

A PROGRAM WITH A PURPOSE

Voices for Animal Welfare (VFAW), in partnership with Integrity School, offers a unique educational program in Arusha, Tanzania focused on promoting animal welfare and ethical responsibility. This program combines teaching, interactive workshops, and community engagement, providing volunteers with the opportunity to educate young minds about animal care and protection while experiencing Tanzania's rich culture and biodiversity.

Immerse yourself in a vibrant school environment, working closely with primary school students to instill empathy, compassion, and respect for animals. Volunteers will **lead engaging lessons and activities** designed to raise awareness about animal welfare and responsible care, making a lasting impact in the community.



Who can apply?

- **Teachers**, education **students**, recent graduates, and volunteers passionate about **animal welfare**.
- Must be 18+ years old and fluent in English.
- Rabies vaccination and a laptop are required.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

This program is perfect for teachers, education students, recent graduates, and volunteers who are passionate about animal welfare, education, and advocacy. We are looking for adaptable and motivated individuals eager to make a lasting impact in Tanzania and continue that mission back home. At VfAW, we believe that children are the future of this world. If we want to create real, lasting change for animals and the planet, we need to start with them. By teaching children to respect, protect, and care for animals, we are not only shaping their values, but also building the foundation for a more compassionate and responsible society. As a participant, you will have the unique opportunity to teach animal welfare lessons to Tanzanian children, inspiring a new generation to develop empathy and respect for animals. Through interactive workshops, creative activities, and hands-on teaching, you'll gain valuable experience in combining education with advocacy. More than just a volunteer program, this is a transformational experience where you will become a VfAW Ambassador, carrying forward the message of compassion, awareness, and responsibility for animal welfare wherever you go.

YOUR ROLE



- Teach Animal Welfare: Deliver lessons and workshops aligned with the school curriculum to promote empathy and responsibility toward animals.
- Interactive Activities: Facilitate role-playing games and group discussions to help students understand animal care and protection.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Support the school's educational goals while fostering a sense of compassion and responsibility among students.
- **Community Integration:** Work closely with teachers, students, and families to promote sustainable awareness of animal welfare issues.
- **Cultural Exchange:** Participate in local events and traditions, enriching your understanding of Tanzanian culture.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Educational Impact:** Gain experience in teaching and advocacy, focusing on animal welfare education.
- Leadership and Communication Skills: Develop public speaking, lesson planning, and classroom management techniques.
- Cross-Cultural Competence: Learn how to adapt and collaborate in an international setting while understanding local values and customs.
- Career Preparation: Prepare for careers in education, animal advocacy, and non-profit work with practical, hands-on experience.

VOLUNTEER COMPONENT

In addition, participants are also **volunteers** supporting the community.

Activities may include:

- Organizing animals vaccination campaigns.
- Promoting awareness about animal welfare through education and advocacy.
- Assisting with shelter construction and supporting rescued animals.



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND CROSS-PROGRAMS

This program is conducted alongside other **VFAW programs**, including:

- Tanzanian Law and Animal Law Internship
- Veterinary Internship with a Veterinary School
- Animal Photography Internship

Collaboration Days: Four times per month, volunteers from all programs come together for joint activities, fostering teamwork, and providing a broader understanding of animal welfare initiatives.

WHY CHOOSE TANZANIA?

Tanzania is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes, rich biodiversity, and iconic wildlife, including elephants, lions, and rhinos. It offers a **unique setting** to combine legal training with animal welfare advocacy.

While Tanzania's natural beauty captivates visitors, it also highlights **the urgent need for stronger animal protection laws and sustainable reforms**. Cultural practices, economic challenges, and limited resources often affect animal welfare, making it a prime location for impactful programs aimed at promoting legal advocacy and education.

Choosing Tanzania means not only contributing to meaningful change but also immersing yourself in a **vibrant culture**, exploring world-famous sites like Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater, and experiencing safaris that bring you closer to the animals you aim to protect.

By joining this program, you'll be part of efforts to strengthen animal welfare laws, raise awareness, and create sustainable solutions, all while gaining invaluable legal experience and exploring one of **Africa's most inspiring destinations.**



Arusha is a vibrant city located in northern Tanzania, nestled at the foot of Mount Meru. Known as the safari capital of Tanzania, Arusha serves as the starting point for exploring some of Africa's most iconic wildlife destinations, including Serengeti National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, and Mount Kilimanjaro.

OUR GALLERY

















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TYPICAL DAY

Morning Teaching Sessions (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

- Begin your day at a primary school, leading interactive lessons and workshops focused on animal welfare.
- Teach students about animal care, protection, and empathy through engaging activities.
- Facilitate games, role-playing exercises, and group discussions to encourage learning through fun.
- Work closely with local teachers to align lessons with the school's curriculum.
- Inspire students to become advocates for animal welfare in their communities.

Afternoon
Planning and
Community Engagement
(3:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

- Spend your afternoons collaborating with fellow volunteers and preparing for lessons and events.
- Develop lesson plans, presentations, and teaching materials to improve student engagement.
- Participate in team meetings to review progress and share feedback.
- Engage in community outreach programs to raise awareness about animal welfare.
- Explore local culture through informal activities and interactions with the community.

Evening
Relax and Explore
(Free Time)

- Unwind at your accommodation, which features a bar and swimming pool.
- Enjoy dinner with fellow interns and share insights from the day.
- Take part in optional cultural activities, group outings, or simply relax.

Weekends
Time Off and Excursions

- Weekends are generally off, allowing you time to rest, explore the area, or participate in additional activities.
- Safari trips, such as the 3-day Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater experience, may be scheduled on weekends (please note that Safari is only available in the full package option).
- Additional trips and excursions can be organized upon request, offering you more opportunities to discover Tanzania's beauty and culture.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

Participants will stay at **Arusha Lodge & Safari** (formerly known as Vijiji Center Lodge and Safari), a comfortable and welcoming lodge located in Arusha, Tanzania. Some of our activities, such as afternoon workshops, will also take place at the lodge.

About the Lodge:

The Arusha Lodge & Safari Center offers a relaxing environment surrounded by nature, providing a perfect base for both exploration and relaxation. It combines modern amenities with a traditional African atmosphere, giving participants a unique cultural experience.

Shared Accommodation:

Participants will stay in **triple rooms** with shared facilities, designed for a cozy and social experience.

Room Features:

- Comfortable Beds with mosquito nets.
- Private Bathrooms with showers and hot water.
- Free Wi-Fi access in common areas.
- Daily Housekeeping services.

Facilities and Amenities:

- Swimming Pool to relax and cool off after activities.
- Restaurant and Bar offering delicious meals, including local and international cuisine.
- Lounge and Garden Areas for socializing and unwinding.
- Safe and Secure Premises with 24/7 staff assistance.

Location Highlights:

- Conveniently located near Arusha town, allowing easy access to local markets, shops, and attractions.
- Ideal starting point for safari tours and other excursions.
- Peaceful surroundings, perfect for relaxing after busy days of activities and excursions.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION













MEALS

Participants will enjoy a **vegetarian** menu throughout their stay, as part of our commitment to promoting animal welfare and sustainable practices. For us, embracing a plant-based diet is an essential step in aligning with our values and mission.

Meals Provided:

1. Breakfast:

- Fresh fruits (e.g., bananas, papayas, and mangos).
- Porridge, bread, and spreads (e.g., peanut butter, jam).
- Tea, coffee, and juice.

2. Lunch (Snack):

• A light snack will be provided to keep participants energized throughout the day.

3. Dinner:

- Balanced vegetarian meals made with locally sourced and seasonal ingredients.
- Main dishes include rice, pasta, or potatoes served with vegetables, legumes, and beans.
- Occasional specialties such as vegetarian curries, stews, and soups.

Dietary Requirements:

• Special Diets: Vegan, gluten-free, or other dietary preferences can be accommodated with prior notice.

Drinks:

- Unlimited access to water, tea, and coffee during meals.
- Fresh juices available with breakfast.
- Additional drinks (e.g., sodas or alcoholic beverages) can be purchased at the lodge.







ABOUT US

Voices for Animal Welfare (VFAW) is an international non-governmental organization dedicated to advocating for the rights and well-being of animals. Founded by Vanessa Vichi, VFAW was born out of a deep commitment to bridging the gap between continents, cultures, and communities to create a world where animals are treated with respect, empathy, and compassion.

Our Mission

At VFAW, our mission is to ensure the welfare and protection of animals, regardless of their species or location. We aim to inspire a global shift in how animals are perceived and treated, fostering a culture of empathy and responsibility. By focusing on international collaboration, we work to connect individuals, organizations, and communities from Europe and Africa, creating opportunities to share knowledge, resources, and experiences that drive meaningful change.

Our Vision

We envision a future where all animals live free from suffering, cruelty, and neglect. A world where humans coexist with animals harmoniously, acknowledging their intrinsic value and the critical role they play in the ecosystem. VFAW is committed to building stronger ties between Europe and Africa, recognizing the unique challenges and opportunities in each region, and working collectively to address them.

Why VFAW?

VFAW stands out as a unique organization because it not only focuses on animal welfare but also emphasizes creating human connections between Europe and Africa. By fostering collaboration across cultures and continents, we aim to create a united approach to tackling animal welfare issues. We believe that by working together, we can learn from each other's strengths, address challenges more effectively, and ultimately make the world a kinder place for animals and humans alike.

Click **here** to meet our Team.

Your coordinator



Festas is the coordinator of the Educational Program at Voices for Animal Welfare (VfAW). With extensive experience in program management and community engagement, Festas has worked with children and youth through his Kuumba Rodney Foundation, as well as in his roles at FC Barcelona East Africa and RC Celta de Vigo Academy in Spain. At VfAW, Festas will lead the educational activities, guiding participants as they teach animal welfare lessons to local children, helping to inspire a new generation of compassionate and responsible youth.

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ABOUT OUR PARTNER

Integrity Nursery, Pre & Primary School is a dedicated educational institution located in Mkonoo village, Arusha, Tanzania. Founded with the mission to provide quality education at an affordable cost, Integrity School believes that every child has potential, and learning should be accessible to all, especially for students from low-income families.

With the motto "Knowledge is Power," the school fosters academic excellence, creativity, and leadership, ensuring that students receive not only high-quality education but also the skills and values needed to become responsible, self-reliant citizens. Integrity School follows the NECTA curriculum, with English as the primary language of instruction, while also emphasizing entrepreneurship, environmental conservation, and community service.

As a partner of Voices for Animal Welfare (VfAW), Integrity School collaborates on educational programs focused on animal welfare and environmental protection. VfAW volunteers play a key role in teaching students about compassion, sustainability, and responsible coexistence with animals, preparing them to become future advocates for wildlife and animal welfare in Tanzania.

With a vision to expand from primary to secondary school, and eventually to university, Integrity School is committed to shaping educated, ethical, and socially responsible individuals who will contribute to national and global progress.



PROGRAMS FEES

START DATES (MINIMUM STAY 1 MONTH)

1st of June | 1st of July | 1st of August | 1st of September You can choose between the full package or the half package.

FULL PACKAGE

FEES: 84 Euros per Day | 625 per Week | 2500 Euros per month



What's Included in Your Fees

- **Accommodation**: Shared triple rooms in a secure, comfortable lodge with a bar and swimming pool.
- **Meals**: Breakfast, dinner, and a snack for lunch.
- **Safari Experience:** 3-day safari in Serengeti and Ngorongoro, including camping and meals.
- Airport Transfers: Pick-up and drop-off at Kilimanjaro or Arusha airports.
- Minor Excursions: Additional trips in and around Arusha to explore the area.
- Daily transportation in a Bajaji (except during week-ends): to and from the internship location and our lodge.
- **NGO Fees**: Contributions to support ongoing animal welfare programs, local staff, and operational expenses.

Payment methods: PayPal or Bank Transfer. Payment in 3 installments is possible*.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of 700 EUR is required to secure your spot in the program. This deposit covers administrative and preparatory costs and cannot be refunded under any circumstances. However, if you have **travel insurance** (mandatory for this program), you may be able to claim this amount back from your insurance provider in case of unforeseen issues.

^{*}The first installment is a non-refundable deposit of 700 EUR.

PROGRAMS FEES

HALF PACKAGE

FEES: 38 Euros per day | 295 Euros per week | 1178 Euros per month



What's Included:

- Accommodation: Shared triple rooms with a bar and swimming pool.
- **Meals:** Breakfast, dinner, and a snack for lunch.
- Daily transportation in a Bajaji (except during week-ends): to and from the internship location and our lodge.
- Airport Transfers: Pick-up at Kilimanjaro or Arusha airports.
- **NGO Fees:** Contributions to support ongoing animal welfare programs, local staff, and operational expenses.

Payment methods: PayPal or Bank Transfer. Payment in 3 installments is possible*.

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of 330 EUR is required to secure your spot in the program. This deposit covers administrative and preparatory costs and cannot be refunded under any circumstances. However, if you have **travel insurance** (mandatory for this program), you may be able to claim this amount back from your insurance provider in case of unforeseen issues.

^{*}The first installment is a non-refundable deposit of 330 EUR.

HOW TO APPLY

Fill out the **form** on our website <u>here</u> (click on "Apply here"). Our team will review it as soon as possible and contact you for a chat!

If you're unsure about anything, feel free to contact us or book a call with us here!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Read our Terms and Conditions here and our Refund Policy here.

Once your application is approved, you will receive a set of **guidelines** with useful tips about everything you will need to know before your departure.

Upon arrival, you will receive a **Welcome Packet** containing important information for your stay, along with a few surprises to thank you for joining our program.

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