and how you think you could make a difference to the project.

Below is a short summary on Ultimate Safaris involvement in the Conservation Travel Foundation and for further information you can visit the website www.toutrust.org or for specific questions, please contact us at the above email address.

About the Trust and its background:

Ultimate Safaris is a truly Namibian ecotourism safari company, dedicated to the protection, conservation and sustainability of the areas in which we operate as these are some of the most pristine and delicate wilderness areas on earth. We believe that having registered a legal trust where 100% of funds raised are invested in approved projects we have set a benchmark for sincere, ethical and transparent socially responsible investment. Conservation Travel Foundation has become a reliable vehicle and avenue through which guests can safely do this. As the Trust is legally registered, fully audited and completely transparent at all times, guests can feel comfortable making tangible contributions through the Trust which will help to change lives. Our projects are monitored through Ultimate Safaris and its staff who contribute extensive 'in-kind' services. We have invested in areas that we visit regularly and where our guides spend a lot of time, making monitoring easier, cheaper, more regular and very efficient.