



Never too old to make a difference

Samara Private Game Reserve situated in the Karoo of the Eastern Cape, offers guests what no other game lodge can. Samara gives you the opportunity to make a difference in nature and the chance to be involved in one of the greatest experiences – volunteering at Samara.

Samara Private Game Reserve has made it their mission to ensure the regeneration of the lands of the Eastern Cape's Great Karoo and have been able to proudly reintroduce many endangered species. Samara is a hub of conservation and animal re-introduction efforts in the Great Karoo. Alongside the SACT Tracker Academy at Samara run by one of only two master trackers in South Africa, is the Volunteer Programme.

The volunteer programme offers you the opportunity to experience the incredible and unique landscape of the Great Karoo and contribute to the conservation of this land and the many plants and animals it supports. Samara's vision is to re-introduce the large diversity of animals that roamed these plains prior to European settlement 200 years ago. By volunteering at Samara you are making a valuable contribution to this ambitious and worthy cause.

Samara now offers the opportunity for mature volunteers to be involved. Andy (40), a volunteer from Samara says "Not knowing what to expect, I'd run through many scenarios in my head about what the Volunteer Programme would be like, but you guys have surpassed them all. The combination of personal attention and hands-on experience is a winner, and I'm sure all the volunteers who attend this programme will be personally enriched, and will gain an enormous amount of knowledge about the environment (and respect for the land) ... I was amazed by the resources that were made available to us as lowly volunteers. We gained knowledge and insight from a number of highly educated and trained experts which made every moment of the programme worthwhile. Putting into practice what we'd learned just reinforced the learning and made it more evident how valuable that knowledge really is. Absolutely brilliant all round. I will recommend this programme to everyone who has an interest in or passion for the environment. Being "the old lady" was never an issue and I was welcomed so warmly and made to feel part of the team from the start. Thank you so much for everything."

Volunteers are taught to be competent in all required field techniques, meaning the data collected can be used by management and affiliated organizations. You will leave Samara with a deeper understanding of the bush, as well as useful skills and techniques used in current scientific research, conservation and wildlife management. We also hope you will leave energized by the experience of living so closely with nature.

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R650 per day including food, accommodation and all reserve activities. Excluding alcoholic beverages, telephone and transfers to and from Samara. Enquire about group discounts. For more information on the Volunteer Programme visit www.samara.co.za/volunteer.htm, e-mail volunteer@samara.co.za or telephone 049 892 3275

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