



THULA THULA EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

BE A PART OF OUR CONSERVATION PROJECTS

OUR MISSION: TO EDUCATE AND INSPIRE

WORK EXPERIENCE IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION

- ❖ The Thula Thula volunteers programme is truly a must for everyone, from university students, corporate team building groups and those with a lifelong dream to visit Thula Thula and make a difference to conservation.
 - The Thula Thula Volunteers programme offers both local and international volunteers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get involved in wildlife conservation, reserve management and environmental studies. Thula Thula welcomes you to join a team of highly skilled and knowledgeable guides, reserve managers, and general nature lovers, in our efforts to continually develop a link between people and the wilderness.

RECONNECT WITH NATURE

- Volunteers will be immersed into a 1 to 3-week program of living in the African wilderness, sharing experiences with others, growing their skills and making a difference to the reserve. The programme will vary slightly throughout the year due to seasonal changes as well as the ever-shifting conservation challenges. Thula Thula offers a well-rounded program aimed at covering both the needs of the reserve, surrounding communities as well as providing a comprehensive, hands-on learning experience for the volunteers.
- Our volunteers also have the opportunity to explore South Africa's other game reserves as Thula Thula is close to Hluhluwe-Umfolozi park and St Lucia heritage site, (at an additional cost).

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Wildlife & Game Reserve Management



Game reserve management activities will form a large part of the volunteer program keeping it interesting and will include some of the following:

- *Game counts*
- *Anti-poaching patrols & workshop*
- *Snare sweeping & removal*
- *Fence line patrols and repairs*
- *Important species monitoring (rhinos, birds of prey, leopards, spotted hyenas, etc.)*
- *Sex and age ratio recordings of specific species (like giraffe)*
- *Alien vegetation control*
- *Soil erosion control*
- *Reserve clean-up operations and litter patrols*
- *Road maintenance and repairing of river crossings*
- *Mapping of the reserve*
- *Assisting in research projects*
- *Elephant Impact Monitoring*
- *Raptor research*
- *Veld management*
- *Grass counts*
- *Basic mechanics*
- *And any other conservation management activity that might “pop-up” at the time and for which the reserve would require your assistance.*

Community Development & Education



It is our responsibility to take pride in our heritage and accordingly make plans for a healthy, sustainable future. We would appreciate your help in the following areas:

- *Skill development and training for the local community members in conservation*
- *Educational programs in the local community schools*

Research Projects for students

We also offer the opportunity for volunteers who are studying wildlife management or zoology, to work on their own wildlife research projects and we are currently interested in the following topics:

- *Elephant distribution*
- *Elephants on contraceptives – changes in behaviour – long term side effects*
- *Leopard distribution*
- *Spotted hyena distribution*
- *Herbivore (from impala to giraffe) distribution and Herbivore counts*
- *White back vultures*

For research projects we can assist with transport around the reserve in our vehicles, as well as making a few camera traps available.

You will be required to bring all other items and equipment required for your research with you.

WELCOME TO OUR BUSH CAMP ~ A TRUE “BACK TO NATURE” EXPERIENCE



The Thula Thula volunteers Academy is situated adjacent to our Wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre, in a secure fenced area, with the most magnificent view over the whole game reserve and

Mkhulu Dam, this is one the elephant's favourite spots and also home to our hippo pod. Currently a maximum of 8 volunteers can be accommodated per session, one of the volunteers being from the local community on a complimentary basis. Accommodation is basic but comfortable in the 8 single man tents entirely lit by solar lanterns. There are communal ablutions for both ladies and men.

Accommodation and all meals will be provided for you during your stay with us. (You are welcome to bring your own snacks for in-between meals as well as coffee if you prefer filtered or a specific brand. Please also bring your own drinks for sundowners)

We do recommend staying for the full 3-week program but you are welcome to join us for shorter periods with in the program.

This program is suitable for all ages provided you are fit and able.

Children under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the stay or supply us with a consent form from their guardians.

Basic meals will be provided for.

- ❖ Breakfasts will include cereals, yogurt toast, jam and boiled eggs.
- ❖ Lunches will include sandwiches, light meals and fruit.
- ❖ Dinners will be a variety of simple meals cooked around the camp fire.
- ❖ Vegetarian and vegan meals will be available on request.

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSERVATION FUND AND OUR CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Our current conservation projects include Wildlife protection, anti-poaching, the Thula Thula Wildlife rehabilitation Centre and our Land expansion project for elephant habitat, which are ALL financed through the Thula Thula Non-Profit Organisation the THULA THULA SOUTH AFRICAN CONSERVATION FUND.

The THULA THULA VOLUNTEERS ACADEMY falls under the umbrella of the THULA THULA SOUTH AFRICAN CONSERVATION FUND and, as such, the proceeds of your booking, will be redistributed towards these conservation projects.

Please read more about our conservation initiatives:

www.thulathula.com/conservation-fund-2

REGISTRATION FORM:

If you are interested in volunteering on our program, please email us to receive the rates and detailed registration form: academy@thulathula.com.

DATES AND TARIFFS:

- 2022 Volunteering dates: From 1st to 21st check out 22nd of each month.
- TARIFF FROM 1 JUNE: 100 US \$ per night per person all incl. of food, accommodation and one educational safari per day.

What to pack?

We recommend bringing comfortable clothes that you are not too attached to in case they get damaged. A washing machine is available for you to use.

- Comfortable shoes and boots (for rain/mud/heat)
- Khaki coloured clothes (shirts, short pants, long pants)
- Raincoat
- Sunglasses, sunscreen and hat
- Personal medicine
- Mosquito and tick repellent
- Toiletries and towels
- Sleeping bag (The beds are made up with a sheet there are pillows)
- Heavy duty gloves
- Backpack (for day excursions)
- Water bottle – there is filtered water in the volunteer's kitchen
- Charger and adaptor for your electronic devices
- Head light and torch
- Camera and binoculars

There is limited Wifi available, but this is not for streaming and downloading.

Other recommendations:

- Thula Thula is situated in a malaria free area. There is no need to pack malaria medication unless you are planning on visiting other areas of southern Africa.
- It is always good a little bit of money with you as there are no ATM's close by.
- All international visitors to South Africa require a passport valid for six months from date of departure and at least one blank page in your passport, excluding final page. Please contact your South African Embassy for more information regarding visas.
- The closest airport to Thula Thula is situated in Richards Bay and we recommend that you fly into either Richards Bay or Durban. Transfers can be arranged at an additional cost.

With its unique atmosphere, stylish décor and superb cuisine, Thula Thula offers you the choice of exclusive accommodation between the stylish ELEPHANT SAFARI LODGE, renowned gourmet destination, and the LUXURY TENTED CAMP, offering an authentic African bush experience in a relaxed atmosphere where children are welcome if you would like to experience the ultimate luxury safari before or after your volunteering experience.

Thula Thula Game Reserve is the oldest private game reserve in Kwazulu Natal, and once the hunting ground of King Shaka. It is a 4500 ha Wildlife Sanctuary dedicated to the conservation, protection and survival of endangered species.

Situated in Zululand, only 2 hours from Durban, and one hour from Richards Bay, Thula Thula is a world-renowned safari destination where our guides will share their incredible knowledge of the bush and its history with you during exciting game drives that allow you to observe and enjoy the elephant, rhino, hippo, buffalo, leopard and all our other abundant wildlife, including over 350 bird species.

Thula Thula is home of our incredible herd of elephants made famous in the bestselling book "The Elephant Whisperer" by Lawrence Anthony and more recently "An Elephant In My Kitchen" by Francoise Malby Anthony, Thula Thula's Matriarch and MD who carries on the legacy of Lawrence, in



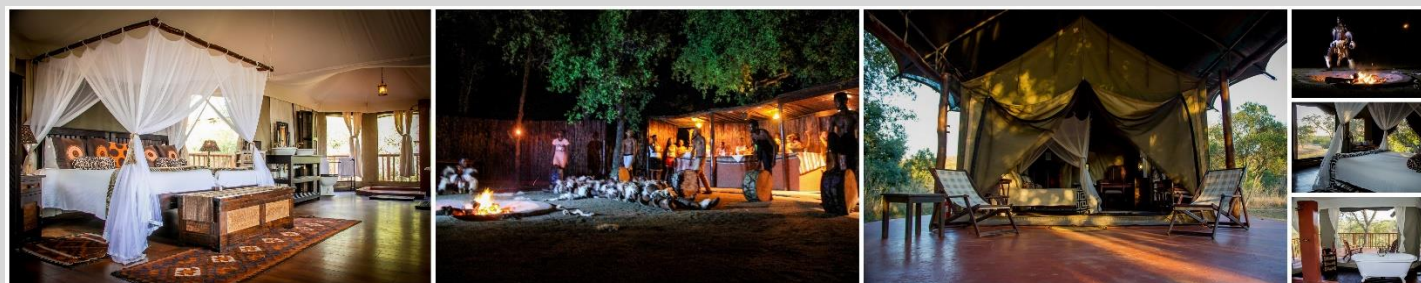
all of her current conservation projects, as well as the running of lodges, together with her loyal Thula Thula team.

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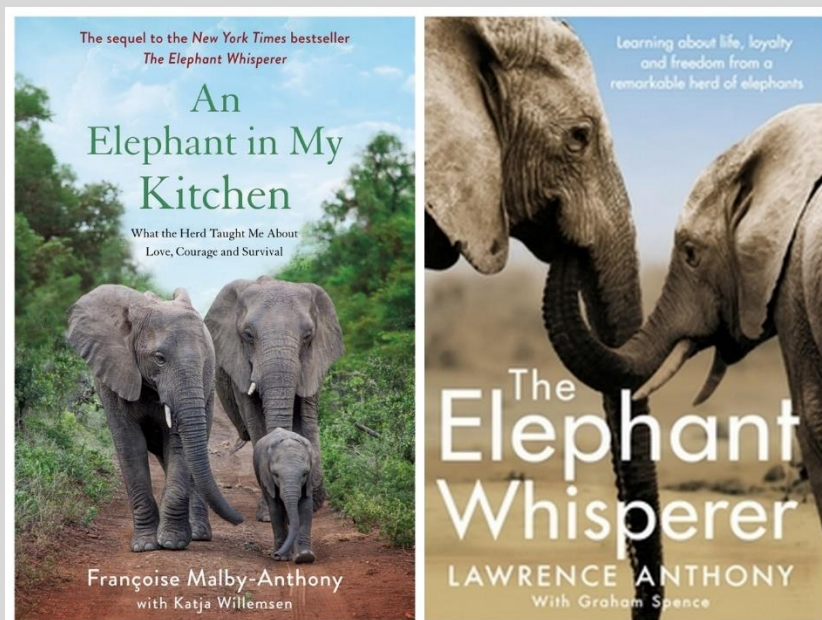
The Elephant Safari Lodge



The Luxury Tented Camp



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