

Jeffrey's Bay Kindergarten



Overview

Location Jeffrey's Bay, South Africa.

Duration From 4 weeks.

Dates This project is closed during school holidays and public holidays.

Requirements

- Minimum age: 18.
- You must have an Upper Intermediate level of English.
- Special skills: You must have a love for children. You need to be energetic and playful and ready to participate actively.

Your impact 🖐️🖐️🖐️🖐️🖐️

The impact of your volunteer work depends on the nature of the project. In addition, it may also depend on whether the project offers a full volunteering experience or a combination of volunteering and tourism. For details, please see the description of the project and what's included in the project fees.

Documents required Enrolment form, curriculum vitae, letter of motivation (please stipulate hobbies and interests; it is important that you also include a referral from a previous employer or from the university you are attending), passport copy, proof of medical insurance, police clearance certificate.

Day of arrival Sunday.

Day of departure Sunday.



Highlights

- Bring joy and make a difference to the lives of the children.
- Get to know diverse South African cultures.
- You volunteer during the mornings. In the afternoons, you are free to explore the town or enjoy an organised activity.
- Jeffrey's Bay is a popular tourist destination and attracts many surfers wanting to experience its famous and amazing surfing spots. It is full of young people and perfect for anyone who loves travelling.
- Enjoy many of the adventurous activities on hand such as beach horse rides, surfing, stand up paddling, sand boarding, etc.
- Experience dolphins and breaching whales during the whale season.
- Take part in amazing tours, safari daytrips and excursions on offer.
- Make new friends from all over the world.

Project information

Jeffrey's Bay is situated in the Eastern Cape Province, about an hour's drive southwest of Port Elizabeth. Once a sleepy fishing and surfing village, Jeffrey's Bay is one of the fastest growing towns in South Africa. Jeffrey's Bay is a popular tourist destination largely because of its fantastic surfing opportunities.

It is the home of the annual Jeffrey's Bay Winter Fest which includes Stop 6 of the World Surf League Championship surfing competition. This international event attracts the top professional surfers from all over the world and many tourists as well.

Not only is surfing an attraction, but also the opportunity to enjoy many beach and sea related sports. Boat based whale and dolphin watching is very popular, especially during the months of July to September when migrating whales come to birth in the bay. Surf lessons, beach horse rides, stand up paddling and sand boarding are all part of Jeffrey's Bay offerings.

The Jeffrey's Bay Kindergarten project is located at a township called Ocean View in Jeffrey's Bay. The project is a crèche for children between 0 and 6 years. There are 2 adults caring for up to 50 children thus the need for extra hands is obvious. The project is in a two-roomed zinc and wood building in the garden of the owner. The building has electricity, toilets and a kitchen. The outside area is mainly concrete and a small patch of grass. There is no outside play equipment.

Programme details

You will assist with the daily programme of running a kindergarten. The project benefits greatly from volunteers who are energetic, interactive, use initiative and who have children's interests at heart.

You can be involved in:

- Social interaction with the children.
- Assisting the teachers with lessons.
- Helping at meal times with feeding and cleaning.
- Identify challenging areas and assist with programmes that can alleviate them.

Your role

Monday – Friday, from 08:30 – 13:00.

A possible work schedule could be:

You are expected to be involved with the children - playing with them daily, assisting them with basic educational activities and keeping them occupied during this time. You will be dropped at your project at 08:30 to begin preparation for breakfast or to play with the children while other staff members prepare breakfast. Thereafter, you help with feeding the children and cleaning up afterwards. Then there is time for some creative activities which involves helping the children to manage crayons, cutting, gluing, etc. At 12:30, most children take a nap. Usually your day ends at 13:00.

Other possible activities might be that you take the kids for a walk on the beach or take them on an outing.

General role: You need to play with the children, keep them entertained, help the staff members with the daily running of the school, assist teachers with all activities and be innovative with ideas of new games to teach children.

Please note that there is no donation included in your fee and therefore any arrangement to spend money on the project other than your time and energy is completely at your own discretion.

It is important to note that this description serves as an example only. The daily tasks and challenges depend on the volunteer and the work that needs to be done. The final job description can therefore vary substantially from the above.

Getting to and from the project



The Jeffrey's Bay Kindergarten project is based in Jeffrey's Bay, in the Eastern Cape of South Africa.

You need to arrive at Port Elizabeth Airport where you will be collected by one of the Jeffrey's Bay team. Transport is provided on both your arrival and departure.



Accommodation

Your accommodation is about 2km away from the project. You will stay in a 3-bedroomed apartment, sharing a room with one other volunteer or student from the local language school. The kitchen, the lounge, the bathroom and BBQ area are shared between all occupants. Bedding will be provided. Laundry is available for R50 for 3kg or less and R16 per kg thereafter. WiFi is available.

Meals

Two meals a day are provided – breakfast and dinner. Breakfast is served from 07.30 and dinner starts at 19:00. Lunch is at your own expense.

A vegetarian option is available and it is also possible to cater for special dietary requirements.

Free time

Your afternoons are available to explore the town or to enjoy an organised activity. The Language School's social programme is available to volunteers as well, and the backpackers has a lively bar and entertainment area for night or cold weather socialising.

Jeffrey's Bay is a surfing mecca and a very popular destination for volunteers with several surf shops, bars and restaurants and the opportunity to have surfing lessons. Other popular activities are Storms River, which is home to the world's highest bungee jump and a canopy tour through Tsitsikamma National Park, and Plettenburg Bay, which boasts excellent skydiving. You can also enjoy a sea safari where you'll be whale watching or go on the most popular trip – a day Safari to Addo Elephant park.

Local transport

A free shuttle service is available twice a week to the supermarket. Any other transport must be organised at your own expense, either using taxis or hiring cars. The project's reception can assist you with this.

What to bring

There are no special requirements in this regard but we recommend bringing comfortable, practical clothes, casual shoes, trainers, sandals/flip flops, swimwear, raincoat, towels, hat and sun block, etc. Anything else you might need is readily available at local supermarkets in South Africa.

While there is no specific uniform, volunteers are asked to wear sensible clothing, e.g. long shorts and closed shoes. Hot pants, string bikinis and flip-flops are not suitable for work.

Medical insurance

It is required that you take out medical insurance before travelling to South Africa. For stays exceeding 90 days, it is compulsory to take out a South African medical insurance. We recommend NetworX from Compcare, which is specifically designed for people who visit South Africa for 3 to 12 months. You will receive an information leaflet and an application form together with your confirmation of booking.



Health

No vaccinations are required except for travellers going to the north-eastern areas of South Africa, where anti-malaria precautions are recommended. Clients should consult their doctor for recommendations.

A yellow fever certificate is compulsory for those persons who have travelled from, or intend travelling through, countries in the yellow fever belt:

Africa: Angola, Burundi, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Rwanda, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zaire.

South America: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana, Panama, Peru, Surinam, Venezuela, Argentina and Paraguay.

Bring medication just in case you suffer from any travel-related illnesses, e.g. stomach upsets, since your body needs to adjust to the change in food and water during your first few days in South Africa.

It is important to keep in mind at all times that HIV and Aids are widespread diseases in South Africa.

Safety

HIV and AIDS are a major public health concern. You should be aware that you are working with children that could be infected.

What's included / not included

Included:

- Project placement
- Airport transfer on arrival and departure (Port Elizabeth Airport)
- Accommodation (shared room, breakfast and dinner)
- Good Hope Volunteers welcome pack
- Monthly site visits from our coordinator
- An orientation at the beginning of your volunteering
- Daily transport to and from the project
- Shopping shuttle twice a week
- Electronic certificate (printed copy on request)
- Local support including a 24-hour emergency number
- WiFi

Not included:

- Lunch
- Local transport
- Social programme/weekend excursions
- Laundry



Visa

You can volunteer in South Africa on a visitor's visa for up to 90 days.

Nationals from certain countries (e.g. Brazil, Switzerland, Germany, Australia, France, Netherlands, Spain) will receive their visa when entering South Africa. Other nationals need to apply for a visitor's visa at a South African Embassy in their home country before travelling.

If you come to South Africa on a visitor's visa, you can extend once by another 90 days.

If you plan to come for more than 90 days, you need to apply for a visa at a South African Embassy in your home country. This visa is restricted to registered NGO's and therefore not available for this project.

For the latest information contact the South African Embassy or Good Hope Volunteers.