

10 Days Conservation Programme Botswana

Explore the wild with our Conservation Programme in Botswana!

Through volunteering, you'll help us preserve the ecological well-being of the area and ensure the survival of precious wildlife species.

The ultimate goal of the project is to create a conservation area protected by law. We are working on this with other game reserves and national parks in the area.

Programme Highlights

- ▶ Learn to track and study animal behaviour
- ▶ Combat the impacts of human life on the environment and wildlife
- ▶ Assist expert conservationists with daily tasks
- ▶ Develop personal and employability skills
- ▶ Make unique memories with a campfire under the stars
- ▶ Visit Solomon's Wall - a natural phenomenon!
- ▶ Track rhinos in the Limpopo-Lipadi Reserve





Accommodation

Conservation Accommodation

Transport

Safari vehicle, walk, mini-bus

Responsible Travel

We offset 100% of carbon emissions associated with your in-destination transport. This means we are now fully climate-positive!

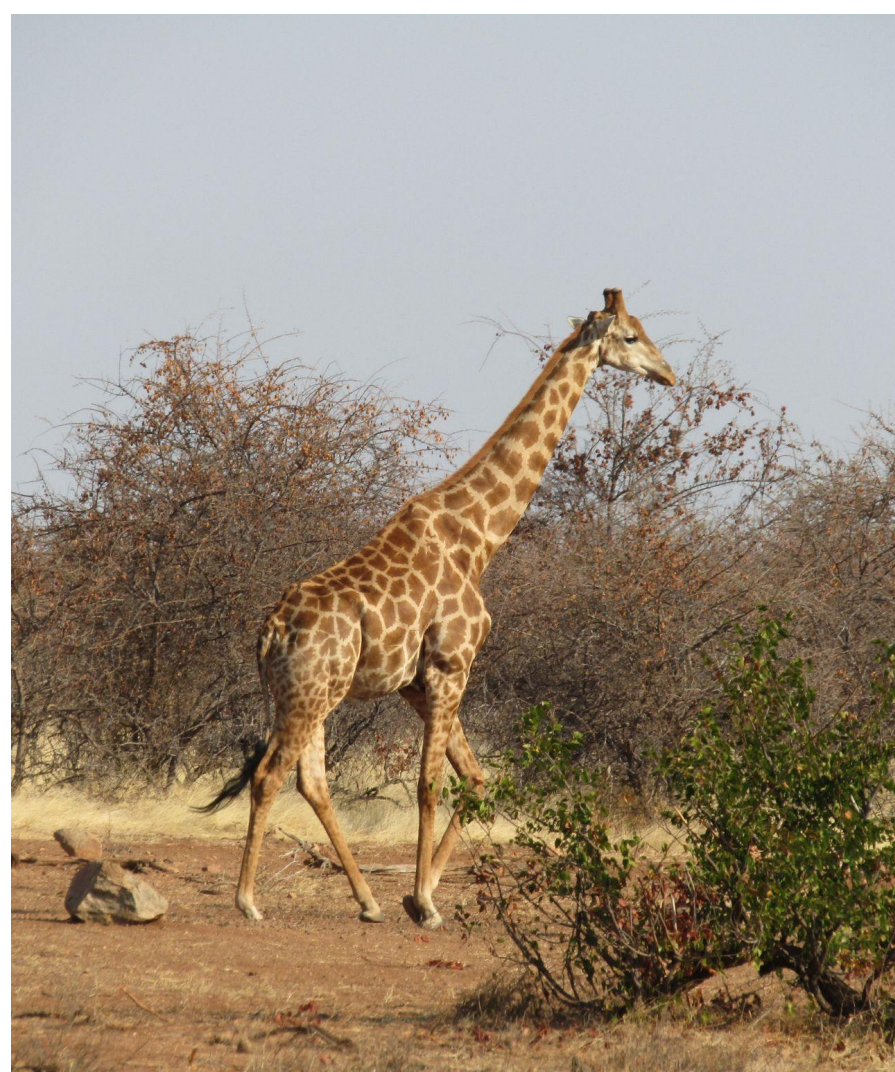
By travelling with us, you're making a positive contribution to the economies of communities around the world and supporting local jobs.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Adopted by the United Nations in 2015, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals are targeted to help build a greener, fairer, and better world by 2030.

Projects Abroad have also adopted these goals, with each project having different aims.

This programme works towards the following SDGs:



Day 1

Welcome!

On arrival day, a Projects Abroad staff member will be waiting to collect your group from the northern Johannesburg Airport (JNB). Our staff members are easy to spot because they're by the airport exit holding a sign.

You will then be taken by minibus to your accommodation at the Tuli Wildlife Reserve. This is a four-hour drive, but a great chance for everyone to observe the scenery and let it sink in that you're in Botswana!

You'll then have the rest of the day to unpack and settle into your new home for the next 10 days!

Day 2

Inductions

After your group has taken a moment to settle in, you are all given culture awareness training. This is designed to give volunteers insight into the country's culture, customs, and traditions.

There will also be orientations to help you feel more at ease during your time in Botswana. Staff will show you around the reserve and the facilities. You will also meet the expert conservationists you'll be working with and learning from during your project. This is a great opportunity to find out more about the aims of the work taking place here, find out about your work schedule, and ask any questions you may have!

In the evening, your group will enjoy a traditional meal before getting some well-earned rest!

Days 3-7

Conservation

With support from expert conservationists, you will learn a range of skills and complete tasks such as:

- Tracking animals during surveys and helping gather research data
- Removing wires and snares and participating in anti-poaching patrols
- Setting up camera traps
- Surveying baobab trees
- Studying animal behaviour
- Building waterholes and dams to create vital water access for wildlife

The tasks your group take part in will depend on the needs of the wildlife reserve at the time of the trip, but there will always be plenty for everyone to get involved with.

While here, you'll get to see a variety of wildlife, including elephants, leopards, giraffes, rhinos and hippos!

Evening

Spend a night around the campfire together. Toast marshmallows, share stories, and sing songs beneath the shade of an acacia tree. This is the perfect way to start the trip of a lifetime!

Days 8-9

Solomon's Wall - 1.5 hour drive

Today, you'll begin to learn more about Botswana with a trip to Solomon's Wall. A natural phenomenon, this 30-metre-high basalt rock used to act as a natural dam across the Motloutse River, with waterfalls spilling over the top.

Weekend trip

Over the years, semi-precious stones have been found along the Motloutse riverbed. You will also notice tall fever trees lining what would have been a natural beach.

Rhino Reserve & Swimming - 1 hour drive

Step out into the Limpopo-Lipadi Reserve and join the anti-poaching squad as they track each and every rhino. Identify tracks of individual rhinos and follow until you find these magnificent creatures.

In the afternoon, cool down with a swim in the river before heading back to the Tuli Reserve.

Evening, day 8

It's the final night at the reserve! Celebrate your time here as a group by making a traditional feast. Take photos, make memories, and watch the sunset.



Day 10

Saying goodbye to Botswana

The final day is always bittersweet.

It's been an amazing journey for the group. You've all bettered your understanding of conservation, developed a deep connection with the Botswana community, and have become immersed in the country's culture and history.

As you leave Botswana, know you are always welcome back! We look forward to hearing what amazing things you all achieve in the future.



Botswana Fact Sheet

One of the most sparsely populated countries on Earth, Botswana is a paradise for anyone seeking a connection to the natural world. Visitors will be immersed in the indigenous traditions of local tribes as well as the forward-looking outlook of many local people.

Most notably, Botswana is home to the world's largest land mammals, which have a special place in the hearts of Botswana citizens. This is one of the best countries to spot these powerful but vulnerable animals.

FUN FACTS

- ▶ Botswana has Africa's highest concentration of elephants
- ▶ Botswana is Africa's oldest democracy
- ▶ Over 70% of the land in Botswana is desert
- ▶ 38% of the land in Botswana is protected



National Language:	Tswana, English
Population:	2.4 million
Currency:	Botswana Pula
Time Zone:	GMT+2
Capital:	Gaborone
Calling Code:	+267
Dominant Religion:	Christianity
National Dish:	Seswaa
National Animal:	Zebra
National Bird:	Kori Bustard



Wildlife

Most people visiting Botswana are on the lookout for wildlife. The country is the best place to spot meerkats and has the highest concentration of animals. It's famous for being home to the African Big 5.

Many of these animals are under threat from poaching and climate change. That's why Conservation volunteers are desperately needed.



Food

Many celebrations in Botswana revolve around food. Volunteers will expand their palate as they cook and eat like a local on the conservancy.

We cater to all dietary requirements and preferences, but meat-eating visitors may want to try the national dish of seswaa, which is a meat stew served with polenta.

Get in Touch!

We've designed our trips to maximise your impact and experience. If you have any questions or specific requests, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

We have Project Experts available 9:00-17:30 (GMT) Monday-Friday to help you with anything you might need.



Culture

Botswana has a unique and diverse culture, comprised of three main groups: the Tswana people, the Kalanga people, and the Baswara people.

These groups live in harmony with the stunning natural surroundings. Volunteers will be immersed in this wonderful culture, learning from it and leaving a positive impact.



Community

The people of Botswana live according to Botho-Ubuntu: the idea that people are not independent individuals but part of an interdependent community.

Volunteers in Botswana will embrace this community approach to life, leaving their own positive impact on it as they complete conservation work.

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