



About

The J-Bay Kids project is in Ocean View, a previously disadvantaged area of Jeffrey's Bay. The project is a crèche for children and babies up to the age of 6 years old. There are 2 adults supervising the kindergarten, caring for up to 50 children, thus the need for extra help is obvious and volunteers can assist in a meaningful, hands-on way.

The project is in a two-roomed zinc and wooden building in the garden of the owner. The building has electricity, toilets and a kitchen. The outside area is mainly concrete with a small patch of grass, but there is no outside play equipment.

The owner of the project has built the kindergarten to what it is now with the help of previous volunteers and still has many more dreams to fulfill.

What will you do?

As a volunteer, you are expected to be involved with the children - playing with them daily, assisting them with basic educational activities and keeping them occupied during this time. You will be dropped off at your project at 08h30 to begin preparation for breakfast or to play with the children while other staff members prepare breakfast. Thereafter, you'll help with feeding the children and cleaning up afterwards. Then there is time for some creative activities which involves helping the children to manage crayons, cutting, gluing, etc. At 12h30, most children take a nap. Your day usually ends at 13h00. Generally, your role is to play with the children, keep them entertained, help the staff members with the daily running of the kindergarten, assist teachers with all activities and be innovative with ideas of new games to teach the children. Some duties may include some basic maintenance work like painting walls.

Please note that any arrangement to spend money on the project is completely at your own discretion and it is best to discuss this with the volunteer co-ordinator first.





What to wear?

- Any comfortable clothing.

Accommodation

- Volunteers stay at Island Vibe Backpackers
- Accommodation is in a single room
- The bathroom facilities are shared
- Bedding, towels and meals are provided

Meals

- 2 meals per day
- All meals are from the menu
- Breakfast is from 07h30 - 11h00
- Lunch is available from 12h00 - 17h00 at your own cost
- Dinner is served from 18h00 - 20h00
- Vegan and vegetarian options are available
- If you wish to prepare your own food, you will be able to do so in a fully equipped kitchen. There is a shopping shuttle twice per week.

What you need to know

- The nearby surfing mecca of Jeffrey's Bay is a popular destination for volunteers on their days off. The town has several surf shops, bars and restaurants and there is every opportunity to take a surfing lesson or a horse-riding trip along the beaches.
- Several excursions can be booked in the surrounding area. These can be booked and discussed at the accommodation.





Minimum age

- 18 years old

Minimum level of English required

- Intermediate to Upper intermediate
a strong understanding of English at a conversational level is required

Skills/personality traits required

You will assist with the daily programme of running a kindergarten. The project benefits greatly from volunteers who are energetic, interactive, use their initiative and who have children's interests at heart. So, the following is really important:

- Genuine love for and interest in children
- Patience, tolerance and respect towards others
- A fun and light attitude without complications
- Agility and energy to engage in all aspects of the project
- Willingness to clean / paint and wash walls if needed
- Not easily stressed

Application

- Provide a Police Clearance Certificate
- Write a motivation letter
- Complete the application form

Arrivals

- Arrival at Port Elizabeth International Airport on any day



Which transfers are included?

- Arrival and departure transfers
- Daily return transfers to the project

What to bring?

- Nothing specific, other than comfortable clothing and shoes suitable for the season.

Vaccinations

- Consult your local doctor/travel clinic.

On arrival, you are advised to use the necessary degree of caution which includes the use of gloves if and when a child happens to injure themselves and bleed. The projects are equipped with first aid facilities so that the volunteers can help and assist the children.

Where is the project based?

- **Country:** South Africa,
- **Town:** Ocean View Township, Jeffrey's Bay
- **Accommodation:** 10 Dageraad Street, Jeffrey's Bay

Working?

- **Minimum duration:** 2 weeks
- **Maximum duration:** 8 weeks
- **Daily hours:** Monday – Friday (08h30 -13h00)
- **Project closes:** 20 December until 10 January

Costs?

- Placement fee: **€400** (non-refundable) | Price per week: **€450**

Probation?

- All volunteers are subject to a two-week probation period.



Sick days?

The project must be notified by 08h00 if you are going to be absent due to illness.

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What is included?

- Project placement and all correspondence with the project
- Arrival & departure transfers at the project
- Arrival orientation
- Accommodation and basic bedding at the project
- Breakfast and dinner at the project
- Twice-a-week shuttle into town for supplies
- Wi-Fi
- Transport to and from the project
- Support services from both the project and EC Cape Town
- 24/7 assistance on EC Cape Town's emergency phone for the duration of your stay

What is excluded?

- Visa application fees
- Travel insurance (available at €22 per week if booked with EC)
- Flights
- Spending money
- All other local transport requirements
- Excursions
- Laundry at an extra cost

Terms and conditions?

- Standard EC Terms and Conditions apply.
- In addition, please note the following Project Booking and Cancellation Policy:
- 25% cancellation fee if cancelled more than 30 days prior to arrival
- 50% cancellation fee if cancelled 8 to 29 days prior to arrival
- 100% cancellation fee if cancelled 7 days prior to arrival
- 50% payment on confirmation of booking and balance payable 30 days prior to arrival

