



# Cheetah Conservation



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📍 South Africa - Cape Town

Help prevent the further decline of the Cheetah population with a passionate local team in Cape Town.

Work closely with a local organization who rehabilitate captive born and bred Cheetahs and release them back into the wild. Get an incredible opportunity to learn about this amazing species while supporting their survival on the face of the planet.



## Program Description

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You will work with a local organization who is dedicated to the conservation and rehabilitation of Cheetah in South Africa. While in your program, you will be able to contribute to this immense endeavour and you will also learn about the species and contribute to the conservation practices.

During your program will be involved in various activities of the project site including,

- Food preparation & feeding (Please keep in mind you will work with raw meat)
- Cleaning of camps & refilling of the water bowls
- Creating enrichment for the animals
- Educating the public by assisting staff with certain tours
- Carrying out own guided tours (If English level is sufficient)
- Take part in group activities
- Maintenance and inspection of camps

If you stay a minimum of 4 weeks at the project, you will have the unique opportunity to participate in the releasing program which is done in partnership with a local reserve.

By releasing new bloodlines of cheetahs into the protected wild, it helps to increase the genetic lineages to effectively strengthen the wild Cheetah population. The whole process is strictly regulated and is done with a lot of research.

## Cheetah Release Program

You will help the local team to release cheetahs who are rehabilitated and ready to go back to the wild. You will be able to take part in this program if you gain sufficient knowledge and training at the project. This is suited for participants who stay for more than 4 weeks with the Cheetah conservation program. The project team will decide who is participating in the releasing events and that will be solely based on your performance and learning during your program. There are no additional costs for this part of the program, you will only be liable to pay for your transport (either flight or bus) to get to the reserve.

If you stay for more than 4 weeks, you are eligible to attend the Release program. However, the Cheetah Release activity is optional and can only be offered depending on the requirements of the conservation project. It may not be available throughout the year.

## Program Duration & Availability

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**Min duration (weeks):** 2



## Aims & Objectives

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The project aims to rehabilitate captive-raised cheetahs who are unrelated to animals in the Cheetah Metapopulation and release them back into the wild (protected areas) once they are deemed to be fit for survival.

## Schedule

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### Monday to Friday

Typical working hours at the project are from 05:00 AM – 17:00 PM and your daily tasks and responsibilities will include.

- Key Species Monitoring
- Cheetah Conservation
- Road and dam maintenance
- Bush clearing
- Foundation Support
- Town trip / Off / Game Drive
- Boma maintenance
- Fence maintenance
- Spekboom Planting

**This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.**

## Starting Dates

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### During 2020

This program starts every week.

### During 2021

This program starts every week.

## Participant Criteria & Requirements

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<b>Minimum age:</b>	18
<b>Maximum age:</b>	-
<b>Minimum English level:</b>	Intermediate
<b>CRB required:</b>	On Signup
<b>Passport copy required:</b>	On Signup
<b>Resume copy required:</b>	On Signup
<b>Required qualification:</b>	None

### Additional Requirements

- Must be physically able and fit to complete all required tasks

## Additional Equipment

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- Small daypack
- Work gloves x 2
- Torch with extra batteries
- Towel
- Personal toiletries/medications
- Books
- Camera/film
- Warm clothes for cold nights
- Light clothes for hot days
- Hiking boots
- Underwear/socks
- Sunglasses/sunhat