



Itinerary



SA WorldVets

Wildlife veterinary medicine is inherently unpredictable, and the schedule for this programme is shaped by the needs of the animals, conservation priorities, and emergency call-outs. While the following itinerary provides a general overview of the types of activities and learning experiences students may encounter, **no specific cases, species, procedures, or daily schedules can be guaranteed.** Days may change at short notice to accommodate urgent wildlife interventions or field conditions.

This flexibility is a fundamental part of wildlife veterinary practice and offers students invaluable exposure to the realities of working in a dynamic, fast-paced field environment.

COURSE OUTLINE	
Please note that this is rough course outline and is subject to change. Excursions can be exchanged and occur on different days than those indicated. Starting and finishing times for each day are also subject to change.	
DAY 1 - SUNDAY	
11.00 – 14.00	Arrival at Eastgate Airport. Collection by SAWorldVets staff. Alternatively, arrival from one of the shuttle services and collection by SAWorldVets staff.
14.00 - 17.00	Settle in at the lodge, unpack etc.
17.00 – 18.00	Game drive and sundowners.
18.00 – 19.00	Welcome barbeque and drinks
19.00 – 19.30	Introduction to the course and administration by SAWorldVets staff
19.30 -	Dinner
DAY 2 - MONDAY	
05.00 – 06.00	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch.
06.00 – 13.00	Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.*
13.00 - 14.00	Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road between call outs.
14.00 – 18.00	Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.*
18.30 – 19.00	Dinner at lodge
19.00 -	Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 3 - TUESDAY	
05.00 – 06.00	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch.
06.00 – 13.00	Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.*
13.00 - 14.00	Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road between call outs.
14.00 – 18.00	Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations.

18.30 – 19.00 19.00 -	This will also include attending emergency call outs.* Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY	
05.00 – 06.00 06.00 – 13.00 13.00 - 14.00 14.00 – 18.00 18.30 – 19.00 19.00 -	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch. Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.* Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road between call outs. Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre. Visit to a wildlife rehabilitation centre and tour of their veterinary care facilities and current patients. Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 5 - THURSDAY	
05.00 – 06.00 06.00 – 13.00 13.00 - 14.00 14.00 – 18.00 18.30 – 19.00 19.00 -	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch. Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.* Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road between call outs. Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.* Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 6 - FRIDAY	
05.00 – 06.00 06.00 – 13.00 13.00 - 14.00 14.00 – 18.00 18.30 – 19.00 19.00 -	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch. Visit to Kinyonga Reptile Centre for Advanced Reptile Medicine Certification (http://www.kinyonga.net/) Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road between call outs. Kinyonga Reptile Necropsy Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 7 - SATURDAY	
05.00 – 06.00 06.00 – 13.00 13.00 - 14.00 14.00 – 16.00 16.00 - 18.30 18.30 – 19.00 19.00 -	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch. Hoedspruit Animal Outreach: Group will accompany one of our veterinarians whilst they conduct a primary veterinary care outreach in one of the communities near Hoedspruit with Hoedspruit Animal Outreach. Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road. Visit to local tourist stops in Hoedspruit. Great opportunity to buy souvenirs or gifts. Downtime at lodge to swim, relax and enjoy the African bush. Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 8 - SUNDAY	
05.00 - 05.30 05.30 – 18.00 18.00 – 19.00 19.00 -	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch Visit to Kruger National Park (Group can prepare packed lunch/snacks and/or can purchase food in the park.) Dinner at lodge. Free time.
DAY 9 - MONDAY	
06.00 – 06.30 07.00 – 12.00 13.00 - 14.00 14.00 – 18.00 18.30 – 19.00 19.00 -	Cooked 'English' breakfast at lodge. Prepare packed lunch. Lecture: Darting wildlife: various dart guns and darts, darting technique etc. Darting practical: Ground Darting competition: Ground Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road. Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.* Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **

DAY 10 - TUESDAY	
05.00 – 06.00 06.00 – 13.00	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch. Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.*
13.00 - 14.00 14.00 – 18.00	Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road between call outs. Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.*
18.30 – 19.00 19.00 -	Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 11 - WEDNESDAY	
06.00 - 06.30 06.30 – 18.00 18.00 – 19.00 19.00 -	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch Conservation experience*** Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 12 - THURSDAY	
05.00 – 06.00 06.00 – 13.00	Self-serve breakfast and prepare packed lunch. Fieldwork: Group will accompany our wildlife veterinarian whilst they conduct their day-to-day consultations. This will also include attending emergency call outs.*
13.00 - 14.00 14.00 – 18.00	Packed lunch, usually eaten on the road between call outs. Darting practical from R44 Helicopter. Darting competition: from air
18.30 – 19.00 19.00 -	Dinner at lodge Free time: can include discussions on the day's cases, questions and answers, general discussions on topics relevant to course **
DAY 13 - FRIDAY	
08.30 – 09.30 09.00 – 10.00 10.00 -	Cooked 'English' breakfast at lodge. Packing Departure from lodge to shuttle pick-up or Eastgate Airport.

* **Fieldwork can include but is not limited to:** wildlife translocation, wildlife anaesthesia, treatment of sick or injured wildlife, removal of snares, disease testing, general herd health assessment, routine procedures (e.g. weaning, ear tagging, micro-chipping, horn measurements etc.) and parasite control (e.g. dipping, deworming, faecal egg counts), necropsy on deceased animals.

** **Topics can include but are not limited to:** general conservation, sustainable utilization of wildlife, hunting and conservation, intensive game breeding, breeding of colour variants, rhino poaching, elephant poaching, role of rehabilitation centres.

*** **Conservation experience:** This is a prebooked experience involving conservation work on one of the Big 5 e.g. rhino dehorning, elephant collaring, lion collaring etc. This is included for full groups of ten students. For smaller groups, an additional fee might apply should students wish to include this option. If not, students will be involved with normal fieldwork.



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