

AzVMA Goes on Safari May 18-28, 2012

*Once in a lifetime adventure helps conserve Africa's wildlife*

AzVMA's third annual Veterinary Science in Wildlife Management Safari is scheduled for May 18-28, 2012 in South Africa.

This 10-day safari takes you "behind the scenes", giving you the opportunity to work closely with a resident South African wildlife veterinarian and to gain first-hand knowledge of the challenges and conservation concerns that are faced in this country on a daily basis. It will enable you to discover the fantastic world of wildlife in Southern Africa from a veterinary perspective. The trip is open to AzVMA veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians.

Traditional tourism activities and wildlife viewing on a game reserve are included in this program, as well as the opportunity to either observe or assist in routine veterinary work. The guided tour is conducted by local veterinarians, researchers, and various guides that will give you a unique and rare insight into the world of wildlife.

Only eight spots are available for this trip. The group will fly from Phoenix to Johannesburg and then on to Port Elizabeth where it will be met by a Brothers Safaris representative for transfer to the Amakhala Game Reserve and the Hlosi Game Lodge. A 5 star lodge lying along a curve of hill above the Bushman's River plain, this luxury hotel is a quiet, grassland retreat with the central lodge surrounded on all sides by shady verandas, offering a variety of views over the tranquil landscape.

During the 10-day safari, participants will set out on morning game drives, have presentations and discussions on the role of the wildlife veterinarian in southern Africa, conservation issues, take a river cruise, and participate in veterinary procedures. On day five, the group will move to the Bush Lodge within the Amakhala Game Reserve. From here, the group will do some rhino work that might include immobilization, DNA sampling and micro-chipping, and some work with antelope. There will also be a trip to the nearby Addo Elephant National Park, a visit to the bomas (wildlife holding facility) and a local Aids orphanage.

The package includes your return domestic flights from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth, accommodations, meals, all land transfers in a comfortable air-conditioned mini-bus, guides & wildlife veterinarians and various other local guides and researchers, all practical work, tours, presentations and activities.

For more detailed information, including the itinerary and registration fees and information, contact the AzVMA at 602-242-7936. Only eight spots available. Visit [www.azvma.org](http://www.azvma.org) for highlights from the May 2011 trip.