



Baby and Childcare Project

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 Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), Eastern Cape, South Africa

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 Early Childhood Development



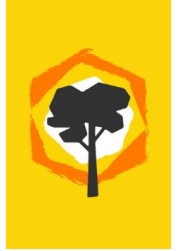
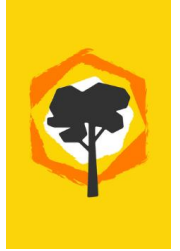


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1. What is the project about?

Babies Safe Havens is a crucial part of the social work system in South Africa. They are a safe place for babies who have been abandoned, neglected, hurt, or not cared for properly. They care for babies and toddlers from as young as newly born to 3 years old.

These facilities are temporary safe havens and their main goal is to provide essential and emotional care for all babies who need a place of safety. Some facilities are smaller and others have capacity to take care of more babies at a time, it depends on their facilities and number of staff.

The babies are cared for and looked after until social workers find a permanent solution for their long-term care with either the biological family, foster families or to be adopted.

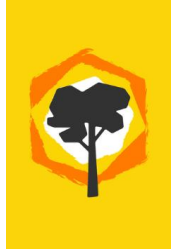
The dedicated team who manage Thand'usana believe their work helps build South Africa's future where every human life is as precious and important - no matter how young that life may be.

2. What do they do?

Their main purpose is to make sure that the babies are well taken care of. Ages range from newborn to 3 years old and there is a lot of development that happens in the first 3 years of a child's life. Some babies only know the staff that they see every day and being exposed to new people and new faces can be a valuable experience for them to learn the best way possible.

Basic needs such as clothing and feeding the babies are of course important and form a big part of the day to day activities but also stimulation by providing caring activities by playing with them, singing and talking and offer the best care possible.





3. How can I help?

Join us

Become a part of our team and volunteer to join hands with the local teams to help them provide the best possible care to the babies in their care.

Fundraising & Donations

Keep in mind that you have already made a donation to the project but if you feel motivated to raise further funds before visiting, we are happy to help with any information you may need. To wisely and effectively spend such donations we suggest first to spend some time here and then plan your donation to ensure maximum impact. If you are keen to bring certain materials before traveling to South Africa please connect with us so we can let you know which items are most needed.

Working hours

Mondays to Thursdays 8am to 4:30pm (most babies nap from 12 to 2:30 so bring a book or something to keep you busy during these times)

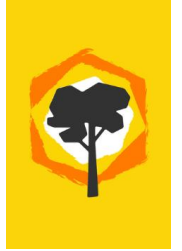
Fridays 8am to 12pm.

Supervision:

At the program their team will provide supervision and teach you how they provide care. Local team members are always within hearing distance and close enough to assist if volunteers need it.

Outside of your time volunteering our Go With Khaya Volunteer Coordinator will look after you and pick you up upon arrival, make sure you are settled in, show you around the city, drive you to and from the project, make sure the shopping is done and organize fun outings for the weekends.





4. How to become a volunteer

Step 1

Submit your application.

Step 2

Our booking office will give you more info on supporting documents needed and help you to confirm your stay.

Step 3

Check out our special discounts and offers & book your flights and/or travel arrangements.

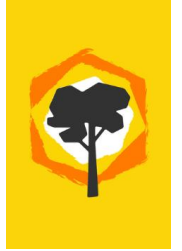
Step 4

Finalise your payments.

Step 5

Wait in anticipation for your departure date!





5. Location!

Gqeberha, Eastern Cape, South Africa

The Eastern Cape and the surroundings of Gqeberha show a large variety of natural beauty, and this makes it a great place to see and experience many aspects of South Africa.

The city is known as the Friendly City with a beautiful beachfront for swimming and surfing, shopping malls to enjoy, bars and restaurants and a very relaxed atmosphere.

The location of Gqeberha makes it the perfect city to explore many different highlights of South Africa.

To the East you will find the Wild coast (former Transkei and Ciskei) which is pristine and undeveloped with many beautiful seaside places to visit such as Coffee Bay, Mdumbi or Port St Johns. Only an hour away you can find Addo National Elephant Park and other safari parks to see the Big 5 as well as great coastal villages such as Port Alfred and Kenton-on-Sea.

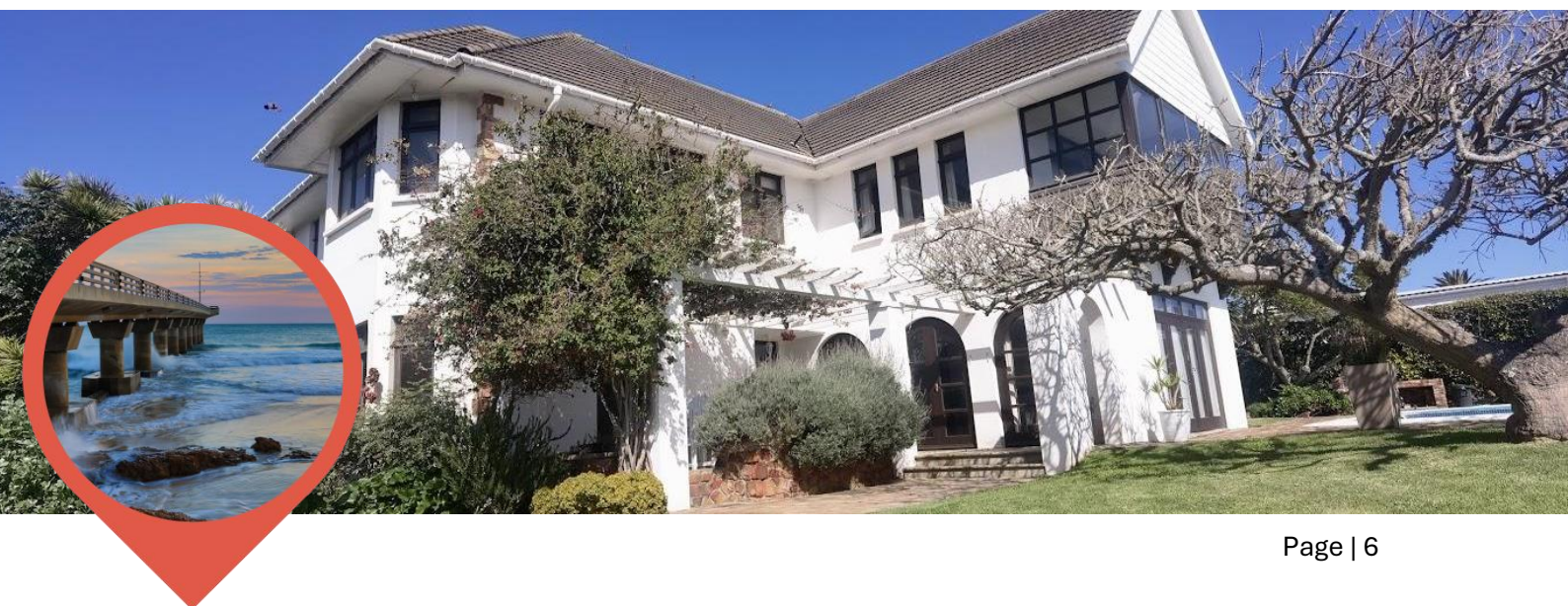
To the North you will find the great Karoo; a semi desert area with wide open spaces, large nature areas and long open roads with historical places such as Graaff Reinet, the Baviaanskloof Wilderness and much more to explore.

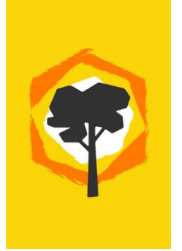
To the West towards Cape Town and the Garden Route, you will be amazed by Tsitsikamma National Park, beautiful holiday villages such as Plettenberg Bay, Knysna and Nature's Valley & world-famous surf mecca; Jeffreys Bay.

The location of Gqeberha gives you plenty to see and visit while you are here, and we believe even provides you more diversity than staying in Cape Town for example. You could always add a visit to The Mother City before or after visiting us in the Eastern Cape.

South Africa

Especially for a country like South Africa, researching some of the history (before you travel) will explain cultural differences you might see and will add a whole new dimension to your experience. If you understand the history of a country, you will understand not only the country better but also the people, their culture, and customs.





6. Is South Africa safe?

Despite general ideas of South Africa being very unsafe, it is important to know that South Africa is known to many as very friendly and welcoming and it very much depends on where you stay and visit. Please remember that in big cities you should make sure you remain aware and behave accordingly to avoid complicated situations. As 70% of people live in poverty and few are extremely rich, the differences in life and hope for a better future creates crime, lack of education, substance abuse, domestic violence and many more problems.

Your safety is very important, and as your host we will look after you to the best of our ability but we do expect you to do your bit and stick to our safety instructions. Common sense is your best friend when it comes to safety, but here are a few guidelines:

- Do not walk alone or at night in quiet areas, rather use an Uber.
- Walk in a group where possible and stay on roads where you are in sight of other people.
- Do not walk around showing off visible valuables.
- Do not carry a backpack on your stomach; it shows you have valuables and are a tourist.
- Be confident and know where you are going.





7. How much does it cost?

Included in fees:

- Information and assistance before departure
- Airport pick up upon arrival and drop off at the end of your stay (Monday - Friday)
- Stay in an exclusive beautiful Volunteer House with shared rooms and many facilities (wifi, washing machine, swimming pool, large lounge, dining room, garden)
- 3 Family style meals per day
- Daily transport to-and-from the project
- Weekly offer of outings and fun activities (some for an extra cost)

Excluded from your fees:

- Private expenses such as snacks, cool drinks, alcohol, personal food preferences
- Additional costs for weekend outings
- Flight tickets
- Insurance
- Laundry powder for personal washing

DURATION:	EURO	USD	GBP
1 Week	€ 360	\$425	£315
2 Weeks	€ 630	\$740	£550
3 Weeks	€ 895	\$1050	£780
4 Weeks	€ 1,145	\$1345	£1000
5 Weeks	€ 1,405	\$1,650	£1,230
6 Weeks	€ 1,665	\$1,955	£1,460
Per Week Extra	€ 240	\$280	£210
Donation per week	€ 30	\$35	£25

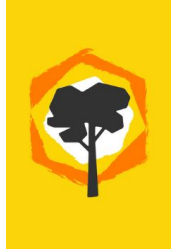
Accommodation

The exclusive Volunteer House in Port Elizabeth is a gorgeous home with lots of space. If you prefer to relax in the garden, at the pool or in the lounge; this home has a special place for everyone.

The home is a beautiful old house renovated and decorated with modern touches. A large swimming pool for summer and a fireplace for winter, what more do you need?

The property is well secured with electric fencing, a security company backup and superbly located within walking distance of the beach for a swim or surf, different restaurants, a laundromat & other shops.

If you would like a private room as a single traveller or as a couple, please let us know and we will advise you on availability and potential surcharges.



Meals

All meals are included and we work on a set menu per week, lovingly prepared by our cook with your assistance, so don't be shy, help out in the kitchen and you might learn to cook some new dishes.

All dinners are cooked, however on weekends when our cook is off from work, volunteers can warm pre-made meals or make a simple dinner with ingredients provided (hamburgers are a favorite) so some participation is required.

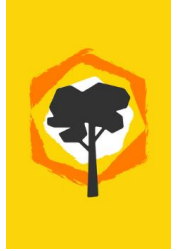
Breakfast: choices of bread, fruit, yoghurt, cereals and/or eggs.

Lunch: make your own sandwiches with cheese, marmalade, cold meat or other spreads to take with you to the project.

Dinners: a variety of hearty homely cooked meals such as pastas, stirfry, soups, stews, pies and other dishes.

There is free instant coffee, tea and safe drinking water available at any time. We also cater for vegetarians & vegans but please inform us before arriving to prepare accordingly.





8. When can I start?

Arrival at accommodation can be any day of the week, but new volunteers usually arrive on **Mondays** and start at the project on Tuesdays.

Participation is in full weeks only (7 nights per week). If you need to arrive a few nights early or stay a few extra nights, please let us know and we can advise you on availability and cost.

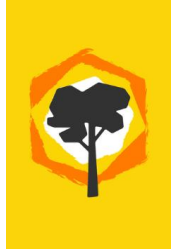
9. What is expected of me?

It is important that volunteers of this project understand the importance of the following:

- Police Clearance Certificate issued from your country of residence
- To be enthusiastic and independent enough to work without continuous supervision
- To show respect towards the people and culture of the local community and to remember you can't try to change everything in a period of just a few weeks.
- To show flexibility towards responsibilities, tasks and activities, things change and we need volunteers to be flexible to the local reality.
- To be willing to take initiative and come up with ideas.
- Because the organisation works with vulnerable children, we ask that no photos are taken at the project and no photos can be shared on social media to protect the safety of the children.

Volunteering at this project is an unique opportunity which can also be challenging at times, working with young babies is not easy but so very rewarding.

You will learn about the circumstances in which many South Africans live today, and experience their culture and traditions. By spending time in South Africa you will be faced with seeing poverty and other social problems. For this reason, it is of absolute importance that volunteers are mature and independent and can be flexible and stay positive and adapt with the ever changing needs and the very different reality of life in South Africa compared to most Western countries.



10. Things to consider

Visa

All travellers with a European, UK or US passport will get a free visa upon arrival in South Africa. For any other nationalities please check the South African embassy website to check if you get a free visa upon arrival. Please note that Go with Khaya can not be held responsible for clients being denied entry, should they not be in the possession of the relevant visa. All travellers must be in possession of a valid onward/return air ticket.

Passport

South Africa insists on people having 2-free pages available when you enter. Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months after your date of departure from Africa. You are personally responsible for ensuring that passports, visas, vaccination certificates and other travel documents are in order and for all costs relating thereto.

Vaccinations

Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) is a malaria free area. For other vaccines we recommend that you contact your local physician or travel clinic for information and advice. We do not advise any rabies shots as this is not applicable to the Eastern Cape.

Insurance

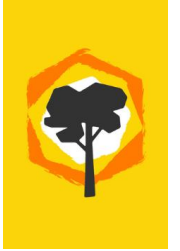
Accidents can happen to anyone. Make sure to get comprehensive travel and medical insurance.

Alcohol

We allow alcohol to be enjoyed at the accommodation but only for those of 18 years and older. Learners under the age of 18 are not allowed to drink alcohol as per South African law.

Disclaimer

Go with Khaya commits itself to always offer accurate and correct information, but please keep in mind that information can change, and all projects can be subject to change regarding their programs and/or accommodation arrangements.



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