



Environmental Conservation Volunteer in Cape Verde

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Project overview

Serra Malagueta is one of the last remaining forest resources in Cape Verde that is in the vicinity of Tarrafal. It is an important area ecologically and has great socio-economic importance.

The heart of the region is Serra Malagueta National Park. It is home to various important, threatened and endemic species as well as being the starting point for various hiking tracks. Walking is the best way to experience the Park whilst taking in all the scenic views. The Cape Verdian flora and fauna are pretty rich in endemic species – a high proportion of which are endangered; a high number of species are already extinct.

Bird watchers heading to Cape Verde are in luck, as there are several endemic species native only to the country. Some of the birds that you'll only find on the island include the Cape Verde warbler and the Iago sparrow. In total, over 160 bird species call the country home.

In order to preserve the existing species, it is vital to conduct awareness programmes. Some additional help on running the day to day activities such as planting trees, monitoring birds and plants, is a huge help to the existing staff there and helps with the preservation of this unique and stunning environment.

Aims & Objectives

Volunteers would get a unique opportunity to interact with visitors in increasing awareness on various ecological and environmental challenges, which are global in nature and contributing to the preservation of a true natural treasure in Cape Verde.

The work and dedication of our Tru volunteers is critical to the success of this project raising the awareness of the visitors in English on the conservation of flora and fauna. The work of the volunteers has meaningful long-term consequences; after their experience, Tru volunteers are able



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to spread awareness about conservation through their first-hand knowledge and work alongside Parque rangers.



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What's included:

- 24/7 support in case of emergencies
- Accommodation
- Airport Pick up
- English speaking coordinator
- Meals
- Orientation

What's not included:

- Flights
- Travel insurance

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- Vaccination
- Visa

Project itinerary

Monday to Friday

After breakfast you'll meet with the existing Park staff to find out what work is required that day. It could include monitoring the plants and birds with the rangers or conducting awareness campaigns in English for visitors and locals. Other duties include reforestation. During your day working as a conservation volunteer you'll receive lunch with the rangers then dinner at the end of the day. Cape Verde is formed mainly by volcanic activity, you can expect some scenic vistas.

The evenings and weekends are free you can find a great place for a trek at almost any turn. You'll find houses built on the sides of the mountains and will probably run into locals walking along the roads or paths. The islands aren't very large, so you can explore most of them in a day and socialise with new-found friends.

Some of the tasks will include:

- Conducting awareness campaigns for visitors and the locals to the park in English
- Monitoring the plants and birds with rangers
- Reforesting the respective area
- Engaging in other related activities as instructed by the coordinator that would protect the environment in the area

*****The above schedule may be subject to change.*****



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APPLICATION FORM

		Booking ref:	
Fullname			
Nationality		Passport number	
Age	Male Female	Date of birth	
e-mail address		Phone number	
Flight Details		Home address	
Contact person at home (In case of an emergency)		Contact number (In case of an emergency)	

Do you have any health problems or allergies we should know about?

To complete your placement we will require the following:

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- Copy of your passport
- CV
- Full flight itinerary
- Proof of travel insurance
- Consent to travel for young people over 17 but under 18 years old (see attached consent form attached)