

JOIN US

Marine Conservation Team



South Africa

Port Elizabeth, Algoa Bay



- Work alongside marine biologists
- Gain real field experience
- Support whale & dolphin conservation



APPLICATION NOW OPEN

If you're passionate about the ocean and want to make the difference, we would love to hear from you!



Volunteer With Raggy Charters

Experience South Africa's Ocean Wildlife While Supporting Conservation

Have you ever dreamed of being surrounded by some of the largest animals on Earth? Imagine joining a boat trip across the Indian Ocean, watching whales and dolphins in their natural environment, learning from experienced marine guides, and becoming part of a team dedicated to protecting our oceans.

Join Raggy Charters in South Africa for a unique international volunteering experience combining **marine conservation**, wildlife encounters, environmental education, **eco-tourism**, cultural exchange, and life by the ocean.

Raggy Charters offers international volunteers the opportunity to become involved in marine conservation and eco-projects while experiencing the incredible wildlife of South Africa.



WILDLIFE MONITORING

Help collect valuable data on marine life



PHOTOGRAPHY

Document wildlife and daily activities



TEAM EXPERIENCE

Be part of a passionate and friendly team



LIFE BY THE OCEAN

Experience life in a unique coastal setting

1 About Raggy Charters

Raggy Charters is the oldest eco-whale watching company in the region and the only operator with all the necessary permits to ensure the highest standards for responsible marine wildlife encounters.

As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to become part of the Raggy Charters team, taking part in a wide range of activities, including environmental education, conservation initiatives, community outreach, marine wildlife monitoring, scientific projects and spending more time at sea while learning from experienced professionals.

Daily operations including but are not limited to: assisting with the preparation and running of boat trips, helping to maintain our boats, welcoming and interacting with guests, sharing information about marine wildlife and supporting research activities whenever required. During our cruises, we collect valuable data on the whales and dolphins and we do photo-identification, and volunteers are encouraged to participate in this process. The photographs and the data contribute to long-term studies on cetacean populations, migration patterns, behaviour, and conservation.



2 Volunteer activities

As a volunteer at Raggy Charters, you will be assisting with the daily activities of the organisation and even some extraordinary activities. Every day is different, depending on the weather, wildlife sightings, and ongoing projects:

- **Recording** marine wildlife **sightings** and **collecting** field **data**
- **Photography** of marine **wildlife** and daily operations.
- **Helping** with the **day-to-day** running of our base, including caring for our dogs and assisting with shared household tasks
- **Assisting** with the preparation and running of **boat trips**, welcoming and interacting with guests, sharing information about marine wildlife and supporting research activities whenever required.
- **Planned** events participation and **logistic help**.
- Possibility of **visits** to nearby **game reserves** and national parks, where you may have the opportunity to observe South Africa's iconic wildlife





3 Costs & Programme Options

We offer several programme options to suit different schedules and interests. Regardless of the duration of your stay, every volunteer contributes to the protection and conservation of Algoa Bay's unique marine and coastal ecosystems.

You can join the programme for one, two, or three months. While a one-month stay provides an excellent introduction to the programme, we highly recommend staying two or three months to fully immerse yourself in the experience, develop your skills, and make the most of everything Raggy Charters has to offer.

Programme	Fee*		
1 month	1,715 GBP	2,000 EUR	
2 month	1,670 GBP	1,950 EUR	(Save 135 GBR / 150 EUR)
3 month	1,630 GBP	1,900 EUR	(Save 255 GBR / 300 EUR)

*monthly

*Fee includes

- Shared accommodation
- Water and electricity
- Shared transport during your stay (an International Driving Permit or valid international driving licence is required if you wish to drive the vehicle)
- Fuel, vehicle maintenance, and insurance
- All scheduled boat trips and marine excursions
- Volunteer training and guidance
- Participation in conservation and educational activities
- Airport pick-up and drop-off
- Use of a washing machine

*Fee does not include

- International flights
- Medical insurance
- Food and personal groceries



4 How to Apply

If you would like to join one of our volunteer programs, we'd love to hear from you!

Please send us an email at addoresearchcanyons@gmail.com with the object name "Volunteer application" and send us attached your CV and your availability (how many months and which ones are you interested in).

Don't worry if you don't have experience, all the team will help you!

We look forward to welcoming you to the Raggy Charters team and sharing this unforgettable conservation experience with you in South Africa.

