

# Thobeka Volunteer Packages

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Thobeka offers a number of different volunteer packages depending on your interests.

### 1. Ezemvelo Anti-Poaching Patrol

A volunteer package for those looking for a different and unique experience. A desire to help with the environment in a meaningful way. Here in Kosi Bay we have a problem with poachers! Not the Rhino horn variety but all the same destructive and harmful. Poachers are stealing from the fish traps which have been in existence for over 700 years and supply the Mouth with stock, not to mention the wonderful experience for people to snorkel tropical fish in what has been described as an aquarium.

The volunteers would be expected to go on expeditions with a committee member of the Ezemvelo Conservation around the 5 Lake patrolling the fish traps and reporting any illegal fishing, spear fishing, looking for illegal traps for the wild life etc. It involves being on the beach at Kosi Bay Mouth on patrol early in the mornings and late evenings.

The length of volunteer stay is minimum 1 week and maximum 3 months so no extra visa's are required. We are situated very close to the Mozambique border (14 km) and so weekends in Ponta d'Oura are very possible together with Game drives into Tembe Elephant reserve and numerous other activities around the area.

Price: R200 per person per day

Includes: accommodation.

### 2. Field Volunteers in Rural Clinics

Anyone wanting to really make a difference in rural communities where help is desperately needed for children, pregnant mums, the elderly and sick – all of who are unable to get to the town of Mangusi for help in the hospital. No need for medical qualifications as a practical attitude and a genuine desire to help the hard-pressed medical teams is more important.

Maybe you want to help in the local pharmacy where the local pharmacist is struggling with walk-in patients requiring treatment. Your presence will be very much appreciated.

Why not become a “lay-counselor” – get trained by a nurse and help to counsel the HIV patients and help to prevent the fastest

growing problem in KZN Give informed information to those in need and help to break down barriers that exist in certain cultures.

Minimum 2 month and maximum 9 months

Price: R200 per person per day.

Includes accommodation.

### 3. **Volunteer in a local school**

Volunteers are desperately needed to help in classrooms of all ages. There are many schools around Mangusi that are in great need of classroom help due to the size of classes and lack of teachers. Some of your classes will take place under the Mango tree – no less meaningful though!

Minimum 6 month maximum 12 months.

Price R200 per person per day

Includes: accommodation.

### 4. **Volunteer to create a Creche in the village where Thobeka is situated**

Ever wanted to be a part of something right from the word “go”? Well this is your chance. The village require a crèche – why? Because the mums and toddlers have to walk for 1.5 hours to the nearest one and 1.5 hours back home every day for a morning only. The mums are unable to get a job because of the time taken to get their children to the crèche and back. If we can build one in the village it will increase the economy of the village and help prepare the children for school. We have the land but we need the resources to build and then to do the skill transfer of nursery teachers.

If this sounds like something you could contribute towards with time and effort then come to Thobeka and know that there will be a tangible monument left behind to remind people of your influence.

No minimum time and maximum 3 months

Price R200 per person per day

Includes accommodation.

### **Life as a Volunteer at Thobeka**

Thobeka Backpackers can offer you a 6 bed dorm in a typical African style dwelling with electric lights, fans and mozi nets. You will have your own spacious kitchen with fridges, freezers, microwave, oven, dining table and benches, and fully equipped with utensils etc. It also has a great wooden deck for outside eating and braai (bar-b-q). There are girls’ and boys’ hot showers, toilets etc.

Thobeka has a swimming pool overlooked by our bar and boma where you can meet other holiday backpackers from around the world.

The town of Mangusi is only 5 km away where you can buy everything from fresh fish to all that SuperSpar, Boxer and Shoprite can offer. Mangusi also has a library, pharmacy and other small town delights!

At weekends you can join safaris to Tembe Elephant Reserve or explore the Lakes for hippo, crocs and turtles in season. All fees at volunteer’s expense.

Thobeka would like to make your contribution really worthwhile to the recipients as well as to you. We look forward to welcoming you to the sunny, warm Province of KwaZulu Natal.