

MTC Volunteers

**2009 volunteer
work camps**

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Who are we?



- **MTC Volunteers** is an organisation that is promoting travel with a purpose to Botswana.
- **MTC Volunteers** offers exciting work camps enabling volunteers to protect, preserve and restore Botswana's (Jewel of Africa) environment, e.t.c.
- **MTC Volunteers** was formed in 2005 and is one of the travel divisions under MTC Consultancy Holdings - a local company registered in Botswana and operating since 1997.
- MTC Travel divisions consist of: *MTC Student Travel, MTC Experience Abroad and MTC Volunteers.*
- **MTC Volunteers** programs are:
 - (1) Jewel of Africa Volunteer Work Camps; where volunteers normally work on a 2 or 4 weeks work camp program (*extra weeks can be added on request*).
 - (2) Jewel of Africa Volunteer Program; where volunteers normally work on a 2 months to 12 months volunteer program.
- **MTC Volunteers** places many volunteers, resulting in positive environmental outcomes, increased community participation, conservation skills and awareness.
- Programs are scheduled year round and determined by the project need
- **MTC Volunteers** provides to participants some activities - at least one Game drive, plenty of nature walks, opportunity to see abundance of bird life , opportunity to experience something different e.t.c.

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What are we offering?

- Programs take place in urban ,regional and remote locations but mostly remote areas where Volunteers work within the local communities.
- The program is a fully back packer program and is open to anyone aged 18 years and above.
- Volunteers have to travel to a project location after arrival orientation.
- Volunteers on work camps have a choice of spending 2 – 4 weeks in one location or spend each 2 weeks in different locations.
- Volunteers are placed in teams of 15 – 30 people per group in remote locations.
- Accommodation varies depending on the project but is mostly camping
- Volunteers have to bring own sleeping bags and tents.
- All Volunteers must pay for the program in full and money must be received by MTC - 2 weeks before the start date. (please contact us for banking details)
- Volunteers will cook own food and we will provide the food.
- The Game reserves have restaurant and bar, plenty of wildlife including black Rhino, white rhino, Giraffes, Zebras, Kudu e.t.c.



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2-4 weeks stay Projects include:



Construction of walking trails

Heritage restoration

Tree planting
20 thousand trees to be planted in year 2009 – in Hanahai area alone

Building Fences/ Houses

Wildlife surveying / tracking

Mending / maintenance of fences in Game Parks etc

Weed control in Game Parks e.t.c

Heritage restoration

Fund raising

Developing of a youth centre
Program to keep the youth out of trouble

Organising Occasional weekend Outings for some disadvantaged children

Volunteer in small scale private companies to help young entrepreneurs

Teenage Mother Projects

Tutor conversation English

Community participation in tree planting with MTC Volunteers and its partners will result in more than 20 thousand trees planted. About 500 volunteers are needed to take part in this life changing experience.

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Following items are essential- Travel as lightly as possible.

What to bring on 2-4 weeks stay program?



What to bring:

- Backpack
- Hot weather clothing
- Long sleeved shirts
- Sun screen
- Sun glasses
- Wide brimmed sunhat
- Garden/work Gloves
- Long trousers
- Strong boots
- Sleeping bag/mat
- Mosquito net
- Personal drink bottle
- Insect/mosquito repellent

Our seasons are as follows:

- **Spring** – Sept and Oct
- **Summer** - November, December, January, February, March (*low temperatures of night time averaging 18°C and day time temperatures of up to 30-40°C or 86-104F*)
- **Autumn** – April and May
- **Winter** – June, July, August (*low temperatures of night time averaging 5°C and day time temperatures of up to 25°C*)

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The typical day on a Volunteer work camp:



You can generally expect to work from:

- 08:00hrs to 13:00hrs (morning hours) and 14:00hr to 16:00hrs (afternoon hours)

Time depends also on the weather. There is a:

- 20minute break in the morning hours (10:10hrs -10:30hrs)
- 1 hour lunch break (13:00hrs-14:00hrs)

Typically your day is set out as follows:

- Get up and get ready, have breakfast and prepare lunch box
- Find out from your team leader what you are doing that day
- Learn all the skills needed especially the safety techniques
- Get going on the project
- Time for tea / Back to project and get going on the project
- Time for lunch, enjoy and relax a bit! / Back to project and get going
- Finish off for the day
- Pack up and look at what you have achieved
- Head back to the accommodation.
- Cook dinner, share chores and stories.
- HAVE A GOOD NIGHT!

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Time table

(Arrival dates are always a Friday's)



Arrival date	Start date	Length of stay	Application deadline
Weekly (every Friday)	March – April 2009		N/A
Friday - 08 th May 2009	Monday - 11 th May	2-4 weeks	1 st May
Friday - 22 nd May 2009	Monday - 25 th May	2-4 weeks	10 th May
Friday - 05 th Jun 2009	Monday – 08 th Jun 2009	2-4 weeks	20 th May
Friday - 19 th Jun 2009	Monday – 22 nd Jun 2009	2-4 weeks	10 th Jun
Friday - 10 th Jul 2009	Monday – 13 th Jul 2009	2-4 weeks	20 th Jun
Friday - 24 th Jul 2009	Monday – 27 th Jul 2009	2-4 weeks	10 th Jul
Friday - 07 th Aug 2009	Monday – 10 th Aug 2009	2-4 weeks	20 th Jul
Friday - 21 st Aug 2009	Monday – 24 th Aug 2009	2-4 weeks	10 th Aug
Friday - 4 th Sept 2009	Monday – 7 th Sept 2009	2-4 weeks	20 th Aug
Friday - 18 th Sept 2009	Monday – 21 st Sept 2009	2-4 weeks	10 th Sept

- **Length of stay:** Depends on the Volunteer. However we do have long stay projects with min mum stay of 2 months and maximum stay of 1 year. Info available on request.

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Price List

Bookings must be made through the MTC Volunteers Booking Office

Prices are in US dollars and valid through December 2009

You may deposit amount before departure or pay on arrival



Work camp	Registration & Admin costs	Net Price
x2 weeks	USD100.00	USD500.00
x4 weeks (in one camp)	USD100.00	USD750.00
x4 weeks (in two camps)	USD150.00	USD950.00
X1 Additional Week	USD50.00	USD200.00
Insurance cost per 2 weeks	-	USD50.00
Airport Pick Up	-	USD25.00

For Agent agreements, contact **Thandieh O'Hara** on email: thandieh@mtc.co.bw

For more information on the work camps, contact **Tshepo Thobega**: volunteer@mtc.co.bw

NOTE: Please be advised that Agents for MTC Volunteers have the right to mark up and to charge you for their administrative costs.

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WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Program costs based on real cost of running our programs

You are paying for:

- All meals
- Lodging (Campsite)
- Project related travel
- MTC volunteer membership
- Recreational activities
- MTC guide services for groups of 10+ before/after the program (if its less than 10 people, this will be done at an additional cost)
- Up to 2 *nights camping arrival package*
- Opportunity to tour the area in which the project is located
- MTC liaison Officer

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WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?



- Travel to starting point - MTC Volunteer office will advise a venue
- Airport pick – up (However the office will be at airport to receive you)
- Visa and Passport charges
- Weekend activities
- Departure, airport and airline charges.
- Personal travel insurance and items of personal nature
- Arrival package in Botswana – this is available on request for additional cost.
- Learn Setswana language book - this is available on request for additional cost – As each program provides you with the opportunity to mix with local cultures, you will pick up a variety of skills and perhaps learn a second language
- Tent and sleeping bag

How to Book:

Request a booking form from volunteers@mtc.co.bw or complete an application form on line – www.mtc.co.bw



- **Mail your completed booking forms to:**

MTC Volunteers

P.O. Box 60806

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Botswana

- **You may call us on:**

Tel: (+267) 3161890

Cell: (+267) 72500208 / 72309346

- **Any Questions, email to:**

volunteers@mtc.co.bw

- **Book via our fax line:**

(+27) 865 518 322

Or

(+267) 393 2145

- **Book via your local office:**

Agent: