



- **Overview**

The Kingdom of the White Lion although primarily set up for the filming of the feature film Kevin produced called “White Lion-Home is a journey”, was also set up (always in the back of our minds) as a sanctuary for all the actors featured in the film as well as other animals that he has relationships with. He hopes to eventually open this facility to the public to share these remarkable animals with others, but at this stage we are not yet open to the public.

The park is home to lion including the rare white lion, both brown and spotted hyena, black leopard, jaguar and a variety of antelope species including blue wildebeest, giraffe, impala, blesbok and nyala.

- **What we do and why we would need you**

Our sole income up until now has come from the filming of his documentaries, other commercial filming and projects like the recent biography written by Kevin with Tony Park called “Part of the Pride: My Life Among the Big Cats of Africa.”

The farm and the many animals that call it their home all require maintenance, care and management and that is where we see you fitting in. One of the things Kevin prides himself on is providing the animals with the best living conditions while in captivity, and we are always looking at ways of ensuring the animals’ lives are enriched and that they receive the best care and love possible. Our staff, in return have their lives enriched by being able to work with these remarkable animals and we are sure that after leaving us you will feel the same!

- **Project Details**

- **Project Location**

The project is situated on a 700ha game farm, which lies between the Gauteng and Northwest Province border in South Africa.

- **Project Duration**

2 weeks or Saturday only for local volunteers

- **Project Rates**

- **GBP £1050 / USD \$1620 / EUR €1195 For 2 week stay**

- **What is included in the rates**

- ✓ Pre-departure information and advice.
- ✓ Airport pick-up on arrival and drop off on departure. (This however must be on the dates provided otherwise an additional cost will be incurred for a private transfer)
- ✓ In country assistance and support.
- ✓ Accommodation for the duration of your stay at the project.
- ✓ Welcome, in South African style with a boma braai dinner and orientation on arrival.
- ✓ Light lunch on arrival.
- ✓ Two dinners off site during the course of your stay, one will form part of the two complimentary activities provided during your stay. Dinners exclude tips and all beverages.
- ✓ Two excursions during your stay, the first one to a Cultural Village and the second a trip to a local monkey or elephant sanctuary followed by a shopping trip to the largest craft market in Johannesburg. Meals are included at the Cultural tour but not at the monkey or elephant sanctuary and craft market. Those will be for your own account if you wish to eat when we are out.
- ✓ Presentation by Kevin Richardson as well as the opportunity to see Kevin interacting with the animals.

Kindly note this is subject to Kevin being in the country. From time to time he does have to make international trips but we are usually aware of these well in advance and will advise you on booking if he will not be available.

- **What is not included in the rates**

- ✓ Flights
- ✓ Visa costs (where applicable)
- ✓ Insurance costs (medical as well as personal items)
- ✓ Transport to any other destination during your stay other than activities that are provided as part of the project.
- ✓ All other meals other than those mentioned.

- **Accommodation**

Shadynook Private Nature Reserve is a small holding just over the river on the Northern side of the farm. The double story thatched cottage where volunteers will be staying is on a 25ha small holding. Facilities are as follows:

- ✓ Two large bedrooms (roughly 25m<sup>2</sup>each) which each have four single beds with linen.
- ✓ The cottage has a bath in one room, shower in another and an extra shower downstairs. The rooms have a door with access between the two so you can make use of either or arrange among yourselves which room you would prefer to stay in. We also have an outdoor shower at the office cottage just a few metres away.
- ✓ Large communal entertainment area with television, bar, kitchen and covered patio.
- ✓ Air Conditioner for the warm months.
- ✓ Large wood fireplace for the chilly months.
- ✓ Serviced daily.
- ✓ Electric fence linked to alarm.
- ✓ House alarm.
- ✓ Safe for locking up passports etc.
- ✓ Staff living on site.
- ✓ Laundry services available on request at very reasonable prices.
- ✓ Hair Dryer in rooms.
- ✓ Satellite TV (DSTV)
- ✓ Braai (BBQ) Facilities

- **Meals**

Volunteers will be welcomed in true South African style with a traditional braai on the first evening. A light lunch will also be provided on arrival. From then on all meals with the exception of the two dinners mentioned will have to be arranged by the volunteers and at their own cost.

A driver will take you to the grocery store after settling in to purchase food for the first week of your stay.

We would recommend that the group perhaps prepares a weekly menu and puts their money together and makes a list based on the group's requirements giving you more buying power. This is merely a suggestion and it is not compulsory should you prefer to buy your own supplies.

You will find that your money stretches far as our stores are very reasonably priced.

- **Breakfasts**

You can prepare and eat your breakfast at the volunteer cottage before you go to work.

- **Lunches**

Lunch will be eaten on the farm and not at the volunteer cottage so, you will need to prepare it in advance.

- **Dinners**

Dinners will be eaten at the volunteer cottage with the exception of two evenings.

- ✓ Boma braai dinner on arrival at the volunteer cottage.
- ✓ A dinner after the cultural tour at Lesedi Cultural Village excluding beverages and tips.
- ✓ A dinner to “The Carnivore” restaurant excluding beverages and tips.

- All other dinners must be arranged at your own cost.

- **Work Hours**

- **We work a six day week from Monday to Saturday**

08h00 to 17h30

- **Transport**

- **To and from project**

Bicycles and/or a Polaris and /or any of the farm vehicles will be used to transport you to and from work every day. For those wanting to enjoy nature, it is a beautiful scenic walk which often brings you into contact with the resident natural wildlife like vervet monkeys, baboons, caracal, genet, porcupine, tortoises, dassies, water monitors and various antelope species.

- **Airport Collection and Drop Off**

A driver from our facility will collect you on arrival and drop you off on departure at the OR Tambo International Airport (Airport code JNB). Kindly note that should you not arrive on the same day as the other volunteers and additional cost will be charged for a private transfer.

- **Other**

All other activities outside the park other than the complimentary ones which our staff will accompany you on will require your own transport. Our farm is out in the country and taxi cabs are not easily accessible. I would therefore recommend you either plan excursions through tour operators. Otherwise if you have an international driver's license you can hire a car from the nearby airport which will likely be cheaper if you go in on it with a few other

volunteers. Details on the companies will be provided in your volunteer manual you will receive on arrival but you are free to use any company you would like. These are merely just recommendations.

- **Health and Safety**

- **Vaccinations**

If you have been travelling in a country where yellow fever is widespread, you will need to present a yellow World Health Organisation (WHO) vaccination record card or other proof of inoculation when entering the country or alternatively, get the inoculation on arrival at OR Tambo International Airport. This is only for visitors who have been visiting in countries where yellow fever is prevalent.

- **Malaria**

Johannesburg is a long way from the nearest malaria affected areas and no precautions are needed. Malaria is prevalent only in the North-Eastern parts of South Africa, so if you are planning on travelling to one of our popular game parks after your stay you may need to take precautions.

- **Insurance**

Travel insurance as well as health insurance is for your own account so chat to your travel agent before you leave home.

- **Eligibility and Skills Required**

- **No specific qualifications are required to volunteer and experience with animals is not required**

A genuine interest for the animal welfare, enjoyment of wildlife and the outdoors is all you need. Due to the nature of our facility most of the animals are adults and the work is not always hands on. Breeding is controlled and youngsters are often left with their parents so we do not always have youngsters at our nursery. When we do have youngsters, volunteers will be able to get involved in the hand rearing. There are also a few hand raised antelope you can get in close proximity to.

- **Our minimum age requirement is 18 years of age.**

- **An average physical fitness and willingness to get ones hands dirty is required**

The Kingdom of the White Lion is a large farm of 600ha which consists of natural bush and jagged Pelinda rock and many of the daily tasks are done on foot covering large areas.

- **Travel Requirements**

- **Visas**

A tourist visa is required for Commonwealth, European and US Citizens visiting South Africa. You can click on the applicable link below to double check if you require a visa for your visit and gain helpful information should you need a visa on how to go about obtaining one.

<http://www.southafrica.info/travel/documents/visas.htm>

- **Flight Arrival Times**

A pick up will be arranged for all volunteers and where possible we would like to collect all volunteers at the same time due to the farm being some distance from the airport. A common meeting time will be arranged prior to your arrival which may result in a short wait at the airport or if you are unable to arrange a flight to get into OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg by that time, we would recommend you fly in a day earlier. An early airport pick-up and accommodation for that one night can be arranged for you at a nominal cost.

- **Flight Departure Times**

A drop off will be arranged for all volunteers and where possible we would like to drop all volunteers at the same time due to the farm being some distance from the airport. A common drop-off time will be arranged prior to your departure which may result in a short wait at the airport. Kindly note that should you not depart the same time as the other volunteers an additional cost will be incurred to cover a private transfer.

- **What to bring?**

- ✓ Two T-Shirts will be provided to volunteers to wear during their stay
- ✓ Due to the nature of the project we would recommend that volunteers wear beige, green or khaki coloured clothing. Clothes should be comfortable and preferably clothes you don't mind getting torn or dirty.
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes are a must as the terrain is sandy and rocky.
- ✓ A raincoat for those wet Highveld thunderstorms
- ✓ Sunscreen and a sun hat as it gets very hot in the summer months, where we can be as much as 2°-3°Celsius hotter than Johannesburg temperatures.
- ✓ If you are travelling during the winter months (May-August) you will need warmer clothes as the early mornings and evenings can get chilly.
- ✓ The facility does have some entertainment for your off days and evenings but you may want to bring your own books, playing cards or iPods along.

- **Activities , Facilities and Duties**

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A wide variety of extra activities and facilities are available for when you are off duty to make your stay a memorable and enjoyable one. After all we want you to leave feeling like you have had a holiday as well.

- ✓ A talk will be given by Kevin Richardson.
- ✓ A tour of the facility where you will get to see Kevin interacting with the animals as many have seen on television and You Tube.
- ✓ Bird watching-To date around 120 different species have been observed in and around the volunteer cottage.
- ✓ Canoeing on the Crocodile River can be arranged on your off days with a local tour company.
- ✓ Fishing (Fishing rods will be supplied).
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Mountain Biking (Mountain bikes will be supplied)
- ✓ Walking (Remember to pack comfortable walking shoes).
- ✓ Pool/Snooker table is available at the volunteer house.
- ✓ Dart Board.
- ✓ Internet Facilities are available at a cost of £17 / \$26 /€19 for the duration of your stay. (Video and Music downloads will not be allowed.)
- ✓ Telephone facilities-purchase a world call card and you can make or receive calls at our offices by arrangement.
- ✓ A variety of interesting books on the history in the area, animals, Kevin's work etc will be provided in the volunteer house for use during your stay.
- ✓ A Curio store to purchase some of Kevin's clothing range, DVDs; his biography and world famous photographs are available at the offices.

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- **Duties**

While performing duties on a daily basis you will be working in close proximity to all the animals.

- ✓ Animal welfare including food preparation, fly traps and animal enrichment if we have young animals at the nursery.
- ✓ Game counts.
- ✓ Anti-poaching walks to remove snares/gin straps etc
- ✓ Get to drive around with the animals as they go for enrichment walks/drives.
- ✓ Be part of the weekly shift around of animals. This will involve helping getting the animals loaded in the vehicles and moved around.

- ✓ General cleaning and maintenance on the farm including the offices, roads, airstrip, fences, water holes, vehicles and enclosures.
  - Bush cutting.
  - Weeding.
  - Fence Repairs.
  - Filling holes in road and on airstrip.
  - Cleaning and filing of water holes.
  - Bone and faeces removal from enclosures (while the animals are locked away of course☺).
  - Occasional painting depending on the time of year.
  - Washing vehicles.
  - Litter pick up.
  - For the handy men/ladies occasional building or repair work may be on the go at the time of your stay which you may want to get involved in and make a difference to the lives of the animals.
- ✓ River clean ups.
- ✓ Removal of invader plant species.
- ✓ Assistance on filming jobs for commercial or documentary work when they are taking place during your stay.
- ✓ Occasional office work on rainy days doing filing and/or data capturing for our records.
- ✓ Fence checks.

Due to the nature of our work we often have new situations arising with little or no notice, the list of activities available and duties to be performed may vary and we have tried to make the information provided as accurate as possible.

## ● **Itinerary**

### ▪ **Day 1**

A representative from the Kingdom of the White Lion will be waiting at the airport to collect you and bring you through to the volunteer cottage where you will be staying. After settling in volunteers will be welcomed by the team and a basic orientation on the project and what to expect during your stay in South Africa will be given. A light lunch will be provided and after settling in you will be taken to a grocery store to get your food supplies for the first week. This will be followed by a braai dinner in true South African Style.

### ▪ **Day 2**

After breakfast you will be collected by one of our team members and transferred to the game farm where you will be given an orientation on the duties you will be performing while at the project followed by a tour of the facilities. Volunteers will be split into work teams and rosters given for your weekly work schedule. Now is the time to answer any questions you may have as well. Lunch and tea breaks are taken on the farm.

- **Day 3-6**

Volunteers will follow the work rosters that will be drawn up based on the needs at that particular time and duties could include anything from the list of possible duties to be performed that were provided.

On the evening of Day 4 volunteers will knock off a little earlier to go and enjoy a cultural tour at Lesedi Cultural Village followed by an African dancing show and a dinner feast fit for a king.

- **Day 7**

The farm is closed on a Sunday and volunteers are welcome to arrange to go sight - seeing or enjoy some of the wonderful outdoor activities we have on offer.

- **Days 8-13**

Volunteers will follow the work rosters that will be drawn up based on the needs at that particular time and duties could include anything from the list of possible duties to be performed that were provided.

On Day 10 the volunteers will be taken for a culinary experience at “The Carnivore” restaurant where they will get to taste a variety of African meats like crocodile, kudu etc and for those who prefer a vegetarian option is also available.

On day twelve a morning excursion to a nearby elephant sanctuary followed by the opportunity to shop at the largest curio market in Johannesburg will be arranged for you.

- **Day 14**

Sadly you have come to the end of your stay. After breakfast you will be at leisure to pack up your belongings and prepare to be transported back to OR Tambo International for your flight. As previously mentioned due to the distance of our farm from the airport a suitable time will be arranged to drop all volunteers at the same time which may result in a short wait at the airport. We apologise for this and trust you understand.

- **Booking Steps**

- **Things that need to be completed for our admin office**

- ✓ Once you have sent written confirmation of your booking via e mail an application form and details on payment will be sent to you to complete.
- ✓ A 50% deposit is required to secure your placement and after we have received this together with the completed application form a welcome pack will then be sent to you in the post / via e mail with helpful details for planning your trip to South Africa.

- ✓ Should you require any advice or support while planning your trip we will be available to help you.
  - ✓ Final payment is required eight weeks prior to your project start date, after receipt of this a final confirmation on the project outline and airport pick-up times etc will be sent to you and any final questions you may have answered.
- **Things you need to do for yourself**
- ✓ Book your flights.
  - ✓ Arrange suitable travel insurance.
  - ✓ Arrange your tourist visa if required.
  - ✓ Read up on South Africa and how to make the most out of your trip on you're off days or if you plan on extending your stay.
  - ✓ Visit a travel clinic for advice on inoculations and malaria prevention if travelling to a malaria area after the project.

● **Available Dates**

Arrival Date	Departure Date
18 October 2010	31 October 2010
01 November 2010	14 November 2010
15 November 2010	28 November 2010
29 November 2010	12 December 2010
10 January 2011	23 January 2011
24 January 2011	06 February 2011
07 February 2011	20 February 2011
21 February 2011	06 March 2011
07 March 2011	20 March 2011
21 March 2011	03 April 2011
04 April 2011	17 April 2011
18 April 2011	01 May 2011
02 May 2011	15 May 2011
16 May 2011	29 May 2011
30 May 2011	12 June 2011
13 June 2011	26 June 2011
27 June 2011	10 July 2011
11 July 2011	24 July 2011
25 July 2011	07 August 2011
08 August 2011	21 August 2011
22 August 2011	04 September 2011
05 September 2011	18 September 2011
19 September 2011	02 October 2011
03 October 2011	16 October 2011
17 October 2011	30 October 2011
31 October 2011	13 November 2011
14 November 2011	27 November 2011
28 November 2011	11 December 2011

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