



Internship leading to the possibility of a Permanent Position

Elephant handler in the wilderness area of the Okavango Delta, Botswana

Position Title: Elephant guardian/handler

Short Description: Elephant handling, husbandry and interpretation

Responsibilities:

- Handling and Husbandry of one male and two female African elephants
- Interpretation of elephant biology and behavior for international guests.
- Helping in general camp maintenance and daily operations

Requirements:

The four first requirements are essential:

- Must be ready to relocate to Botswana's Okavango Delta, to live under primitive conditions in a pristine natural environment.
- Must have at least two years experience working in a free contact environment with male and female elephants
- Must be physically fit and heat tolerant, i.e. capable of a lot of walking and occasional sprinting, sometimes in temperatures in excess of 100 degrees F (38°C).
- Must have good cross-cultural communication skills for working with local staff and international tourists.

The following abilities would also be helpful:

- A comprehensive knowledge of elephant behavior and ecology. Any related degrees or coursework in mammal biology and ecology, in animal husbandry, in natural history and in animal training would be appreciated.
- Mechanical skills, off-road driving experience
- Bush survival skills, first aid training; tolerance for insects, spiders and snakes.
- General interest in botany and zoology

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In order to apply, candidates should either e-mail or mail the following documents to us:

- detailed CV with accurate dates
- cover letter
- photo

Upon receiving the above we will email a more detailed description to candidates.