



Newcastle Wildlife Experience

Australia, Newcastle

Quick Overview

Experience some of Australia's unique wildlife and beautiful domestic farm animals. Do all this while working at the picturesque wildlife park.

You play an extraordinary role in helping the wildlife park on their day to day tasks to preserve and increase the population of rare and endangered Australian animals. This program provides you with the opportunity to contribute your time and effort in helping a large selection of domestic animals.

Pricing

Since 2018-11-01: 15 points

Program Characteristics

Culture: 2

Learning: 2

Leisure: 1

Community engagement: 3

Physical demand: 3



Program Duration & Availability

Min duration (weeks): 1

Max duration (weeks): -

Available from: 2018-11-12

Available until: 2019-11-26

Bookable until: -

Confirm availability: -

Program Description

In this program, you will make a real contribution to the conservation of Australia's distinct and wonderful wildlife as you work alongside the rangers at a local wildlife park. The park takes part in many breeding programs of some of the most endangered Australian native animals, releasing them into the wild to ensure the survival of these rare and beautiful animals.

This park also provides a refuge for rehabilitated but un-releasable injured and orphaned animals. In this program, the participants will assist the park rangers with general animal care. You will help with the crucial maintenance of the enclosures to keep the animals safe from predators and general park care work to preserve the healthy habitat for the animals. Mending fences and maintaining enclosures takes on a magical aspect when you are accompanied by wildlife which is free-ranging, trusting and inquisitive.

Much of the animal care work involves cleaning, feeding and maintaining the animals' enclosures and their natural habitats including raking and collecting litter.

Add-on: +Learning

There is no +Learning add-on available for this program.

Aims & Objectives

By joining this program participants will have an opportunity to make a real contribution to help to care for Australian wildlife and domestic farm animals and to protect and care for the wild as well as domestic animals' natural home that lives in the park. You will gain valuable experience in learning how to operate and manage an animal park by working as a mini ranger in the park.

Schedule

Monday to Friday

After having breakfast at the center, you will be driven by your coordinator to the wildlife park and farm and picked up in the evenings after a hard day's work.

You will engage in your daily tasks at the project. You can have the lunch that you have prepared and packed for yourself from the center. After completing your day's work, your coordinator will drive you back to our center in Newcastle.

Your daily tasks will include,

- assisting the park rangers with general animal care
- joining activities such as raking and collecting litter
- cleaning, preparing food, feeding and maintaining the animals' enclosures and their natural farm habitats

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

Starting Dates

During 2019

This program starts every week.

During 2020

This program starts every week.

Participant Criteria & Requirements

Standard Requirements

Minimum age:	18
Maximum age:	-
Minimum English level:	Basic
CRB required:	On Signup
Passport copy required:	On Signup
Resume copy required:	No
Required qualification:	None

Additional Requirements

- All participants are required to bring a photocopy of the passport and a printed copy of their travel insurance information.
- All participants will require a certain level of fitness and must be able to do physical work which will include light construction and other 'hands on' duties like hand weeding, clearing debris, rubbish removal, removal of invasive non-native tree species etc. This program will not suit participants who are afraid of wild fauna and insects or don't wish to do physical work.
- All participants will need to undergo compulsory training over 1-2 days before working on the project. Training will be included during the first week and may be ongoing as new tasks arise.
- All placements must be confirmed at least 4 weeks before the starting date. After this period, placements will be confirmed on a case by case basis only and extra charges may apply.
- Arrival details must be informed at least 2 weeks prior to the date of arrival. Otherwise, they will have to make their way to the Center on their own.

- Certificates will be issued for the completion of this training and program participation only after placements have been successfully completed and requested.
- Due to Australia's strict visa regulations, we are unfortunately unable to help to secure visas. Participants coming from western/European countries can easily get visas online.
- Maximum duration is 4 weeks.
- This program is strictly monitored and participants will have to leave Australia at the end of the program duration.
- Participants below 18 years require parental consent and participants above 65 require medical clearance to take part in the program.
- Participants will be required to sign House rules, code of conduct and other documents before starting their program.

Additional Equipment

The below list of things is essential for you to start the program. Participants will not be allowed to take part in the program if they do not have the required gear.

- Long loose-fitting comfortable work pants, made out of either canvas, cotton or denim
- T-shirts with short or long sleeves – shirt neckline must be high enough and length must be long enough so when the participant is stretching up or leaning over to work, they do not expose their stomach or back or chest
- Hiking boots or other very supportive closed footwear
- Thick hiking socks
- Hat or cap
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Rain jacket that is waterproof and covers down to mid-thigh, or shorter rain jacket with rain pants
- Strong gardening or work gloves
- Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- No singlets or hot shorts to be worn while working at the park
- Lockable luggage/locks
- Beachwear during free time (you might need it during your free time)
- Plug for Australia standard or Travel Charger/converter
- Any medication you may require

When working, participants are not permitted to wear or use:

- Mobile phones
- Shorts
- Stretch 'leggings' or other tight trousers
- T-shirts with no sleeves ("vests")
- Shirts that allow the chest or midriff/stomach/back to be exposed when working
- Open sandals or non-supportive shoes
- Umbrellas

On Social Media

Facebook: -

Tags

Adventure:	No
Agriculture:	No
Archeology:	No
Art and Craft:	No
Beach:	No
Camping:	No
Community:	No
Conservation:	Yes
Construction:	No
Cultural:	No
Cycling:	No
Environmental:	Yes
Internship:	No
Language Learning:	No
Marine Life:	No
Medical and Healthcare:	No
Outdoor:	No
Rail Journey:	No
Renovation:	No
Road Trip:	No

Safari:	No
Sports:	No
OK for Groups:	Yes
OK for Young Families:	No
Teaching:	No
Walking:	No
Wildlife:	Yes
Work with Adults:	No
Work with Elderly:	No
Work with Kids:	No
Work with Disabled:	No
Yoga and Meditation:	No