



Wildlife and Conservation Project

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Be involved in the reintroduction of rhinos to Uganda, and experience the gems that East Africa and its wildlife have to offer

Two species of rhinos once roamed the savannahs and woodlands of Uganda, but nowadays this most striking of wild animals is gone, and GVI, in conjunction with local project partners, is assisting in the efforts to bring them back. So if you would like to volunteer in Africa, come and work on initiatives for the breeding and introduction of white rhinoceros. Volunteers on this project will be involved in a variety of different jobs including community education and awareness activities, reserve management and maintenance (fence and road maintenance, erosion control and bush clearing).

Prices:	Duration:
GBP £1,155.00 +	4 Weeks +
EUR €1,620.00 +	
AUS \$2,660.00 +	
US \$2,310.00 +	
Group Size:	
Maximum two volunteers at any one time.	

What Difference Does This Project Make?

Today, the rhino is gone from Uganda, wiped out by war and the harsh economic conditions that led poachers to hunt it down to sell the horn. GVI, in conjunction with local project partners, is involved in their reintroduction. By introducing greater stability in protected areas and lobbying for better legislation, community leaders have created a sanctuary for the breeding of Southern White Rhino and other more common species of game. In early 2007, 2,500 head of cattle were moved off the sanctuary to pave the way for the implementation of a game sanctuary where eco-tourism will be the main source of income for the venture.

Highlights

Sleeping under African skies, working within local community, teaching the children about rhinos, learning about reserve management, monitoring, hands on conservation project, viewing rhinos and other wildlife.

Location

The Sanctuary is a private ranch located near Nakitoma in Nakasongola district, about 170 kms northwest of Kampala. The Sanctuary has two distinct ecosystems: wooded grassland and an open wetland or swamp grassland area, where the River Lugogo passes through. Animal species present are bushbuck, duiker, oribi, Uganda kob, waterbuck, reedbuck, leopard, hippo, crocodile, vervet monkeys, bush pig, a variety of bird life (including the rare Shoebill stork), snakes, and of course six southern white rhinos!

Field Conditions

Volunteers will be accommodated in rooms in either the Backpackers or Guest House No. 2. Both these facilities have hot showers. All your meals will be provided to you by our resident cook. Your meals will be wholesome but simple as we purchase all our stocks from our local market in Masindi on a weekly basis. You will not go hungry, however if you would like luxuries such as crisps and sweets you will have to buy this yourself.

“Being involved in such a major part of rhino conservation in Uganda was a big privilege and I loved seeing the impact that our school outreach programmes had on the local children’s knowledge of rhinos.”

Sophie Sanderson
2008 VOLUNTEER

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Booking Information

What's Included

Airport pick-up, all accommodation while at the project, all food while at the project, all orientation and on-site training. Pre-departure support and discounted services, 24 hour emergency phone, 24 hour in country support

What's Not Included

International flights, medical and travel insurance, personal kit, spending money.

The Booking Process

Once GVI receives your application form, one of our experienced regional coordinators will give you a call to find out if you have any further questions, or simply want to find out more about volunteering. All GVI staff regularly visit the project sites, and have volunteered and travelled themselves, so have an in-depth knowledge and boundless enthusiasm that ensures your application process runs smoothly and efficiently.

GVI Discounts

If you have volunteered on this GVI project before or a GVI expedition you will be eligible for a £250/\$490/€375 discount or equivalent. If you have volunteered with GVI on any another programme, you may be eligible for £125/\$245/€185 discount or equivalent.

Arrival And Departure Information

You need a return flight to and from Entebbe airport in Entebbe (EBB). More detailed information will be provided once your booking is confirmed.



Next Steps . . .

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