

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW



Each volunteer brings a different set of skills, knowledge and values to the programme. Therefore, the role of your volunteer placement will largely be decided after your arrival and consultation with Nakavango. We appreciate the time and money you have chosen to invest in this programme, and we hope it will be as rewarding and satisfying for you as it will be for the people you help. The placement will not always be easy. It will challenge and test you, but this is all part of the volunteer experience in a developing country.

While you are volunteering in Victoria Falls, remember that you are a representative of your family; friends; country; Nakavango; and, most importantly, yourself. You are a guest here, and it is important to keep in mind that the people, traditions, cultures, and general way of life will be different from those of your home country. Do not try to force your ways on the people you will be working and living with. Instead, be open-minded and embrace the new cultures you will be exposed to (both those of Zimbabweans and of your fellow volunteers). This will allow you to have a rich and authentic experience.

Volunteer Requirements:

- ✓ Volunteers must be over 18 years of age at the beginning of the programme
- ✓ Volunteers must present a recent criminal background check to the Operations Manager at orientation
- ✓ Fluency in English is required to participate in the programme as all staff members speak English

Criminal Background Check

To participate in the programme, all volunteers are required to provide a criminal background check at orientation. A basic disclosure check from your local police is sufficient and can be obtained by visiting or contacting your local police department. Please ensure you allow sufficient time to acquire this document before you depart from home as processing times vary. A background check is important to determine whether any serious criminal offence has been recorded against your name. The check must be issued within 12 months of your programme start date and is required to be presented in English. If your background check cannot be issued in English, a translated and verified copy will be accepted if presented along with the original. Anyone with a criminal record or caution for other offenses should also contact us before proceeding further.

Location of Programme and Placements

The programme is based in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Volunteers arrive at Victoria Falls International Airport (VFA) and are transported to the Nakavango Conservation Centre on the Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve. Projects are located on the reserve and in rural areas surrounding Victoria Falls town.

Start and Duration of Programmes:

- ✓ The Victoria Falls programme begins on the **first and third Monday** of every month