



WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY INTERNSHIP

VICTORIA FALLS ZIMBABWE



AN INTERNSHIP WITH A PURPOSE

With this project, not only will you be enhancing your portfolio and skills as a wildlife photographer, but you will also be making an invaluable difference by bringing awareness to wildlife and community projects in Zimbabwe.

You will spend your time in a reserve bordering Zambezi National Park, practicing wildlife photography and documenting a local wildlife-based organisation and sanctuary's efforts on-site where you will be staying. You will help create important photographs for social media that spread awareness of the wildlife project and its efforts and assist with their wildlife research projects.

A combination of photography theory, practical experience and assignments under our experienced Photography Managers will allow you to grow as a photographer and leave Zimbabwe with an amazing portfolio as well as having contributed to important causes.





YOUR PROJECT, YOUR PURPOSE

Living on a private wildlife reserve and wildlife sanctuary with other like-minded people and resident animals allows for photography opportunities wherever you turn your camera. You will regularly participate in photographing on-site volunteers working with Lion and Wildlife Sanctuary Volunteering and their daily lives caring for the captive and rescued resident animals, along with wildlife research and reserve management. When you are not helping out there, you will be on photography workshops with the Photography Managers, or editing your images in Lightroom under their professional guidance!

Every photograph you take may be used for marketing, educational and fundraising purposes, making your contribution to this project, essential for its success. However, don't be afraid to put down your camera and get your hands dirty by assisting the team! The benefit of living on the wildlife reserve is that you can practice wildlife photography under more controlled environments before heading into the wilderness! For example, during dusk and dawn you can practice photography on Spotted Hyenas and Lions. This allows you to get more control of your settings so that you can apply it on the game drives in the National Park.

You may also get the opportunity to assist with photography assignments from other NGOs and organisations that work with the local community and wildlife. Great pictures capturing the invaluable work of the NGOs is crucial for spreading awareness to further support their projects. Most organisations do not have the equipment, time or expertise in photography and therefore you can make a significant difference by donating your time to these worthy causes. When you are not in the field practicing wildlife photography, assisting with on-site assignments or photography for local NGOs, you will have the opportunity to improve your skills and take incredible photographs of local sites such as the mighty Victoria Falls.

A DAY IN YOUR LIFE

- Enjoy Game Drives for a full day every week, or two half days, with our Photography Managers, where you can capture the abundance of wildlife that call this area home. With your keen eye you may even capture the most elusive residents.
- Participate in assignments and classes designed by our Photography Managers to improve your photography and editing skills, while exchanging ideas with your fellow photographers.
- Enjoy extremely close encounters with resident lions, hyenas and other animals - with the opportunity to assist in their care and welfare needs while taking photographs that will wow the world!
- Contribute to science by accompanying field researchers and volunteers during their various surveys, reserve management and during unforgettable animal enrichment exercises.
- Join and assist the Photography Managers at a local school where they teach photography to kids!
- Make a difference assisting NGOs and the resident organisation with assignments within local communities and capturing their daily activities and tasks.
- Show the world the one angle of the magnificent Victoria Falls that hasn't been photographed yet - your angle.
- While you make lasting memories at this World Heritage Site, use your camera to tell your story about wildlife conservation and community projects and feel the power that comes with every click.

YOUR PACKING LIST

Essential:

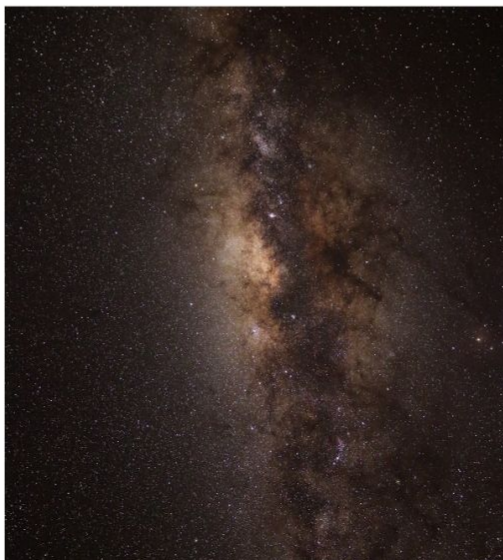
- Camera that can photograph in Manual Mode and RAW files
- Zoom lens, ideally 400mm+ (for example 100-400mm, 150-600mm or 200-500mm)
- Standard lens (for example 24-70mm)
- Camera battery + charger (bring more than 1 battery if possible)
- Laptop + charger
- **Lightroom Classic** Editing Software (Installed & Ready To Go)
- 2 SD cards minimum
- Storage such as hard drive or SSD
- Tripod
- Camera bag
- Rain cover for camera and backpack (for trip to Victoria Falls)



OUR GALLERY



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YOUR VOLUNTEER WEEK

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM 1	Photograph volunteers and flora & fauna while on anti-poaching activities	Photography game drive in the National Park	Join Bird Survey to photograph and identify bird species	Photograph resident hyenas up-close	Victoria Falls Photography Workshop
AM 2	Photography Class		Photo editing Workshop	Photo editing Workshop	Vulture Feeding - High speed Photography Workshop
PM 1	Photograph lion enrichment and our amazing lion feeding	Teach local kids photography at our Photography Club	Assist NGO or the sanctuary with photography	Photography game drive in the National Park	Help collect camera trap data and sort and edit photos
PM 2					
EVENING	Astro Photography Workshop (dependent on moon cycle)	Evening Off	Evening around the campfire	Evening Off	Dinner at one of Victoria Falls renowned restaurants (additional cost)
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY			
AM	Optional - Editing photographs	DAY OFF! Victoria Falls is the adventure capital of Africa - take advantage by doing a bungee, horse ride, gorge swing, and more!			
PM	TIME OFF! Venture out on a sunset cruise or helicopter flight over the Falls				

*This is a **rough example** of how your week as a Wildlife Photography Intern could look. However, due to the nature of our project, daily and weekly activities may change on a daily basis and at any time depending on our work and to improve your experience.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Our volunteer village is nestled in Fuller Forest – 2000 hectares of prime forest estate, surrounded by beautiful flora and fauna. Staying in our spacious safari tents of 4-6 people with a large ablution block just a few steps away. Down time is spent in the volunteer lounge overlooking a watering hole. Share meals and build friendships with your fellow volunteers. It's only a 20-minute drive from the Victoria Falls town and a 10-minute drive from the Victoria Falls international airport.

There's no other place on Earth like Victoria Falls! Known as the Adventure Capital of Africa and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, the variety of activities to enjoy in this area are truly unlimited.

This is a dream location for any traveller looking to connect with nature in the most unforgettable way. Wildlife is held in the highest regard in Victoria Falls. With the town bordering an unfenced National Park, it is not uncommon to have wildlife in the streets. Elephants, lions and buffalo are all known to move through the town whilst warthogs and baboons are daily visitors. Surrounded by incredible wildlife, spectacular birds and awesome reptiles, the safari never stops. Your next wildlife encounter can happen at any given moment!



YOUR PROJECT

START DATES

2023

2, 9 & 23 January | 6 & 20 February | 6 & 20 March | 3 & 17 April | 1, 15 & 29 May | 12 & 26 June | 3, 10, 17 & 24 July | 7, 14, 21 & 28 August | 4 & 18 September | 2 & 16 October | 13 & 27 November | 11 & 25 December

2024

1 & 15 January | 5 & 12 February | 4, 11 & 25 March | 1 & 15 April | 6, 13 & 27 May | 3 & 17 June | 1, 8, 15 & 22 July | 12, 19 & 26 August | 2 & 16 September | 7 & 14 October | 4, 11 & 25 November | 9 & 23 December

PRICING

2023/24	2 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	4 WEEKS	5 WEEKS	6 WEEKS	7 WEEKS	8 WEEKS
USD	2098	2849	3575	4235	4895	5555	6215
GBP	1748	2374	2979	3529	4079	4629	5179

It is also possible to pay in Euros.

***Please note that you can volunteer with us up to 12 weeks, rates are available on request. If you stay longer than 4 weeks you will require to obtain a "Temporary Employment Permit" at an additional cost of US\$500.**



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation in authentic safari tents
- 3 meals a day
- All project fees & national park entry fees
- Trip to Victoria Falls
- Airport pick-up/drop-off to and from Victoria Falls International Airport
- Housekeeping and weekly laundry services
- Free WiFi
- 24-hour, on-site support by our friendly and knowledgeable staff



WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Victoria Falls is the adventure capital of Africa! Here are just a few of the experiences you can take advantage of at an additional cost while staying with us :

- A boat cruise on the mighty Zambezi River
- Follow in the footsteps of David Livingstone with a tour around the Victoria Falls National Park
- Adrenaline junkie? Bungee, swing or slide off the famous bridge or gorge
- Get another stamp in that passport of yours by going on a game drive and boat cruise in the Chobe National Park (Botswana)
- Hang over the Victoria Falls as you swim in the Devil's Pool (seasonal approx. August-Feb)
- Get your adventure fix by white water rafting down the lower Zambezi River
- Fly above the Falls with a helicopter ride – getting a bird's eye view of one of the world's seven wonders!
- Taste traditional Zimbabwean dishes while you enjoy drumming, dancing and singing at The Boma Restaurant.