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VOLUNTOURS launches volunteer projects abroad ideally placed for South Africans travelling overseas

***Looking for something to do for your GAP-year?
Tired of sitting in traffic and behind a desk – isn't there more to life?
Are you an active and youthful 50+ traveller?
Done the beach and safari holidays for the umpteenth time?
Then a volunteer holiday is for you – leave more than just your footprint behind!***

Multiple responsible tourism award winning company VOLUNTOURS recently launched their portfolio of international volunteer projects aimed at South Africans and other international travellers wanting to “make a difference”

South African's could volunteer with Orangutans in Malaysia and Borneo or contribute to conservation and local communities in the Amazon rainforests in Peru! Add to ongoing research on endangered Lemurs in Madagascar. Or build schools, teach English or tackle poverty and environmental degradation in remote villages of Madagascar. You don't have to be a teacher to teach in a remote school high up in the Himalayan mid-hills near Kathmandu in Nepal. For those with a love for dolphins you can contribute to research and educational programmes in the idyllic isle of Mauritius

Mirroring international trends more and more South Africans want to contribute sustainably toward the countries and communities that they visit. Travellers no longer just want to be passive observers but want to contribute to conservation issues and interact with local people and communities in a practical manner. Some of our projects are suitable for families who want to engender responsible and ethical travel.

People of all ages and walks of life can volunteer. Volunteering should provide not only the volunteer with a rewarding and enriching life experience but should also benefit the community / project in a sustainable way. Volunteering is suited to the youth or gap-year traveller as much as it suited to the person looking for a career break or the over 50 traveller. All age groups add their own set of skills and personally gain by volunteering.

VOLUNTOURS has carefully chosen their international project partners and many of them are award winning organisations themselves. This means that volunteers are assured that both their and the community's interests are looked after.

Visit us at **stand number ICCA 002** and chat with us about the project best suited to your needs and interests!

Volunteer with VOLUNTOURS and join the growing trend in Responsible / Ethical Volunteering.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Imvelo Awards for Responsible Tourism

2008 Winner - Chairman's Award
2008 Finalist - Best Social Involvement Programme
2007 Joint Winner – Chairman's Award
2007 Highly Commended - Best Practice: Economic Impact
2007 Finalist - Best Social Involvement Programme

2008 TO DO! AWARDS Short-listed within top 8 !



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