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Promote animal welfare through photography and community outreach.

ARUSHA, TANZANIA



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A PROGRAM WITH A PURPOSE

Voices for Animal Welfare (VFAW) offers an Animal Photography Program in Tanzania, designed for **aspiring photographers** passionate about animal welfare and visual storytelling. This program combines practical photography training, fieldwork, and animal welfare advocacy, equipping participants with the skills to capture impactful images that promote animal welfare awareness and conservation efforts.

Immerse yourself in Tanzania's rich culture and wildlife, working closely with **professional photographers and animal welfare experts**. Participants will develop technical photography skills, create visual campaigns, and present their work through exhibitions and competitions, contributing to **long-term animal welfare advocacy**.



Who can apply?

- Aspiring photographers, visual storytellers, and animal welfare advocates.
- Applicants aged 18+ with fluency in English.
- Must have a rabies vaccination and bring a camera and laptop.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

This program is ideal for aspiring photographers, visual storytellers, animal welfare advocates, and conservation enthusiasts, passionate about using photography to create impactful change. But this is not just a photography internship. It's a journey where you will use your creative vision to sensitize people through art. We believe that photography is more than capturing beautiful images, it's about telling stories that matter, stories that give a voice to animals, ecosystems, and communities that need to be heard. Throughout the program, you will learn not only how to develop your photographic skills, but also how to approach your work with deep respect for nature and animals. Every story you tell and every image you capture will be guided by ethical practices, ensuring that the welfare of animals and the preservation of their habitats always come first. Through your lens, you will document not only the beauty of wildlife, but also the challenges animals face, the importance of conservation, and the stories that inspire change. By the end of the program, you won't just be a photographer, you will become an **ambassador** for animal welfare and conservation, using your art to educate, advocate, and inspire positive action wherever you go.

YOUR ROLE



- **Photography Projects:** Document wildlife behavior, animal rescue efforts, and veterinary interventions through visual storytelling.
- **Practical Sessions:** Develop animal photography techniques, including lighting, composition, and action shots.
- **Community Engagement:** Use photography to raise awareness about animal welfare and conservation challenges.
- **Exhibition Planning:** Prepare photo exhibitions and competitions to present and promote conservation efforts.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Photography Skills:** Build expertise in wildlife photography, editing, and storytelling techniques using tools like Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop.
- **Creative Storytelling:** Develop the ability to create visual campaigns that inspire conservation action.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Collaborate with photographers, conservationists, and veterinary teams to expand your professional network.
- **Career Preparation:** Prepare for careers in photography, media, animal advocacy, and visual storytelling.

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
- Teaching Animal Welfare in a Primary School Program

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









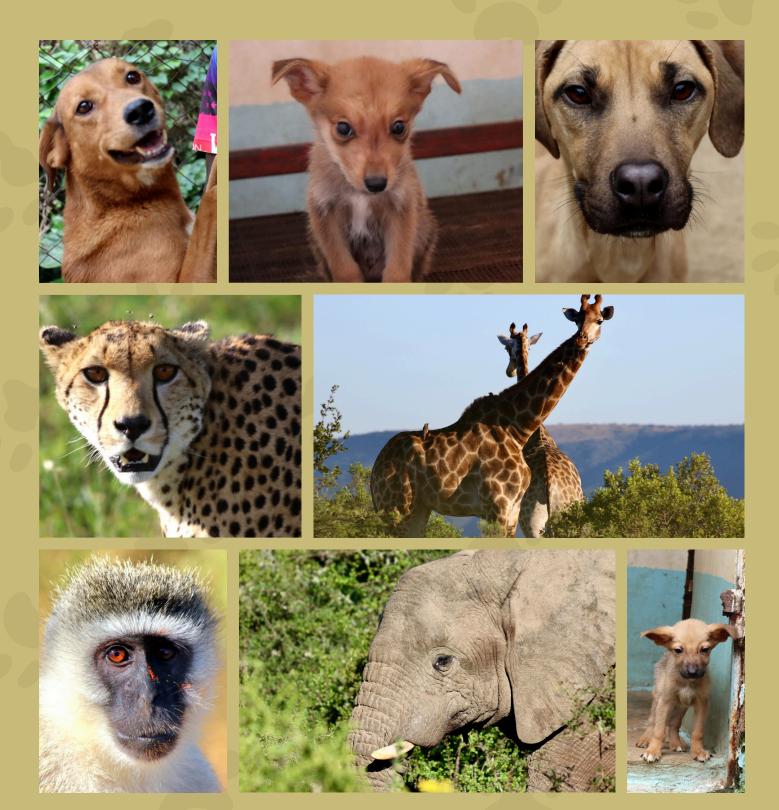








OUR GALLERY





TYPICAL DAY

production.

Morning **Photography Training and Fieldwork** (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

- Start your day with hands-on photography practice in the field, guided by professional photographers.
- Capture animal rescue efforts, wildlife shots, veterinary visits, and community outreach activities.
- Develop technical skills, including camera settings, composition, lighting, and action photography.
- Work closely with veterinarians and animal welfare teams to document treatments, rescues, and conservation efforts.
- Learn visual storytelling techniques to create compelling images that promote animal welfare awareness.

• Spend your afternoons editing photos and preparing visual

• Participate in editing workshops, learning how to use software like Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop for post-

stories to highlight animal welfare issues.

Afternoon **Editing and Project Development** (3:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

Evening Relax and Explore (Free Time)

Weekends **Time Off and Excursions**

collections and design awareness campaigns. • Review your daily work with mentors and peers, receiving constructive feedback to refine your skills.

Collaborate with fellow interns to curate photography

• Plan and develop photo projects and short documentaries

• Attend animal welfare workshops.

for exhibitions and competitions.

- Engage with local communities, capturing cultural elements and stories that complement animal welfare advocacy.
- 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 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.



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 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 <u>here</u>to meet our Team.



Your Coordinator

Flavio is the coordinator of the Photography Program at Voices for Animal Welfare (VfAW). A passionate wildlife and landscape photographer, Flavio brings experience from both professional studios and international projects, including work in Ibiza. He will guide you through workshops and field sessions, helping you develop your skills and teaching you how to create impactful visual stories that promote animal welfare, always with respect for animals and nature.

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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

ACCOMMODATION	MEALS	PICK UP	DROP OFF	SAFARI	EXTRA TRIPS IN THE AREA	DAILY TRANSPORT IN A BAJAJI	NGO FEES
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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

Monte and Maria

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 <u>here</u>!

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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