

SOUTH AFRICA VOLUNTEERS

Our projects are situated in Port St. Johns on the Eastern coast of South Africa. The area is known as the Wild Coast because of its outstanding natural beauty that has remained untouched for centuries.

We are a new and growing charity with some initiatives still in the early stages of development. We therefore encourage our volunteers to influence the strategic direction of our projects, which are funded by their lodging fees.

No experience is necessary as training will be given when needed. You will have the opportunity to learn new skills whilst helping those in need to develop theirs.

Read more to see just a few of the projects that you can choose to be part of during your stay.



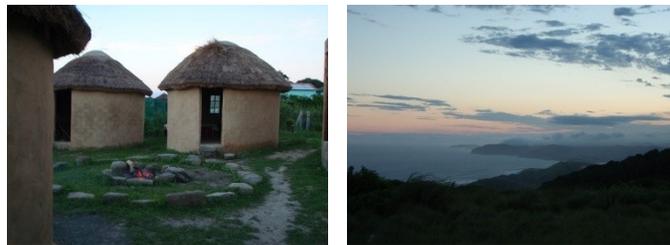
Accommodation in Port St. Johns

EDEN COTTAGE



This beautiful cottage is conveniently situated less than a minutes walk through the banana trees from Sisonke School. It has a stunning veranda with panoramic views of the river and the Indian Ocean. Depending on the season you can walk out the door and pick a variety of fresh fruit including avocados, lemons, oranges, mangoes, bananas and paw paws... it really is paradise.

SICAMBENI RURAL VILLAGE



These traditional Rondavals give volunteers the opportunity to stay in the heart of the village, a true South African experience. Wake up to watch the sun rising over the ocean, a perfect way to start your day. Spend the day in the gardens, making bricks, cooking or whatever the day shall bring. In the afternoons after a hard days work, you can cool down at the beautiful Umngazi Beach. At night marvel at the bright night sky by the fire before falling asleep to the silence of the village around you.



Volunteer in South Africa!

- Experience a unique and fulfilling volunteering project
- Work directly with the local people in the community
- Avoid agency fees. All costs directly fund the projects
- No minimum stay and flexible dates to suit you



For full details on all our projects and more please visit our website

www.southafricavolunteers.org

CART Centre for Appropriate Rural Technology



Our primary goal is the creation of a replicable model for self sustainability using the natural and social resources of the community and its surroundings. This will then serve as an example to the surrounding village of over four hundred families. We hope it will then extended to other communities within the region and beyond.

Our food garden designs provide innovative ways to grow crops not previously seen in this area; and allows for balanced diets in an area where nutrition is greatly lacking.



Much building and gardening work needs to be completed on this project. You will work along side the local villagers and Mama Pat's family. Since beginning our

work here we have built 5 rondavals (traditional huts) using bricks we have made ourselves and we have flushing toilet systems in place (a first for the village) that converts the waste into usable energy using a bio-digester.

Our current work building kitchen facilities, ongoing building of our learning centre, the design and building of a healing centre in conjunction with Living Positive (a group of women living with HIV) and the development of a Youth Group .



SISONKE SCHOOL

Our school **Sisonke** which means together is run by local people. It aims at *bringing life into education* through poetry, music, drama, art and practical activities.



Children are born with an innate thirst for knowledge and learning but this can quickly disappear when they enter a system based on tests and text books.

Sisonke School uses a variety of educational philosophies to bring about the best education for our children.



School is not just a place for children to get their minds educated, school is also place of joy where, if approached in the right way, a true understanding of life can be explored. A place where children enjoy learning, celebrate their culture and are guided to find their inner individual nature.

Volunteers can assist with classes, run their own lessons depending on their skills and give one to one extra support to those children who are struggling.



What you pay as a volunteer directly funds the school as we get no funding support from the government.

ELUXOLWENI BOYS HOME

Eluxolweni is a small orphanage for boys aged 11 to 16 years, who were formally street children.



Although South Africa volunteers do not own or run the boys home we work closely with the people who do. Volunteers are able to run after school activities with the boys ranging from sport to craft, baking and drama.



FREETIME ACTIVITIES

Throughout your stay in Port St. John's we will be organizing an extensive program of activities for you to take part in during your free time. We are concerned with sustainability in all aspects of our project and we want volunteers to feel the nature and magic of the surrounding area in order to sustain the magic and enthusiasm in themselves.

