



VETPAW

VETERANS EMPOWERED
TO PROTECT AFRICAN WILDLIFE

The Experience of a Lifetime

Since 2014, VETPAW has committed to a holistic approach to wildlife protection through community education and empowerment initiatives, advanced training programs for park rangers, and collaborative efforts with conservation stakeholders; Empowering veterans by utilizing their skillsets to preserve Africa's precious but endangered animal species, and supporting the people who depend on them.

The "VETPAW Experience" is a cornerstone of our operations, providing sustainable funding through ecotourism, which enables our veterans to continue serving until every animal and community is safe.

Join our Veterans on an African experience like no other. Help us spread awareness beyond social media and on the front lines of change.

We welcome you to life with VETPAW!



Location

VETPAW Headquarters Reserve is a scenic 20,000+ hectare wildlife area diverse with flora, fauna, and ecology. This protected region is in the beautiful Eastern Cape of South Africa, with panoramic views of one of the most beautiful ecosystems in the country. It is home to many iconic animal species, including Elephant, Black and White Rhino, Cape Buffalo, Leopard, Cheetah, Hippopotamus, and a wide range of exotic antelope.



What makes the VETPAW experience different from an African safari vacation?

Your time with VETPAW will provide lifelong memories and friendships with our team and others who share a passion for protecting animals. We provide guests with an exclusive and immersive experience that a typical safari experience does not offer. Guests will go one-on-one with our veterans and conservationists to witness the realities of conservation today. Here you'll have unprecedented access to the only reserve in South Africa consisting of private, municipal, and Government-owned land, where each party is committed to a dynamic of success through collaboration.



How hands-on will I be?

Conservation Work

Guests work hands-on with our veterans to track wildlife and collect crucial ecosystem data that provides our team with the insight needed to strengthen protection methods. Data collection and exploitation enable us to predict and mitigate potential risks by focusing on animal behavior patterns, species population structures, and the overall balance of the ecosystem. Our partners in conservation, law enforcement, and South Africa National Parks (SANParks) rely on this program when developing regional and countrywide conservation strategies.

Activities

- Camera Data Collection
- Snare Patrols
- Animal Telemetry Tracking
- Species Monitoring
- Day/Night Safari Rides
- Field veterinary procedures (If applicable)

Community Engagement

A vital pillar of our mission in South Africa is the sustainable upliftment of communities surrounding the reserves that VETPAW supports. Through collaborative efforts, VETPAW has provided sustainable support for the locals, organically adding another layer of protection for wildlife.

Visitors will join in community engagement initiatives where they will have an opportunity to meet the beautiful people within the villages we work with and gain perspective into what it's like cohabitating with some of the world's most incredible animals.

Activities

- Community Gardening
- Maintenance of local schools
- Listen and learn about the history from community leaders
- Play with the local community sport teams
- Help with small tasks

Testimonials

“I participated in my first trip with VETPAW with my sister and a few other friends. We had an incredible time jumping right into conservation work and support. The opportunity to literally be on the ground with VETPAW on the reserve was unforgettable! I have learned more than I ever imagined and pushed far outside of my comfort zone, and I’m so grateful to have had this experience.”

Gina W.

“A trip of a lifetime was what I experienced in Africa with VETPAW. The hands-on interaction was so rewarding by knowing I’ve helped with the protection of endangered animals. Every day it was like I was living my best dream. Surrounding myself with Rhinos, Elephants, Giraffes, Zebras, Etc. While in Africa, I never felt unsafe. The veterans were very kind and a great group of guys. Highly recommend getting involved.”

Nancy T.

“My first trip with VETPAW was in a professional capacity as a photographer. I have been back three times since. I love everything that VETPAW stands for; veterans, wildlife, and community. I would recommend being part of the experience program. It will absolutely change your life!”

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