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KOBUS CROUS SNR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Overview:

The Kobus Crous Snr Conservation Volunteer Program provides a great once in a lifetime opportunity for volunteers interested in having a true African experience and be involved with conservation efforts, while making a difference to the local wildlife and the environment.

Volunteers are called to action for support and assistance, without which our achievements would simply not be sustainable or viable. The program is located at Bergsig Game Farm & Mossel Bay Helicopters, situated in a Malaria FREE area, just outside of Mossel Bay, a mere 5km from one of South Africa's best holiday destinations. Boasting 4000 hectares, filled with an abundance of game, birdlife, amazing flora and some of the BIG 5 animals. Our wildlife program will surely capture your imagination and enhance your physical and mental state, also ensuring all volunteers about the importance of wildlife conservation and what it means to us personally.

Your experience with us will be a reflection of the day-to-day operational requirements that is vital to manage game reserves. Our passion and dedication for conservation will showcase all that Kobus Crous Snr Conservation Volunteer Program and our amazing team has to offer.

Why choose Kobus Crous Snr Conservation Volunteer Program:

Tasks & activities for this program may vary from physical to interesting and interactive content. The experience is diverse and structured but not set, due to the nature of working in and around wildlife and is also dependent on weather and other factors. There will be an itinerary of all activities scheduled each week.

Some of these activities include, but are not limited to:

- Animal capture and care and translocation
- Alien vegetation control
- Game counts
- Road & Fence bush clearing
- Animal condition and parasite monitoring
- Trail camera inspections
- Animal behavior monitoring
- Wildlife structures

- Assisting with helicopter operations
- Fence patrols and maintenance
- Erosion control and prevention
- Road maintenance and upkeep
- Wildlife nutrition and feeding
- Animal tracking
- Animal rehabilitation
- Marine Biology Research





Orientation

Volunteers will be given a basic orientation with guidelines and instructions by project coordinators. A weekly itinerary will also be prepared.

Project requirements

Volunteers must be 18 years or older. Participants should have an open mind with a positive attitude for working outdoors, with a keen interest and love for animals, wildlife and nature. There is a minimum stay of 2 weeks, and operations will run approximately between 8am to 5pm daily (Monday to Friday). Evenings are at leisure, except if there will be any need for early mornings or late-night activities dependent on tasks at hand.

Weekends are also at leisure and for volunteers own account, with a host of activities and adventure available. We can advise and give information on activities in the surrounding areas.

Accommodation and Facilities

Volunteers are housed in dorm-styled accommodation with comfortable rooms, sharing not more than 4 per people per room (same sex basis). Bathroom with shower, toilet and basin, shared cupboard space. Fully fitted kitchen with fridge, stove, microwave, kettle, cutlery and crockery and wash-up area. Volunteers are welcome to socialize in common areas such as the lounge, TV room etc.

Airport transfers

Volunteers will be collected from George Airport. Scheduled transfers are arranged to and from the airport to the reserve, which is approximately 30 minutes from the airport.

Meals

Three meals are provided daily. Vegetarians and other dietary requirements can be catered for, if notified in advance. All meals will be served with the option of juice, tea or coffee and filtered rainwater.

Meal examples:

Breakfast:

Cereal and toast, muesli and yoghurt, coffee or tea

Lunch:

Sandwiches, wraps, salads quiche, burgers or hot dogs

Dinner:

Lasagna, Mac & Cheese, Roasted Chicken, Traditional meals like Bobotie, Potjie food (stew like), served with fresh salad/seasonal vegetables





There will also be two town trips weekly for volunteers to purchase their own personal stock like soft drinks, sweets and chips, as well as personal items needed. If you are a fussy eater, please make use of these town trip opportunities.

Laundry

Laundry services are provided on average once a week, with laundry bags supplied on arrival. We do not have facilities for volunteers to do their own laundry, so please pack accordingly.

What is included?

- Local airport transfers (pick-up and drop-off at George Airport)
- Accommodation & Meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- Laundry services (once a week)
- Game reserve cap and t-shirt
- Wifi
- Introductory wildlife helicopter tour on reserve
- End of course graduation certificate

What is NOT included?

- International flights and domestic flights/transfers
- Travel and medical insurance & Visas
- Meals at restaurants during town trips
- Alcoholic drinks, soft drinks, personal food items etc.
- Weekend excursions & any personal expenses
- Advanced helicopter experiences







RATES 2025

2 WEEKS

R 3 000 per night (ZAR)

126 per night

171 per night

3 WEEKS

R 3 200 per night (ZAR)

135 per night

182 per night

Program Dates
2026 (Annual Increase)

ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
19 January 2025	8 February 2025 (FULL)
20 April 2025	10 May 2025 (FULL)
18 May 2025	7 June 2025 (FULL)
15 June 2025	5 July 2025 (FULL)
13 July 2025	2 August 2025 (FULL)
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DEPARTURE	
2 May 2026 (open slots)	
30 May 2026 (open slots)	
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THERE ARE ONLY 12 SPOTS AVAILABLE PER TIME SLOT!!! SO BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

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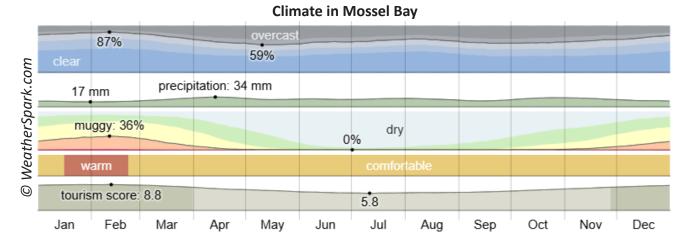


Our travel packing guide designed especially for volunteers!

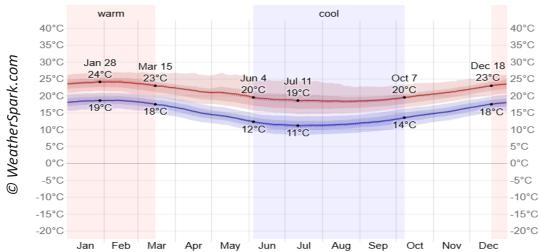
Should you find yourself intimidated by packing correctly for a volunteer course, just stay calm and follow our guide. First things first, always keep the climate of the area in mind. Depending what time of the year you plan on volunteering, the weather can range remarkably. Knowing and considering the season is very important to assemble a calculated packing list that will suit your needs. We have added diagrams below that will show the annual climate and temperatures that will aid you in choosing the correct clothing for your journey.

Climate and Average Weather Year Round in Mossel Bay - Western Cape, South Africa

In Mossel Bay, the summers are short, comfortable and dry, whereas winters are long, cool and windy, mostly clear year round. Over the course of the year, temperature typically varies from 11°C to 24°C.



Average high and low temperatures in Mossel Bay





Choose the correct wardrobe

Gearing up for living in the bush demands attire that blends in smoothly with natural surroundings. Neutral or earth-tone colors like green, khaki, tan, brown etc. will be most suitable. Black and darker blues will also be suitable choices. Any bright colors or skimpy clothing is a NO GO, and not to be worn whilst working the reserve.

Clothing Essentials

Shorts: Comfortable shorts that will not restrict when doing manual tasks.

Long pants: Pick breathable and outdoor friendly trousers. One pair for summer and an extra for winter will do.

Shirts: Short and long sleeved shirts for diverse weather conditions throughout the day.

Warm/Fleece jacket: Vital for cooler months, mainly during early mornings & evenings in open vehicles.

Volunteers visiting between March & October should consider fleece.

Rainproof jacket/Windbreaker: Sometimes our activities takes us out on rainy and/or windy days, but the job must get done! Be prepared for this type of weather conditions.

Nighties, underwear and socks: The most important items on the list, don't forget to put them on there!

Swimgear: We are situated in one of South Africa's most famous coastal towns. Bring along your bathing suits for the relaxing moments!

Hat & Beanie: It is of utmost importance to always protect yourself from the sun and cold weather with the correct headgear.

Loungewear: Pack your comfortables for cozy downtime, especially after a long day of work. You can also pack some extra options for town trips and personal outings.

Boots: Ensure to pack strong and comfortable, well worn-in boots.

Trainers/Sneakers: Great for day trips and outings.

Sandals/Open Shoes: Comfortable open shoes for off times, but consider to pack stong and durable shoes to withstand the occasional thorn.

Toiletries:

The usuals like toothpaste, toothbrush, soap and shampoo, but here are some other essentials to consider that will prepare you for the duration of your trip:

Sunscreen: Good quality sunscreen.

Insect repellent: A good reliable insect repellent is a must have for those nasty mosquitoes & ticks.

Disinfectant: Things on the reserve may get messy sometimes, so a good quality sanitiser is always a great extra to have by your side.

Personal medical supplies: Remember to add all personal medications you may need during your trip to your packing list. It is also important to seek advice from your GP on vaccinations and preventative medicine that will be essential for your journey.

For the ladies: Don't be caught shorthanded, make sure you have supply of feminine hygiene products.

* MOSSEL BAY IS SITUATED IN A MALARIA FREE AREA *



While you prepare for your journey with us at Kobus Crous Snr Conservation Volunteer Program, it is essential to have the sufficient equipment to ensure a satisfying and smooth experience. Here are some Nice To have Extra's that will help you along your journey:

Water bottle: Bring along a refillable water bottle for the long working days.

Charging cables & Adapters: Ensure you bring adapters specific to South Africa.

Torches: Sometimes we need to work during the evening, so headlamps are often a good choice for your packing list. You get solar power banks with built-in torches!

Binoculars & Cameras: Some day-to-day tasks may aks for some closer observation. Binoculars & cameras assists greatly while monitoring wildlife, and don't forget that cameras capture memorable moments!

Dry rucksack/bag: Keep all your belongings together, a dry bag can be a game changer during rainy days.

Necessary documents: Passports - keep a laminated copy of your passport for any emergency. Ensure you have copies of insurance, flight details and other crucial documents.

South African currency (ZAR): There are a lot of places that will have ATM facilities, and you will have the option of paying via card most of the times. But one can't always depend on this benefit. Obtain South African Rand (ZAR) from your local bureau de change before arrival. In some instances you will need cash for day trips. The amount of cash will depend on the duration of your stay.





What to do on your off time?

Do not worry, we have compiled an activity list for the surrounding area where you can indulge in all sorts of fun downtime activities!

Great White Shark Diving

Great White Shark diving experiences. These prehistoic creatures have always fascinated us as humans. If you are one of those who want to get a little bit closer and experience Great White Sharks in their natural habitat, Mossel Bay is surely the right place!

Deep Sea Fishing Experience

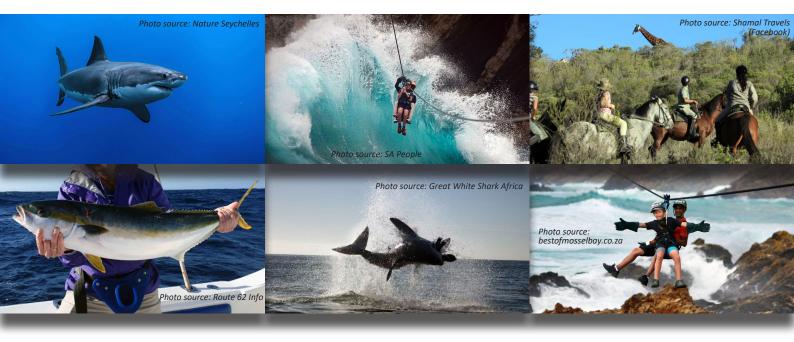
Mossel Bay is well known for fish catches of big cob and cape salmon, but also a wide variety of game fish like tuna, yellowtail and marlin to name a few. Bring your stamina to fight against one of SA's favorites at the coast.

Horse Back Safari's

No experience required! From the uncertain beginner to the trained equestrian, you can explore amazing game trails through beautiful savanna on your trusty steed.

Zipline

Get the ultimate adventure with the longest over-the-ocean zipline IN THE WORLD! Be sure that this zipline will let you glide over Mossel Bay with an adrenaline fueled experience. Get the birds-eye-view of the caves below. And take note, there is a chance you will get slightly soaked!



Hiking Trails

There are a variety of amazing hiking trails near Mossel Bay. Explore these challanging routes which are very popular areas for birding, hiking as well as running. With it's spectacular views, the hiking trails in Mossel Bay is considered as some of South Africa's most beautiful trails along the coastline.

Historical Cave Visits

The Point of Human Origin is a protected, World Heritage Site, and guided tours are absolutely stunning. Take a journey into humanity's past, where you can learn about human behaviour, ancient environments, cave formations, fossilisation processes and stone tool technology. See how our early ancestors managed to thrive through their connection with and reliance on nature.

Skydive

We have one of the highest tandem skydive experiences in Africa in Mossel Bay. An experience that will stay with you for a lifetime! Enjoy an exhilarating freefall experience with an eagle's view of the Indian Ocean, Outeniqua mountains and the stunning Garden Route beaches. One of the most scenic spots for skydiving.

Sandboarding

The ultimate sandboarding encounter in South Africa is located in our area. Known to be some of the longest and biggest sandboard rides in the country, you will be sure to focus on having fun. Even if you don't feel confident to stand up, you can always enjoy a sit down or a belly board ride!

Wine Tasting

There are several wineries and wine tasting experiences available in the area. Offering unique wine tasting experiences paired with food. Our local wineries are known for their award-winning wines and family-frienly atmosphere. Their Pizza and other food is also a must have!

Boat Trips

Mossel Bay has the largest range of exciting boat adventures on the Garden Route Coast. Adrenaline activities such as Freaking Fast Wave Rider, Fearless Speedboat, Whale Watching Safari, Family Trips and Luxury Sunset Cruises will add to your bucket list of things to do!

ELEPHANTS!

Have an Elephant-astic adventure whilst visiting the stunning Garden Route, where the elephants like to take visitors on the ultimate crusade - walking tours! Savour the moment with the worlds largest land animal.

These are just a few options to choose from, we can also assist volunteers with more activities further away situated in the beautiful Garden Route of the Western Cape Province.





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VOLUNTEER CONTACT INFORMATION APPLICATION FORM

FULL NAME(S):		
LAST NAME:		
IDENTIFICATION / PASSPORT NUMBER:		
DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE:	GENDER:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
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ABOUT THE VOLUNTEER:

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Terms & Conditions establish the basis of your agreement with Kobus Crous Snr Conservation Volunteer Program.

By making a reservation, the primary person listed agrees on behalf of all individuals named in the reservation that:

- They have read and understood the Terms & Conditions, and have the authority to agree to them and be bound by them;
- They accept financial responsibility for payment of the reservation on behalf of all persons listed on the reservation.
- 1. RERSERVING YOUR SPOT: A legally binding agreement will be acknowledged between the primary person and us as soon as a confirmation receipt of your initial payment is issued. We reserve the right to refund your payment and decline your reservation at our complete discretion.
- 2. RESERVATION PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of 10% or a full payment for your reservation must be made once your booking is made with us. 50% will be due two months before your arrival date, and the full balance is due before or on arrival. Should the full payment not be received by the due date, we reserve the right to regard your reservation cancelled by the primary booking person. Any and all bank or transfer fees are the responsibility of the primary applicant, and any fees charged to our account in relation to a specific participant's payment will be deducted from that participant's received amount.
- 3. PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES: You agree that you will be participating in activities that may be hazardous at times once you reserve your booking with us. Some activities may be risky and often dangerous and therefore indemnities will be required to be signed by the primary person on arrival. All efforts will be made to ensure that any projects, operators and transfer providers will operate responsibly and with the utmost safety, but you should always use your judgment to evaluate if your personal safety is at risk and take the appropriate action. You may also be required to read and agree to a consent document to participate fully in activities at the project. Should you have any concerns before making your reservation, please discuss them with us. Considering the nature of our projects, advertised activities may become unavailable or subject to change with short notice. These changes are out of our control, and we can't accept accountability in these situations. Any private excursions or activities outside of Kobus Crous Snr Conservation Volunteering Program that you choose to book or pay for during your trip will not be part of your agreement and contract with us. Your contract for any excursion will be with the operator of the tour and not with us. We will not be held responsible for providing the excursion or tour or should any incidents occur during its services by the operator.

- 4. CHANGING YOUR RESERVATION STAY: If you must cut your trip short and return home early, we will not be able to refund the costs of any unused services. Should you decide to shorten your trip without reasonable cause for complaint about the service quality, we will not provide a refund for the unused portion of your trip or cover related costs you may sustain. Depending on your circumstances, your travel insurance may cover cutback, and we recommend making any claims directly with them. Otherwise, if you wish to extend your reservation, please contact us directly for arrangements.
- 5. MEDICAL & TRAVEL INSURANCE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS: It is mandatory to have valid medical & travel insurance for the entire duration of your reservation with us. Your insurance must be adequate for the activities you will undertake and cover your belongings, also including emergency treatment (including airlift) and return service. You must provide us the name of the insurance company and policy number at least 8 weeks prior to your departure. Should you extend your stay surpassing your initially booked period, you will be held responsible for obtaining ample and valid insurance for the extended period. You are responsible to attentively review the terms of the travel insurance policy at all times, and determine its suitability for your needs.
- **6. VALIDITY:** We strive to ensure the validity and accuracy of all information and prices on our promotional material, advertisement and website that we give out. But please note that sometimes errors and changes may occur, and we reserve the right to correct any prices and other details in such cases. Before confirming your booking, please verify the current price and all other information related to the arrangements you wish to book.
- **7. VISA, PASSPORT, IMMIGRATION & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** The primary person will be held responsible for verifying the passport, visa, immigration and health requirements applicable to your itinerary. We can only assist with general information on these requirements.
- 8. MEDICAL CONDITIONS, DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, ALLERGIES, DISABILITIES, PHOBIAS, MENTAL & EMOTIONAL HEALTH: You can anticipate physically demanding activities in remote and isolated locations with probable challenging conditions when booking with us. We firmly recommend and advise you to be physically, mentally and emotionally prepared. We can't provide any medical advice, but will happily share information regarding our experiences. It would be in your best interest to consult a medical professional for travel health advice prior to booking with us, and again before departure to allow sufficient time for any necessary vaccinations. You should seek advice to ensure suitability for the trip, required vaccinations, medications or any special travel requirements. We aim to assist in any special requirements or requests you may have. Should you or any member of your party have any medical conditions, disabilities, reduced mobility, dietary requirements, allergies, mental health issues, phobias or special requests that may affect your participation on the trip, please provide us with full details before confirming your reservation in order for us to advise on the suitability of your chosen arrangements. Should we be unable to sufficiently accommodate these needs or requests, we reserve the right to decline your booking. If you fail to disclose any of these conditions at the time of your booking, we reserve the right to cancel your reservation and apply relevant cancellation charges upon becoming aware of these details. Also note that should we discover such conditions after your arrival, we are not obligated to accommodate you.

- 9. MISSED OR DELAYED TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS: Should you or any member of your group miss your flight or other transport arrangements, or should it be cancelled or delayed for any reason, you must contact us immediately at +27 73 935 8065. You will be responsible to make sure that you arrive at the departure point of your trip at the time specified on your booking documentation. We will not accept responsibility nor liability for any disarrangement or delay in travel arrangements that you have booked independently. Should you fail to reach your departure point on time, may result in you missing some or all of your booked projects.
- **10. CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES BY US:** There may be occasions where we need to alter or change your booking, and we reserve the right to do so at any time. Should we cancel your booking with no feasible alternatives available, all payments made for this booking will be refunded.
- 11. POSITIVE CONDUCT AND CONTRIBUTION: You are expected to positively contribute to the project and conduct yourself fittingly both at the project as well as during travel to and from it. It includes adhering meticulously to any rules and regulations, participating in daily activities as required by management, guides or coordinators and exhibiting toleration towards fellow participants. You agree to comply with our House Rules and Accommodation Arrangements. Should your behaviour in our or any person of authority's judgment be considered offensive, dangerous, annoying or upsetting to other participants or to us, cause property damage, interrupts transportation or violates any rules and regulations, we reserve the right to discontinue your arrangements immediately. In cases like this, we undertake no further obligations to you or your group. No refunds will be given for lost accommodation or services, and we will not compensate any expenses sustained due to termination. You and your group may also be held responsible for damages or losses resulting from your actions, jointly or individually. Violent behaviour, illegal activities, substance abuse or failure to follow instructions from management, guides or coordinators will not be tolerated.
- **12. SUPPORT:** Should you encounter any difficulty for any reason whatsoever during your participation, we will offer appropriate support swiftly based on the circumstances.
- 13. FORCE MAJEURE: We are not liable or obligated to compensate you if our contractual obligations are affected by "Force Majeure", except otherwise stated the booking conditions. For the purpose of these booking conditions, Force Majeure includes any event beyond our or our supplier's control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even with all reasonable measures taken. Examples include but are not limited to actual or threatened warfare, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, natural disasters for example floods and fires, earthquakes or weather conditions making travel or staying at the destination unsafe, significant health risks like serious disease outbreaks at the travel destination, actions by government or other authorities, labour strikes, natural or nuclear disasters or industrial disputes.
- **14. LAW & JURISDICTION:** These terms and conditions are governed by South African Law. Disputes emerging between parties falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of South Africa.

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