

Saddle up for Conservation
Volunteer Program.

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A Life Less Ordinary

Across Africa, wildlife and natural habitats continue to face increasing pressure from poaching, habitat loss and human impact.

In remote bush landscapes, conservation often depends on one simple but essential factor: **consistent presence on the ground.**

Saddle Up for Conservation combines this need for conservation support with a unique, hands-on horseback experience in the African bush.

As a volunteer, you become part of that presence.

Through daily rides on a private wildlife reserve next to Kruger National Park, you assist with fence patrols, snare checks and removals, anti-poaching presence rides, wildlife monitoring, and general conservation support from horseback.

The reserve is home to a variety of wildlife, including **hippo, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, kudu, nyala, ostrich, and many other species** roaming freely across the landscape.

This is more than just horseback riding.

It is an opportunity to actively contribute to conservation efforts while experiencing the African bush in a truly authentic, immersive, and meaningful way.

The Experience

Your stay runs from Monday to Monday, allowing you to fully settle into life on the farm and become part of its daily rhythm.

From **Monday to Friday**, your days are structured around both the **horses** and the **bush**.

Mornings are spent on **horseback**, riding out across the reserve to **locate** and **monitor wildlife**.

In the **afternoons**, time is dedicated to **working** with and **caring** for the **horses**, as well as participating in other **conservation-related** or **bush activities** on the farm. This may include assisting with daily operations, supporting wildlife observation, or simply being present in the environment and learning from it.

This is a **hands-on** and **active experience**, combining riding, horse care, and meaningful time in nature. **Weekends (Saturday and Sunday)** are free, giving you the opportunity to rest, explore the surrounding area, or simply enjoy nature.

Weekend & Surroundings

Your weekends are the perfect opportunity to explore some of the most remarkable experiences South Africa has to offer.

- **Kruger National Park** – one of Africa's most iconic wildlife reserves, offering world-class safari experiences and unforgettable wildlife encounters
- **Blyde River Canyon** – a breathtaking natural wonder, known for its dramatic landscapes and panoramic viewpoints
- **Helicopter flights** – experience the landscape from above with a unique aerial perspective
- **Hot air ballooning** – a peaceful and unforgettable way to view the African bush at sunrise
- **Wildlife rehabilitation centres** – learn more about conservation efforts and the care of injured or orphaned animals
- **Boat tours** – explore nearby dams and waterways surrounded by wildlife
- **Hoedspruit** – a relaxed bush town with local cafés, shops, and a welcoming atmosphere
- **Jessica the Hippo** – a truly unique and well-known wildlife encounter

Whether you choose adventure, learning, or relaxation, your weekends offer the perfect balance to your time on the farm.

Who This Is For

This Horseback adventure is designed for individuals with a genuine **passion for horses, nature, and meaningful outdoor experiences.**

A **confident level of riding ability** is **required**, as you will be riding regularly in an open and natural environment.

This program is especially suited for:

- **Horse enthusiasts** who enjoy spending time with and working alongside horses
- **Riders who are confident in all three gaits (walk, trot, canter)** and feel **comfortable in the saddle**
- Individuals looking for a **hands-on, active experience in nature**
- Those interested in **contributing to wildlife conservation** in a meaningful way

You do not need to be a professional rider, but you should feel secure, balanced, and in control of your horse.

Your Role as a Volunteer

As a Saddle up for Conservation volunteer, You are an **active** and **important** part of the daily life on the farm.

This is a hands-on experience, and **your involvement helps** support both the horses and the overall rhythm of the operation.

Your responsibilities include:

- Participating in daily rides and monitoring wildlife activities
- Assisting with horse care, including feeding, grooming, and general well-being
- Supporting with tack and equipment preparation and maintenance
- Working with and assisting in the development of young horses
- Supporting general farm and bush-related tasks

Please note that this is **not a heavy labor** or **stable-cleaning** focused program. The emphasis is on **horse interaction, riding, and conservation-related activities**, rather than manual stable maintenance.

This is not a passive experience – your engagement, attitude, and willingness to participate are essential parts of your stay.

Accommodation

You will stay in our **Volunteer Accommodation** on the farm, next to the **horses**, 15km from Phalaborwa and the Kruger National Park Gate and a 50 min drive from the Hoedspruit Airport (HDS) away. The bedrooms are **shared** and each features an **en-suite bathroom**, offering a comfortable and refined bush experience.

A beautifully appointed **communal kitchen** and **living space** invite you to slow down and enjoy the rhythm of life on the farm.

With **all ingredients provided**, you are free to prepare meals to your **own taste** and at your **own pace**, creating a relaxed and personal dining experience.

It is a space designed for **connection, comfort**, and a genuine **experience** of life in the **African wilderness**.

What's Included

Your time in the African bush is designed to provide a fully supported and immersive experience, with everything in place to allow you to focus on **the work, the horses, and the environment around you.**

Included in your stay:

- Accommodation in shared rooms with single beds and shared bathroom facilities
- All meals and groceries, with access to a fully equipped kitchen
- All Horseback riding activities
- Participation in daily monitoring and bush rides
- Access to and use of all horse-related equipment
- Laundry service
- WiFi access
- Wildlife and bush activities on the farm
- Airport transfer from Eastgate Airport (HDS)
- Contribution towards ongoing conservation and anti-poaching efforts

A background image of two giraffes in a savanna landscape at sunset. The giraffes are standing in a field of green bushes and trees, with a warm orange and yellow sky in the background. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid.

Program Details & Pricing

This Project is designed as an immersive, week-based experience.

Your Stay

Stays are booked on a weekly basis (from Monday to Monday):

1 week: 7 nights / 8 days

2 weeks: 14 nights / 15 days

3 weeks: 21 nights / 22 days

4 weeks or longer: available upon request

Each additional week follows the same structure.

Program Fee

750 EUR per week

Places are limited to ensure a personal and high-quality experience.

Booking & Requirements

All bookings are arranged through Bramora UG.

A booking is confirmed once full payment has been received, securing your place in the program.

While all bookings are non-refundable, we are happy to assist with rescheduling dates, subject to availability.

For bookings and availability, please visit our website <https://www.bramora-travel.com> or contact us directly at info@bramora-travel.com.

Requirements:

Minimum age: 18+

-> Younger participants are welcome when accompanied by an adult

Weight limit: 90 kg

Riding level: Confident in all three gaits (walk, trot, canter)

Basic English skills required

A short **riding video** is required with your inquiry