

# A Day at Monkeyland

Volunteers usually work five days per week, they may be asked to work additional hours over peak season. Off days will be Saturday and Sunday for volunteers staying at one of the local homestays and in the week for volunteers staying at our on-site volunteer accommodation.

Day-to-day activities vary depending on what is needed at any given time. However, the detail below gives a good idea of the type of work that our volunteers will help with.

## **8:00 to 10:00**

Arrive at the farm kitchen and help the permanent staff with preparing food for our primates and birds.

## **10:00 to 17:00**

Most volunteers will spend the majority of their time conducting guided tours in their home language, English, or both. This involves taking guests to our sanctuaries on a one-hour walking tour through our 12-hectare forest, looking for the 500+ primates that roam freely there. During the tours, our guests will be able to observe the primates in a natural setting, whilst the guide provides information about the species and the threats these animals face.

All guests at Monkeyland are escorted from the main entrance to the reception area. During this short walk, the guests are given a quick introduction to our sanctuary and our rules (no touching, feeding etc.) are explained. When not conducting guided tours or fulfilling other duties around the sanctuaries, our permanent staff and volunteers are positioned at the main entrance so that they may escort visitors to the reception area.

Additional tasks that the volunteers may get involved in include:

- distributing peanuts through the forest;
- maintenance of forest walkways;

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- sweeping of the Monkeyland suspension bridge;
- cleaning boardwalks at Birds of Eden;
- completing litter runs inside the sanctuaries, in the parking lot and on the road to the sanctuaries;
- unloading the food truck and storing the next day's food into the Monkeyland's cold room;
- distributing afternoon 'top-up feed' in the Monkeyland forest'
- helping with the end of day activities at Birds of Eden;
- marketing in town and at shows and functions;
- assisting the curators in observations, vet visits and treatment etc.

There's a long list of activities that the volunteers may be able to get involved in, depending on their aptitude and willingness to help out. Not all of these though are daily occurrences.

## **17:00**

Close of day and return to accommodation.

## **Coffee/Tea Breaks and Lunch**

We don't have set times for breaks as the timing will depend on how many staff and volunteers are out on guided tours. Generally, a 30 minute break is taken in the mornings, at around 10am and a 30 minute break in the afternoon at around 1pm.

**NB At no time will humanisation of the primates be allowed;  
we are clinical in our "HANDS OFF" approach toward the  
animals in our care.**