

# Safaris in South Africa

## THULA THULA WILDLIFE RESERVE

### ABOUT THULA THULA

Thula Thula is a private wildlife reserve and hotel. Thula Thula means 'peace' in Zulu, the language of a famous South African tribe. Thula Thula is in Kwazulu Natal province in South Africa. This is where the Zulu tribe comes from.

#### WILDLIFE

The area is home to hundreds of species of animals, including rhinoceros, leopards, crocodiles and giraffes.

#### MEALS

A lot of guests say the food is the best thing at Thula Thula! Don't forget to try a traditional African 'braai' (barbecue).

#### ACTIVITIES

Local guides, who have a lot of knowledge about the area, take groups of guests on safaris. You can also go on organized walks and learn about unusual plants that only grow in South Africa.

#### WHEN TO VISIT

Thula Thula is open all year. In winter (April–August) the temperature is usually warm in the day and cool at night. In summer (September–March) the days are hot and the nights are warm.





#### RESCUED ANIMALS

In 1999, the owner of Thula Thula, Lawrence Anthony, rescued a herd of seven elephants and brought them to his wildlife reserve. Since then, the family has grown to 25 elephants! The story of his experiences with the elephants is the subject of his book, *The Elephant Whisperer*. The owners of Thula Thula adopted Thabo, a baby rhino, in 2009 when he was just a few days old. He now lives on the wildlife reserve.

#### ACCOMMODATION

Guests stay in luxury tents with beds and showers. There are some outdoor showers too if you don't mind monkeys watching you from the trees!

ones are the elephant, the rhinoceros, the lion, the buffalo and the leopard.



Read the text and choose the correct answers.

- 1) 'Thula Thula' is a Zulu word / a South African tribe .
- 2) Lawrence Anthony wrote a book about elephants / his wildlife reserve .
- 3) A lot of guests like the food / don't like the food .
- 4) Guests can observe wild animals on their own / with other people .
- 5) The hottest time of the year at Thula Thula is the winter / the summer .

# A Day as A Volunteer

**HAVE FUN AND DO SOMETHING USEFUL THIS WEEKEND!**

**Are you aged 14-16? We need you for these great volunteer days!**

**WORK WITH WILDLIFE**  
Find out what it's like to work in a zoo! You can help the zookeepers for a day. Duties include feeding some of the animals or cleaning the penguin pool. More activities available!  
Location: Chester Zoo

**BE A FRIEND TO A BLIND TEENAGER**  
Accompany a blind teenager on holiday in London and let him or her see the sights through your eyes.  
Location: London

**CLEAN A BEACH!**  
Join one of our 'green' teams at your local beach on Saturday and help to pick up litter.  
Location: all over the UK

**HELP SOME INSECTS**  
Bees and butterflies are disappearing from the countryside. Plant flowers that will help to bring them back!  
Location: Dartmoor National Park

Search the website to find out more about voluntary work in your area.

learn new skills and make new friends.

Read the web page and answer the questions.

Which activity or activities lets you...

1) help another person?

Work with wildlife	Be a friend to a blind teenager	Clean a beach	Help some insects
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2) do something positive for the environment?

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3) care for animals?

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Play the audio. Listen and answer the questions. Give a one-word answer.

**Conversation 1**

1) What does the boy want to do?

Have a .

2) What does he see?

Some .

**Conversation 2**

3) Where will the girl and boy get off the bus?

At Street.

4) What will they do there?

Go to a .

**Conversation 3**

5) What food is the boy giving the giraffes?

Some .

6) Where are the people going next?

The house.