













SHAMWARI — PRIVATE GAME RESERVE —



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# 1. About Our Veterinary and Conservation Experience

Shamwari Conservation Experience is proud to offer veterinary students studying science, nursing and related veterinary disciplines, a unique opportunity to work and interact with Shamwari Private Game Reserve's award-winning Wildlife and Conservation team.

With a 25 year history in pioneering the reintroduction and management of wildlife, fauna and flora to the Eastern Cape of South Africa, our specialist team has the ability to offer participants a balanced learning and upskilling experience, with a keen focus on hands-on participation through practical tasks and work, as well as through observation.

Being instrumental in the establishment and hosting of special focus veterinary courses and experiences for international and local veterinary science and nursing students, we have developed a more personalized experience, limited to 10 students, offering participants a more focused group experience.

Lectures and interactive talks are presented and hosted by members of our Shamwari Veterinary, Conservation and Anti-Poaching teams. Our experiences aim to offer participants a combination of veterinary and conservation activities and to be a part of our community upliftment projects, with a core focus on offering much needed veterinary relief for domestic animals within these impoverished rural communities.

All participants will receive a kit which includes a copy of the sought after veterinary book, "Chemical and Physical Restraint of Wild Animals" and rates include a shared set-time airport transfer from Port Elizabeth to Shamwari. To ensure and maintain the desired continuity, focus and yield for all participants in our Veterinary and Conservation Experience, enrolment requires proof of registration on a veterinary science, nursing or related veterinary study diploma / or degree course.

### 2019 Dates

17 June to 1 July (14 days) 1 July to 15 July (14 days) 15 July to 29 July (14 days)





















# 2. History of Shamwari Private Game Reserve

# 2.1 Our Shamwari History

Shamwari, meaning "my friend" in Shona, is the pinnacle of private game reserves and home to the coveted Big Five on one of the largest conservation initiatives in Southern Africa, some 25 000 hectares in extent.

Shamwari is a place where guests can exist in harmony with nature, however fleeting the moment; where free-roaming wildlife traipse the landscape, often under the relentless African sun.

Shamwari Private Game Reserve's hospitality division incorporates six, Five Star lodges, each one with its own unique essence of Africa. The lodges are designed and operate in harmony with their surroundings and are a place where guests can experience nature in sublime comfort. Although without the splendour of our luxury sector, Shamwari Conservation Experience facilities offer unsurpassed industry standards for groups ranging from ten to forty participants.

# 2.2 So Why Choose Shamwari Conservation Experience?

Our team has been recognized globally for its efforts in conservation and has lived up to our adage of conserving a vanishing way of life.

- Take the opportunity to work alongside world renowned African wildlife veterinarian, Dr Johan Joubert and his award winning conservation and veterinary team.
- Make use of your participation to meet EMS or related study requirements, or to add to your resume or CV.
- Our district is malaria free and operations are hosted from our 25,000 hectare game reserve (that's about 25,000 football fields in size!) with five of seven biomes (fauna and flora habitats) represented.
- We have a dedicated Wildlife and Conservation Department which includes a wildlife veterinarian and ecologists with an animal rehabilitation (ARC) centre. Facilities also include an animal hospital and anti-poaching unit.
- Shamwari is the host to the Born Free Foundations Big Cat Rescue and Education Centre for lions and leopards.
- We are about a one and a half hour drive from Port Elizabeth Airport and there are several adventure and leisure activities in close proximity, which stretch down a beautiful coastline known as the Garden Route. These activities include surfing, canoeing, horse riding, and bungy jumping to name only a few!
- You will be hosted by our wildlife coordinators who are qualified and experienced in various conservation related fields, as to be able to maximize your experience.
- We offer a diverse experience that exposes participants to real and often challenging conservation issues and tasks, offering you the chance to make a sustainable difference through their participation.



















# 3. Participate to conserve a vanishing way of life!

# 3.1 Draft of Veterinary and Conservation Experience

Due to the nature of working with wildlife and other conditions out of our control, this draft serves as an example of a typical experience to date, but may be adapted as suits the conditions at time of stay and as will be exercised at the discretion of our veterinary wildlife team to best suit and optimize the experience for all participants.

#### WEEK ONE

- Orientation
  - Wildlife drives on reserve. Species identification.
  - Discussions on wildlife management, monitoring, ecology, etc

### Lectures

- Role of veterinarian on game reserves
- Game capture techniques
  - Mass capture
  - Passive capture
  - Chemical immobilisation
- Immobilising drugs
- · Darting and translocation equipment
- Husbandry of captured animals
- · Game translocation

### **Practical Experience**

- Target shooting with dart gun
- Assistance with darting (immobilisation) of specific animals
- Translocation of captured animals from reserve to bomas (enclosure)

#### **WEEK TWO**

#### Lectures

- Important infectious diseases of wildlife
- · Wildlife
- Wildlife sanctuaries and wildlife rehabilitation
- Community work at disadvantaged communities
- Poaching and veterinary implications of survivors of poaching incidents

## **Practical Experience**

- Necropsies
- Mass capture and translocation of antelope
- Target shooting from helicopter (dependant on availability and prevailing conditions)
- Community day: Basic veterinary care/treatment of community animals
- Visits to Shamwari Rehab Centre and Born Free Sanctuary



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## 3.1.1 General Conservation Activities

### **Born Free Foundation Charity**

The Born Free Foundation Charity and Shamwari Private Game Reserve are both committed to the conservation of wildlife. Creating awareness and educating our guest and local population as to the importance of the protection and conservation of wildlife, we aim to promote the protection of habitat, while maintaining a humane and compassionate approach to the care and welfare of any captive animals. The centers offer a great opportunity to showcase and create awareness about the horrific way in which wildlife is exploited in captivity around the world. Our visits to the centers are conducted with the overall focus on education and exposure to best practice animal care. Creating awareness as to the plight and ill treatment of captive wildlife throughout the world, is of vital importance to amount positive change. No breeding of cats is undertaken at the center which is sanctuary for Lions and Leopards who are unable to be reintroduced back into the wild. Your interaction with this team may range from a personalized behind the scenes tour, to assisting with maintenance and cleaning of enclosures and at times even feeding and other tasks required to ensure that the cats enjoy the peaceful existence they deserve.

#### Animal Rehabilitation Centre (ARC)

Shamwari Animal Rehabilitation Centre was set up to aid in rehabilitating injured animals found on the reserve and surrounding community. The aim is to give the animal short-term care and release it back into their natural environment. No animals are kept for purposes of breeding in captivity but are hosted with the aim of giving them a second chance to take on life back in the wild. The centre boasts avian, small and large stock boma (enclosure) areas, which house the various species that may find their way to Shamwari. Your group will visit and conduct a personalized behind the scenes tour of the facility with any activities dependent on any need and requirement for operational assistance by our vet nursing team. With a focus on education and awareness, this interaction and exposure often offers valuable insight into some of the several wildlife management and human-animal conflict challenges, faced as custodians of a vast natural resource.

## **Community Projects**

The role of conservation does not stop at conserving nature alone, but also includes a responsibility to uplift local and impoverished communities. This responsibility includes education of the community as to the role and benefit of conserving biodiversity and further stresses the importance of conserving our natural resources. We can tailor community and sporting interactions with our local community which range from creating and maintaining vegetable gardens, recycling projects, painting classrooms and building jungle gyms, to playing games and sport with local community children.

## Research Projects (short term focus)

Undertakings of research projects with a focus on a value added outcome for the reserve or conservation as a whole, are viewed as an incumbency. These projects are often undertaken in conjunction with both local and foreign research and academic testing to capturing data on lesser known species such as the Brown Hyena.

#### **Possible Activities Include:**

- Sleep outs on the Big Five reserve
- Orientation and nature walks
- · Assisting in night and anti-poaching patrols



















## 3.1.2 Extra Mural or Weekend Activities (at own cost)

There are several adventure and leisure based activities in and around the Eastern Cape and bordering Western Cape districts. These range from seasonal whale watching in Algoa Bay, surfing J-Bay's world-renowned Super Tubes, to bungy jumping at the Bloukrans Bridge and exploring the forests and coastline of the Tsitsikamma National Park. As part of your planning, should you wish to conduct any off-site or extra mural activities, our team will gladly advise you as to best and most suitable options with contact information for local adventure and leisure operators.

### 3.1.3 Extras & Services:

- Internet: Wi-Fi vouchers can be purchased to make use of the wireless network service. Due to the relatively rural nature of facility and positioning of the lodges, although internet speeds are certainly not up to international urban standards, they have proven to be more than effective for access and communication.
- Smartphones and Tabs: As most participants have access to mobile and other electronic devices with which to communicate via data capabilities, bringing such a device would be best suited with which to communicate. For off-site usage, the Vodacom mobile network service has historically proven most reliable and can be purchased at most local retail outlets and general dealers.
- Landline telephone: Should participants want to make use of the landline on- site, we advise that World Call Card telephone cards be purchased on arrival at PE airport or any Vodacom shop and available at most Post Office outlets. As most participants have access to mobile and other electronic devices with which to communicate, this option is only advised should it be found to be necessary at your time of stay.
- Shop smalls: On-site purchase of small consumables such as soft and energy drinks, chocolates and crisps area available, with a percentage of takings being used to champion the local community and or elected wildlife causes.



















# 3.1.4 What to Pack (chat to our team or exercise own discretion)

- Binoculars essential for the best experience!
- Short and long sleeve t-shirts
- Long/short work trousers
- · Hiking/work boots and trainers
- Sweat shirt/fleece
- Wind breaker/rain jacket
- · Daypack rucksack
- Sleeping bag and mat if you want your own (available on site). We advise you don't buy or bring one especially as result.
- Warm hat (beanie) for winter and cap for sun all year
- Working gloves (Advised May to September period)
- · Winter gloves
- Changes of casual clothes for evening

- Underwear and socks
- Bath and, or Pool towel
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Relative supply of any personal medication as required
- · Personal first aid kit
- Torch and water bottle
- Camera and spare batteries
- · Reference books and note books
- Hair dryer
- 3 point round plugs
- Games, playing cards

Although not a must, we advise that participants bring some form of neutral or earth tone colour clothing. When there is potential to do more hands on wildlife or veterinary work, this is often a positive and even mitigating factor.

# 3.1.5 Documentation for Signature on or Pre-Arrival

- The Shamwari Private Game Reserve Waiver and Indemnity
- The House Rules and Regulations
- The Born Free Indemnity Form
- Filming and Photographic Release and Agreements

All participants under the age of 18 years are advised to make contact with their local or nearest South African Embassy to confirm any more current or required visa regulations and need for dual parental consent or to produce unabridged birth certification. To ensure that this process is a seamless as possible for our guests, please don't hesitate to contact us for advice.

All participants under the age of 18 years will need the approval and signature of a legal guardian of the above-mentioned documents if wishing to enter the property and participate in any activities offered by Shamwari Conservation Experience or their service providers. If not completed and submitted pre-arrival, all persons over the age of 18 years will need to sign the above-mentioned documents if wishing to enter the property and partake in any activities offered by the Shamwari Conservation Experience or their service providers.



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# 3.1.6 Common and General FAQ's

## Will I get an opportunity to work hands on and up close with the animals?

The emphasis and drive behind the award-winning conservation initiatives at Shamwari Private Game Reserve have always been focused on sound and ethical wildlife and ecological principles.

Although our veterinary and conservation experience attempts to offer a heightened focus through a more specialized focus and resultant interactions and interventions, due to the nature of the experience and in light of offering an experience based on safe and ethical practice, all hands-on experience remain at the discretion and management of our Shamwari Head of Veterinary Services, Dr. Johan Joubert and his team.

The wildlife game-viewing component, which is an incidental and very positive spin off of the conservation management aspects of the experience, offers a great opportunity for participants to get safely close to the wildlife and is operated at the discretion of our wildlife coordinators, who host participants during their stay. Shamwari does further not promote any form of unnecessary touch interaction and strongly believes in keeping wildlife in the wild.

## How far is the nearest trading store or outlet to purchase goods and when can I go?

You will generally get an opportunity to buy personals and sundries on Fridays when visiting the local community as part of our social responsibility drive. Although not carrying a vast array of items you should be able to purchase toiletries, cold drinks and other necessities from the local general dealers.

# Will my details and personal information be offered any form of privacy and protection?

Yes, even with Shamwari Conservation Experience offering experiences on the African continent, we respect your right to privacy and the need for protection of your personal information held by us, our suppliers and service providers. We have accordingly implemented procedure and roll out measures to meet local POPI (Protection of Personal Information Act) regulations, with a view to also cover core requirements applicable to the likes of e.g the EU GDPR (European Union General Data Protection Regulation), in an effort to protect your personal details and information.

# Will I be able to concentrate on big cats or a specific animal or elective subject interest matter as part of the veterinary and conservation experience?

Although we will make every realistic attempt to offer participants who might have very personalized interests or be passionate about a particular specie, or elective subject, as much exposure and interaction as result, we are unable to meet each individual request or desire to concentrate on personal or elective components in favour of outcomes which will offer a the intended experience for the group as a whole, which is so diverse by nature and takes participants behind-the-scenes of the game reserve's wildlife operations and exposes you to the various aspects of modern day conservation which include several ecological, wildlife and species management issues.



















#### Is the Shamwari Veterinary and Conservation Experience a certified course?

As result of the global difference in elective and extra mural study component requirements, roll out of veterinary study course content and modules with varying required outcomes, Shamwari has chosen to not offer a set itinerary and formalized course, but as result has realized and proven the value in offering an experience that is intended to offer participants a host of positive spinoffs, which may range from gaining greater and more diverse hands on exposure to veterinary practice in the context of African wildlife management, to affording participants the opportunity to bolster their resume as result of participation, or merely gaining insight into a more specialized field of practice.

Shamwari Conservation Experience presents all participants with a certificate of participation, which often stands participants in good stead for future opportunities and demonstrates the fact that they have partaken to improve their portfolio of knowledge and skills sets.

### What is there to do on weekends or in my free time?

Both evenings and weekends are generally spent at leisure, yet due to the arduous and intense nature of the Veterinary and Conservation Experience, we would advise that you option any of several on and off-site activities for you to partake in, when grounded or post experience.

On-site activities may range from playing pool and table tennis, to making use of the swimming pool. If enjoying a movie or watching sport on-site isn't for you, for those of eligible age, socials at a local rural pub or restaurant are undertaken by participants from time-to-time. As these activities (off-site) are at own cost, participants generally share costs to make your average spend more affordable.

More often than not, the friends that you make whilst at Shamwari will be using their leisure time as the ideal opportunity to plan and enjoy one of several adventure activities along the beautiful Garden Route coastline. As we have a comprehensive array of adventure brochures and contact details of reputable operators available, you shouldn't struggle to find more fun and excitement. Our staff will gladly advise you further pre, or on arrival.

## Do I need any vaccinations?

Besides any required vaccinations advised by your country of origin or the authorities from the country in which you reside, being a malaria free area, we know of no vaccinations or treatments that are deemed as required pre, or on arrival in the Eastern Cape district, in which Shamwari Game Reserve is situated. Due to the nature of the experience and as result of the occupational hazards in the veterinary field and potential to come in direct contact with disease vectors, we would advise participants consult with a physician prior to arrival, to gain advice and offer consideration for the likes of rabies or any other advised vaccinations.



















# 4. Accommodation, Facilities & Meals

Shamwari Conservation Experience generally host participants in veterinary and conservation experiences from Proctors Safari Lodge, in the Northern extent of Shamwari Private Game Reserve.

- Comfortable rooming, sleeping up to 3 per room (same sex basis)
- Sharing with on-suite shower or bath, toilet and basin per room
- · Cupboard shared with individual trunk per person
- Communal safe
- · Lounge and dining room
- Plunge Pool
- Fire place (braai or barbeque area)
- Lecture or study room

### Laundry

Laundry services are provided on average once a week, with laundry bags supplied on arrival. It is advised that no delicate or high value clothing is brought or laundered. Although every care is taken with this guest service, Shamwari Conservation Experience will not be held responsible for any damages to apparel as result of hard water, colour runs, shrinkage or marking due to chemical cleaners.

### Food & Meals

Three meals are provided on a daily basis. Meals will either be served at the lodge or taken as a pre-packed serving, depending on planned or as result of unscheduled activities. Vegetarians and other dietary requirements can be catered for, if notified in advance.

Cooked breakfasts are served once weekly - generally on Fridays. There are no facilities to service Kosher or Halaal requirements, but the supply of such meals can be serviced at extra cost, on request and availability.

Meals are prepared with exposing participants to an array of local dishes in mind and are generally taken on a selfservice basis, with the option of juice, tea or coffee available. Bottled still and spring water and soft drinks are available on site and with greater selection, from local trading stores.

### **Example of Menus**

Breakfast: cereal and toast, muesli and yoghurt, muffins and toast, cooked breakfast. Lunch: sandwiches, wraps and potato salad, quiche and pasta salad, burgers and chips. **Dinner:** macaroni and cheese with green salad, roasted chicken with vegetables, traditional meals for example braai and potjie (local type of meal similar to stew).



















# General

# 5.1 Health & Safety in Brief:

- All participants will be given a health and safety briefing as part of their welcome orientation and briefing.
- First Aid kits are available on-site and per student vehicle.
- Fire extinguishers, fire horn and related fire drill with exit indicators are set out.
- Shamwari is a malaria-free area.
- All medical costs are for own account of the participants and are required to be paid in cash (no terms allowed) to medical service providers. We advise a minimum amount of 5,000.00 ZAR be kept in credit per participant for this service, should the need arise. Please note that medical and other travel insurances are not recognized locally as cash payment in settlement of any service provision. Local medical service providers will supply you with the necessary documentation with which to lodge your claim on return home.
- Please note that all medical services in South Africa are on a paid basis and medical insurance is not recognised as cash or means of payment and will generally only act to service claims and recovery of funds on a reclaim basis.
- There are strict access control measures with no unauthorised individuals allowed on the property.
- M.O.Ds (Manager on Duty) are identified and available for any general assistance or should any incident or accident
  arise.
- Health and Safety audits and risk assessment are reviewed and updated periodically.
- Pest control measures are in place and serviced at regular intervals.
- Some areas in South Africa have a high crime prevalence rate and should be avoided. Please don't hesitate to ask for information on areas to avoid.
- H.I.V. / AIDS is of high prevalence in South Africa thus we advise that all the necessary precaution be taken.
- There may be a high prevalence of snakes and other potentially dangerous reptiles, especially in the hot summer months. Should any participants come across such animals, they are to cautiously avoid any close contact and remove themselves from the area immediately. We ask that participants do not on front or attempt to handle any such species and that all such incidents are reported to the manager on duty or student coordinator immediately.

## Policy for the safety and protection of Vulnerable Children and Adults:

Shamwari Conservation Experience strongly believes and promotes a policy which aims to protect and safeguard children and adults that may be vulnerable to any forms of discrimination, prejudice or abuse, whether verbal, physical or other. As part of this focus, the safety and best interest of our guests, staff, service providers, suppliers and community members are paramount and of consideration. We accordingly and in no-way promote, condone, or will be party to any form of sexual, racial, religious, economic or other form of discrimination or prejudice.

The protection of vulnerable youth and aged, especially those suffering from and under mental and or physical disabilities and constraints, is of consideration and concern to us. We appeal to all parties concerned, to adhere to and assist us in the implementation of this policy, through acting with compassion, respect and consideration when engaging with fellow human beings.



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# 5. General (Continued)

# 5.2 Code of Conduct

All participants are obligated to abide by the rules of the centre and adhere to the spirit of the program. If for any reason an individual is found to compromise the experience of the group or any individual, the individual can after suitable warning, counselling and following the process of disciplinary process, be withdrawn from the program and returned home. No refunds in this case will be issued and any additional cost incurred will be at own cost.

#### General Code of Conduct Considerations Include:

**Behaviour:** Participants are to behave in a manner that is not offensive to staff, guests, visitors or fellow students. Behaviour must be conducive to team work and communal cooperation.

**Dress:** As participants will have access to amongst other areas of the reserve that are hospitality guest sensitive, we request that they dress in a suitably appropriate manner to the task or activity at hand. We require participants to not dress in revealing and scantily clad manner which may be by reasonable assessment, found to be of an offensive nature.

**Jewellery:** We advise that although there are safe facilities available, that participants not bring high or sentimental value items of jewellery. Due to the nature and environment of the general activities and tasks carried out on a day-to-day basis, the wearing of jewellery is not advised from a health and safety perspective.

**Language:** English is the recognized and preferred language used. The need for language translators can be serviced on availability and at cost to the participant. No language that is indecent and / or offensive to others will be accepted.

**Drug:** The possession or use of narcotics and other illegal recreational drugs is against the law. Further to any arrest and or prosecution under local legislation, participants found to be in transgression of the law or breaking this rule, will be withdrawn from participating and removed from the property with immediately. We advise participants, needing to carry or make use of any scheduled prescription drugs, preferably bring proof of a doctors note or prescription, especially in the treatment of life threatening illness or diseases.

**Alcohol:** Participants wishing to use alcohol on the property must do so with sensibility and act in responsible manner as to not be offensive to staff, guests, visitors or fellow participants. No intake of alcohol is allowed during project working hours, unless otherwise approved by our management. We hold the right to stop and remove participants should we deem them not fit to safely participate in any activity, due to intoxication. The legal age for purchase of alcohol is 18 years of age in South Africa.



















# 6. Enquiry & Bookings Details

Please refer to our website for current or updated information, or contact:

# **General Enquiries:**

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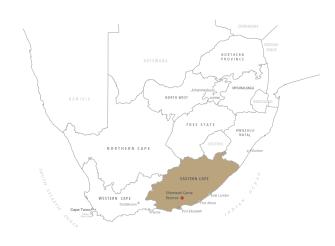
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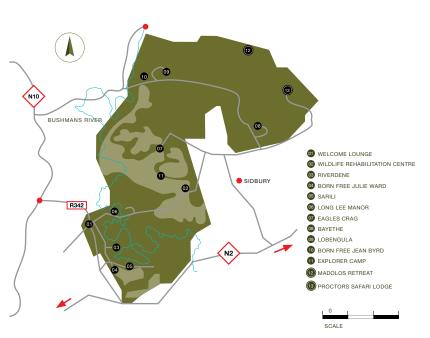
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As our operational and bookings office is situated on a reserve and within a rural environment, please take note of our general office hours:

Mon - Friday: 08h00 - 16h30 CAT

Sat & Sun: Please leave a message or refer to the emergency contact number given at the time of call.























# 6. Enquiry & Bookings Details (Continued)

#### **Transfers**

All rates quoted are ex-transfers, unless agreed otherwise and further confirmed in writing. Transfers to and from Port Elizabeth airport or any other destinations can be arranged at an additional cost to participants. On referral, only services of recognised and suitably registered, licensed and insured transport operators will be used for scheduled transfers. Weekend and leisure time transfers must be sourced by participants and will further come at own cost. Our staff will gladly advise and assist where possible on any transfer or transportation related information pre-arrival or whilst grounded. We however advise that for bookings, participants confirm logistic or transport requirements and if not pre-arranged, lodge payment directly with the service provider concerned.

GPS Location: Proctors Safari Lodge – In the interest of health and safety, GPS co-ordinates will only be made available on request.

### **Flights**

Shamwari Conservation Experience does not act as a booking agent for flight needs and requirements but will gladly assist in times of crisis if, and as needed, to manage any change in schedule. We will however not be held responsible for any lack of incumbent changes required on behalf of participants.

Please don't hesitate to contact our team for any assistance or further information.

Take a look at what some of our past participants have had to say about their experience with us at **Shamwari Conservation Experience** 















