

INTERNSHIP

THE DOLPHIN CENTRE

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Experience the thrill of the ocean

Fulfill your dreams of learning about the wonders of the ocean with us and interact with the dolphins of Ponta and other marine mega fauna. We promote Responsible Marine Mammal Tourism - Conservation through Education. We offer Dolphin swims, Whale Viewing (July-October) snorkeling, boat rides, scuba diving, fishing and accommodation.

THE DOLPHIN CENTRE MOZAMBIQUE MARINE INTERN

JOIN US FOR A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE!

Our offer to you is a program that provides the ultimate marine experiences in beautiful Southern Mozambique. Ponta do Ouro boasts an unique diversity with pristine coralreefs and a number of marine mega fauna species such as the inshore bottlenose dolphin, whalesharks, manta rays and humpback whales that patrol it's coastline. Situated in Southern Mozambique, Ponta is a laid back town nestled in the coastal dune forests.

We welcome interns from all backgrounds, ages and nationalities and invite you to join us on a challenging, rewarding, educational and most importantly fun once in a life time experience. Giving you as the intern a comprehensive understanding of the Southern Mozambique marine environments and conservation.

FAST FACTS:

Accommodation: Full self catering facilities

Meals: Not provided all basic food staples available locally.

Dates: contact us for next available date.

Location: Ponta Do Oura

Costs: +/- R30 000 per month once we tailor make the package depending on your interests and length of stay.

Age Limit: 18 years or older

Country: Mozambique

Duration: 4 weeks



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THE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Our intern program involves you as a marine intern, helping us gather field data on resident pods of wild inshore bottlenose dolphins, migratory whalesharks, manta rays and humpback whales via boat observations and inwater observations. As well as delving into the incredible world of scuba diving and being taught about coral reef systems and fish identification. Our goal is to contribute to creating a general awareness about our wild ocean with its diverse marine environments and diverse inhabitants. Which is why we include PADI speciality courses such as Coral Reef Conservation or Fish ID. Our project involves collaboration with Dr Diana Rocha an expert marine biologist who processes our field data, which then contributes to ongoing studies on cetaceans in particular and the marine environment. We also contribute all Whale shark and Manta Ray ID shots to a globalnetwork and can actively track those that have been sighted in other parts of the world.

WHO INTERNS

There are no prerequisites other than you need to be 18years of age or older, and able to swim 200m comfortably. We welcome interns from all backgrounds and nationalities. You don't have to be studying marine biology you just have to have a keen interest in the ocean and a willingness to learn more about it. Our 4 week program provides you with an unforgettable time spent being involved hands on in our passion for the marine environment and the beautiful creatures that live in it. The experience you gain will give you insight into the field of marine research and tourism whilst enjoying beach, sea and sun.

YOUR ROLE AS THE INTERN

You the intern will join us on various marine expeditions, helping us gather and record field data, under the direct supervision of our project co-ordinators. You will do this on boat launches run out of our busy dolphin centre, snorkel based swims, scuba dives and beach walks. You will also be involved in the daily operations of the dolphin centre and the dive centre.

ABOUT THE DOLPHIN CENTRE

We have been operating in Ponta Do Oura since 2006. We are a busy eco-tourism dolphin centre that promotes responsible marine mammal tourism and conservation through education. Our team is made up of passionate conservationists whose goal is to show people just how special our ocean and the animals that live in it are. Our intern program is relatively new but it has huge potential and with our team of passionate conservationists we aim to make a difference in helping to understand and conserve our wild oceans.

COSTS

We will tailor make a package for you, depending on your particular interests and length of stay. Please send us an email.



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WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Self Catering Accommodation @ Coco Cabana's
- A minimum of 3 dolphin excursions per week.
- PADI Dive Course (entry level) (4 sea dives)OR
- Padi advanced (5 sea dives) OR
- Padi Rescue Course (4 sea dives) OR
- Additional Dives (min 3 per week)
- Padi Coral Reef Conservation Certification
- All required Padi course materials
- SCUBA Equipment
- Weekly shopping for food (interns buy & cook own food)
- Transfers from Kosi Bay Border to Ponta Do Oura.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and travel costs to and from Ponta
- Visa, medical and travel insurance
- Food, soft drinks, dining out, spending money.
- Additional activities.
- Additional tours and travel

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the Intern Accommodation like?

Coco Cabanas is situated a few mins walk from the town centre and the beach. Each chalet has a fully equipped openplankitchen/lounge area and bathroom. Each unit accommodates two to four guests. Accommodation is based on a per person sharing rate, however should a volunteer wish to have a single room, this can be arranged.

Interns will also self cater in the fully equipped kitchens. There is local produce available in the market and a weekly shopping trip in the dolphin centre vehicle to the closest town will ensure you don't go hungry.

Visas and Insurance?

South Africans DO NOT require a visa to enter Mozambique only a valid passport is required. Non South Africans DO require a visa to enter Mozambique, these can either be obtained at a Mozambique embassy OR directly at the entry border for approx ZAR1000. Your passport needs to be valid for 3 months with two clear pages. Border times 8am to 5pm. If you are entering on a foreign passport we will write you a letter of invitation showing that you have accommodation booked and a place to stay.



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Travel Insurance is recommended for everyone travelling in foreign countries, you will be required to provide your insurance details and emergency contact information on arrival. DAN Dive Insurance is recommended www.diversalernetnetwork.com

Vaccines and Health Issues?

A PCR Covid Test is required to enter Mozambique validity 72hrs from test. Malaria is a risk in Southern Africa, PontoDo Ouro falls in the low risk areas. If you are planning on travelling before or after your term with us, check for Malaria areas on the Centre for Disease Control website www.cdc.com.

Vaccinations

Visitors entering South Africa from a yellow fever zone must have a valid international Yellow Fever inoculation certificate. No other vaccinations are mandatory when visiting Mozambique.

What extras should I bring for personal use?

Southern Africa's climate varies from season to season. It is advisable that you look up what the weather typically does during the time you'll be in the country.

Below is a general packing list:

- Swimsuits/board shorts
- Long pants & sweaters in winter
- Shorts and T/Shirts
- Windbreaker/rain jacket (for on the boat)
- Peak/Cap
- Casual outfits for nights out
- Towels
- Polarized/UV protection sunglasses
- Torch/head lamp
- Universal power adaptor
- Flash stick/memory card for photos

All snorkeling equipment used for the duration of your program is included in the package. We do recommend you bring a rash vest for sun protection as an optional extra. If you would like to bring your own mask and fins please ensure that your fins are closed heel style fins.



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