

Improve the lives of endangered species native to the coast and jungle of Peru. Support the good works at the centre that supports the Humboldt Penguins!

Take part in activities that will help build and maintain safe habitats for vulnerable animals and stop a further decline in their numbers. Efforts to assist Humboldt Penguins continue, but are challenging. Your ongoing help is needed! The energy you put in, will truly help many endangered animals out!

Culture

Learning

Leisure

Community Engagement

Physical Demand

Program Description

Animal care duties await you!

Try your hand as the assistant warden in a private Peruvian animal sanctuary, - open to all lovers of wildlife, and especially perfect for those who are conservationists or students of nature and zoology.

You will participate in the daily caretaking of all animals and especially in the centre's efforts to create a safe habitat for all of the animals.

The Humboldt Penguins, which were relocated here were unfortunately devastated by the recent flooding that took place in this area. As a result, all but one of the penguins has died due to illness after this natural disaster. As the centre continues to work to assist the surviving penguin in quarantine and prepare for the possible addition of a new waddle of penguins, your help and support is greatly needed and appreciated.

This centre assists all sorts of rescued animals and helps to halt the decline of endangered species, as well as, spread awareness about the issues they face. Your involvement provides opportunities for these good works to continue. Even though you may not get to work directly with the beloved penguin population, every bit of energy put into making this habitat better for all of the animals supports the ongoing progress of the only centre in the region working to assist Humboldt Penguins.

Animals at this location include, but are not limited to:

- -Variable Hawks -Ground turtle -Monkey Friar -Coati -Peccaries -Ostriches -Sheep -Sloths -Kinkajú
- -Guacamayos -Manchin Monkey -Agouti Paca (large rodent) -Choro Monkey -Musmuki monkey
- -Andean Fox -Howler Monkey -Crocodiles -Guinea pigs -Rabbits -Wild turkeys

Your role will include construction work, reforestation, cleaning, as well as the preparation of food/feeding for the animals at the centre.

Please note that while you might not have the chance to touch all of the animals (as some are very sensitive and get scared easily), the reward of your efforts will be in knowing that you help them to thrive and not just survive!

Program Duration & Availability

Aims & Objectives

- Gain practical, hands-on experience in animal conservation
- Assist the program and its staff with your efforts
- Give you the chance to learn about, and bond with the animals that are endangered.

Schedule

Monday

If your first week, after breakfast, you'll get a training and orientation about your project: what your tasks will be, as well as your Do's and Dont's during the week. Then you'll discover all you need to know about the animal center, together with the coordinator and other participants.

You'll get plenty of background information about the many fascinating species of animals that are receiving support and attention as you learn about their special needs and behavior. We'd like to make sure you're prepared the best way possible for your experience, so if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask our experienced coordinator!

After the detailed introduction. Depending on number of participants, some daily tasks can take place in the mornings or in the afternoons, in either of these cases, participants will always be able to make plans to visit the local villages surroundings and beaches nearby.

Tuesday to Thursday

On the average day here you'll start your project and take part in environmental or conservation activities such as:

- Construction work
- Creating a natural fence
- Reforestation of cactus
- Vegetable garden and nursery maintenance
- Preparation of food for the animals
- Feeding animals
- Preparing material to teach general public and children about the animals.

Expect about 6 hours of activities per day!

Feeding the animals is not possible during reproduction time.

Friday

After breakfast you will go to a nearby school to forward the information you've gained and developed during this exciting week to the students. In this way, you help promote the conservation of the animals at the centre and raise awareness of environmental issues affecting the wildlife in Peru. Afterwards, you will have free time to relax or explore the area.

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

Starting Dates

During 2020

This program starts every week.

During 2021

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Minimum age: 18
Maximum age: -

Minimum English level: Basic

CRB required: On Signup **Passport copy required:** On Arrival

Resume copy required: No **Required qualification:** None

Additional Requirements

There are no further requirements for this program.

Additional Equipment

No specific equipment required for this program.