



# ODYSSEY

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## Project Rhino Information Pack

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### About

Odyssey is proud to collaborate on a vital rhino conservation project dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, rewilding, and ongoing protection of black and white rhinos in South Africa. Since its inception, this initiative has grown into a leading program for rehabilitating orphaned and injured rhinos, working closely with conservation authorities to ensure the highest standards of care and protection.

This project has become globally recognized as one of the largest rhino rehabilitation efforts, having provided care for over 100 rhinos in the past decade, including many admitted with serious injuries. With a commitment to securing the future of rhinos, the program takes a holistic approach to conservation by integrating wildlife protection, community engagement, and sustainable development.

### The Vision

To establish viable, free-ranging black and white rhino populations in thriving ecosystems, safeguarded through sustainable conservation practices and supported by empowered local communities.

### The Mission

To rescue, rehabilitate, rewild, release, and protect threatened, orphaned, or injured rhinos.

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## Make a Real Impact in Conservation

Embark on a transformative journey with Odyssey and our esteemed partner, where you play a crucial role in ethical wildlife conservation. As part of the world's largest orphaned rhino sanctuary—closed to public visits—you gain exclusive, behind-the-scenes access to conservation efforts dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of rhinos impacted by poaching. This immersive program is designed for individuals passionate about making a lasting difference in the protection of Africa's wildlife, ensuring that every effort contributes to a sustainable future for both animals and people.

## Your Role in Conservation

This hands-on experience allows you to contribute directly to ethical wildlife rehabilitation and reserve management. Your responsibilities will include:

- **Caring for Orphaned Rhinos:** Assist in essential tasks such as preparing milk, bottle-feeding, and maintaining bomas, ensuring that human interaction remains strictly limited to the orphans' essential care needs for their eventual release.
- **Monitoring Released Rhinos:** Join our conservation team on field excursions to observe rehabilitated rhinos in their natural habitat, track newly born calves, and record behavioral data that supports ongoing care and research.
- **Rehabilitating Other African Wildlife:** Extend your impact by supporting the recovery of various species under rehabilitation, aiding in their smooth transition back into protected environments.
- **Conservation Technology & Data Collection:** Utilize advanced tools like EarthRanger and Cybertracker to capture and analyze critical field data, informing adaptive conservation strategies.

## A Deeper Understanding of Ethical Conservation

At Odyssey, our mission is rooted in ethical and sustainable wildlife conservation. You will immerse yourself in an environment that prioritizes animal welfare, habitat protection, and community engagement. Through this experience you will:

- **Attend Expert-Led Lectures:** Deepen your knowledge of conservation management, the effects of poaching, and ethical rehabilitation practices through sessions led by seasoned professionals.
- **Engage in Field-Based Learning:** Participate in enriching activities such as bush walks, night drives, K9 patrols, and stargazing to gain a holistic understanding of the ecosystem.
- **Support Community Conservation Initiatives:** Play an active role in projects designed to uplift local communities, reinforcing the belief that conservation is as much about empowering people as it is about protecting wildlife.

## Who Can Join?

This immersive conservation experience is open to individuals who are:

- **18 years or older** and eager to make a tangible impact.
- **Physically fit**, as the program involves long hours of outdoor work in varied environmental conditions.
- **Committed to ethical conservation**, with a genuine passion for wildlife protection and a readiness to tackle the challenges of fieldwork.
- **Adaptable and motivated**, prepared to embrace the rigorous yet rewarding nature of this endeavor.

## Packing List & Travel Essentials

To ensure you are fully prepared for your time in the field, here is a comprehensive packing list and travel essentials guide:

- **Clothing:**
  - Lightweight, moisture-wicking shirts and long-sleeved tops (preferably in neutral tones)
  - Durable trousers and shorts suitable for bush walks and fieldwork
  - A warm fleece or jacket for cooler evenings
  - Sturdy, closed-toe boots with good grip for rough terrain
  - A wide-brimmed hat or cap and a buff for sun protection
  - Bandanas or scarves to protect against dust
  - Swimwear (if your activities include water-based excursions)
- **Accessories:**
  - Sunglasses with UV protection
  - High SPF sunscreen and insect repellent
  - A reliable, refillable water bottle
  - A small backpack or daypack for daily excursions
  - Lightweight gloves (optional, for cooler mornings or evenings)
- **Technology & Documentation:**
  - A digital camera or smartphone for capturing field data and memorable moments
  - A notebook and pen for recording observations
  - Travel adapters and chargers for your devices
  - Essential travel documents (passport, visas if required, and any medical documentation)
- **Additional Items:**
  - A basic first aid kit for minor injuries
  - Personal hygiene items (toothbrush, biodegradable soap, etc.)
  - Quick-dry towel
  - A sense of adventure and a positive attitude!

## Rates

- 2 Weeks 1699 €
- 4 Weeks 3299 €
- 6 Weeks 4999 €

A non refundable 50% deposit is needed along with your completed application forms to confirm your booking. The remaining 50% is due no later than 30 days before your arrival.

## Why Choose Odyssey?

This isn't just an experience—it's a commitment to ethical conservation where every action you take directly supports the long-term survival of endangered species. Your contributions help form the backbone of conservation strategies that prioritize responsible wildlife care, habitat restoration, and community support. Although the work is demanding, the impact is profound, leaving you with invaluable insights, lasting memories, and the pride of knowing you played a vital role in protecting Africa's natural heritage.

**Join us in making a real difference. Apply today and be part of the future of ethical wildlife conservation with Odyssey.**

