

For horse enthusiasts seeking a unique and impactful volunteering experience, Wild Bhiza Stables presents an unparalleled opportunity to immerse oneself in the natural beauty of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, while contributing to meaningful community-based projects. Here's a glimpse into the unforgettable journey of one volunteer.

Imagine a place where adventure meets altruism, where the rhythmic hooves of horses echo through breath-taking landscapes, and where every moment is infused with purpose. Welcome to Wild Bhiza's Volunteering Horseback Programme, an extraordinary journey that takes you deep into the heart of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, where you can make a difference while exploring the wonders of this remarkable destination.

Located just 25 km east of Victoria Falls in the serene rural village of Chisuma, Wild Bhiza Stables at Banko Farm offers a sanctuary nestled on the Zambezi River escarpment. Here, amidst untouched natural beauty, volunteers find themselves immersed in the vibrant tapestry of local life, surrounded by timeless traditions and warm hospitality.

A typical day begins with the gentle nuzzle of a horse and the soft glow of dawn. Volunteers gather at the stables to greet their equine companions, tending to their needs with care and compassion. From mucking out stables to preparing for rides, every task is an opportunity to connect with these magnificent animals and contribute to their well-being.

But the journey doesn't end there. Volunteers also participate in a variety of community-

based initiatives, from educational programs to conservation efforts, forging bonds with locals and leaving a lasting impact on the community. Evenings are spent in camaraderie, as volunteers share stories and experiences over shared meals, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

At the heart of Wild Bhiza's Volunteering Horseback Programme lies a commitment to creating positive change. Through initiatives focused on animal welfare, community engagement, and empowerment, volunteers have the chance to make a tangible difference in the lives of others, while also growing personally and professionally.

But the adventure doesn't stop at the stables. Victoria Falls beckons with its majestic beauty and endless possibilities for exploration. From the thundering cascades of the falls to heart-pounding adrenaline activities, there's something for every adventurer in this vibrant destination. And with wildlife encounters and cultural experiences waiting around every corner, the magic of Victoria Falls is sure to leave an indelible mark on your soul.

Join us for an unforgettable journey of adventure, altruism, and cultural immersion with Wild Bhiza's Volunteering Horseback Programme.



## Week I

#### Days On:

Morning: Wake Up at Wild Bhiza Stables, have a quick breakfast, and walk around to the stables.

Participate in a two-hour ride through the communal lands and along the Batoka Gorge or engage in polocrosse or natural horsemanship lessons with Lisa. Alternatively, join a trail with fellow volunteers or assist with community work such as teaching locals about horse and animal care, litter sweeps, or teaching riding lessons or assisting with therapeutic classes.

Afternoon: Help with grooming and taking horses out to paddocks. Assist with tacking up horses for lessons or trails. Help visitors with mounting and getting settled on their horses. Help with yard work, such as cleaning tack or water troughs, filling hay nets, or clearing the field.

Dinner: Enjoy a meal prepared by the kitchen and share it with your new friends in the homestead rondoval.

Night: Relax around a fire, stargaze, or join a dinner with the locals to experience traditional meals.

Repeat the daily activities from Monday, including morning rides, assisting with horse-related tasks, and engaging in community work.

Each day may have different experiences, depending on the needs at the stables and the community.

### Days Off:

Morning: Drive to Victoria Falls and drop off at Backpackers Stay at a backpackers' lodge or return to Homestead.

- \*\* Engage in various activities available at Victoria Falls, such as visiting the falls, taking scenic walks, enjoying adventure sports, or exploring the local markets.
- \*\*(Please note: Food, drinks, taxi, and activities are not Included in package )

### Week 2:

# Days On:

Early morning pick up: Return to Wild Bhiza Stables from Victoria Falls.

Participate in the usual morning activities, including grooming, tacking up horses, and assisting visitors.

Afternoon: Help bring the horses back in from the paddocks and settle them for the evening.

Evening: Relax at the Wild Bhiza Homestead, enjoying downtime around a fire and watching the stars.

Dinner: Have a meal prepared by the kitchen and share it with your new friends in the homestead rondoval.

Night: Get a good night's rest for another busy day ahead.

Each day may have different experiences, depending on the needs at the stables and the community.

## Safari Drive or Overnight Camping

Morning, Early morning ride and then prepare to camp out at in the Zambezi National Park and go for a game drive too.\*\*\*

(Not Included in Package)\*\*

Evening: Enjoy a campfire dinner and spend the night camping in the park, return to town early morning.

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### WHAT'S INCLUDED

## Accommodation at the Homestead Banko Farm

Three meals per day at the Homestead – Basic ingredients, are provided but you may wish to purchase extra 'luxuries'
Transfers from and to Victoria Falls Airport

Towels & Bedding

Out House, Shower & Toilet

Single Beds, Sharing Rooms (2 to room)

Outside Laundry Basin, washing powder is included

Transport within the programme

All Equestrian Activities

Washing of Clothes

# Camp in the Zambezi National Park - (every 2 weeks)

Includes Tents and Bedding

Dinner

Transfers to the Camp

One Game Drive, Additional Activities are available at charge

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Park Fees for Zambezi National Park for Camping or Drives

Entrance to Victoria Falls

Snacks & Fizzy Drinks (Drinking water is provided)

Alcoholic Beverages

Additional Transfers to Town

Meals at Victoria Falls Weekend, Friday lunchtime – Monday morning

Flights to Zimbabwe

Extra Activities

International and Local Flights

Local Flights

Comprehensive Travel and Medical Insurance

Visas to Zimbabwe

Eating out at Restaurants & Extra Snacks

#### Accommodation Homestead

You will be staying with the other volunteers in a traditional homestead 2 minute walk from the stables. There are two beds in each room with mosquito nets. Your room is equipped with fans, sockets to charge all your electronics, and a small wardrobe for belongings.

The outdoor kitchen is stocked with fresh produce and pantry ingredients for you to make your own breakfasts simple lunch and dinner is supplied at the homestead daily in the rondoval

There are local community shops but the options are limited.

You'll be able to shop at the local supermarket in Victoria Falls for any of your own extra snacks and drinks...

There is a small veranda space which is essential for cooling off after a hot dusty day. The outside are is complete with a dining area in the rondoval, and fire pit. Here you can enjoy a meal or simply spend your time relaxing with a book or sitting around a campfire, whilst listening to the sounds of Africa.

Due to the remote location, there can be power cuts and we have solar lights for back up.

#### Accommodation at Backpackers Hostel (optional)

Shoestrings is just a example of one of the brightly coloured backpackers a mere five minute walk from town which makes getting around a breeze.

All the doubles and twin rooms are en-suite and linen is provided. The facilities include a lively bar, a pool and restaurant, 24 hour security.





















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