

# Turing project at the Donkey Sanctuary Aruba **ARUBA**



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## the project

Trainees will have the opportunity to undertake activities in the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary (mornings or afternoons) and supplement these activities at Philips Exotic Animal Garden, where they will be involved in hands on care for both recovering

and healthy animals, birds and reptiles. Trainees can spend time in a local vet surgery observing and supporting the veterinary staff.

Depending on the season of the activity trainees may have chance to be involved with

turtle conservation work or bat monitoring in the national park.

You could also take part in a dog grooming project.

**This is an example of a trainee's activities:**

**Trainee profile**

- You should like taking care of animals (donkeys);
- Be happy to work outside
- Be flexible to try different activities.
- Be sociable like meeting people

Activity	Opportunities for vocational development	Opportunities for Personal development
Donkey sanctuary husbandry routine: Provide donkeys with food and water, carry out health checks and clean/ maintain area. Assist vet visiting sanctuary.	Develop underpinning knowledge as well as practical skills to care for and handle donkeys safely. Develop maintenance and DIY skills, communication skills as well as numeracy skills whilst calculating feed rations. Experience watching the vet working and assist with handling and administration of medication.	Open- mindedness Using own initiative Building self-confidence Experience different people and cultures Leadership and team working skills Experience of wider collections of animals
Donkey sanctuary shop and dealing with visitors	Develop communication and customer care skills, take initiative and develop leadership skills. Develop numeracy skills and handling money in the shop.	Creativity Communication Confidence and linguistic ability
Visit the Islands Butterfly farm and Ostrich farm	Experience the set up and management of the collection, learn about the life cycles and husbandry routines. Identify different flora and fauna.	Communication Cultural immersion Experience of wider collections of animals
Visit Arikok National Park	Visit the national park and learn about its management, conservation strategies, current research and identify flora and fauna. May also have opportunities to work with rangers to maintain areas or collect research data.	Experience culture Flora and fauna Geography Communication Team work
Work with the local sea turtle conservation team	Participate in beach patrols, beach cleans, set up and monitor nest sites. Learn about the behaviour and conservation strategies.	Experience conservation strategies Flora and fauna Communication and team work
Work with the local vets	Participate in consultations and communicate with clients. Watch and assist the vets in surgery. Develop knowledge and skills of handling and providing care and medication to sick animals.	Communication and team work Experience of wider collections of animals Open- mindedness Using own initiative Building self-confidence Experience different people and cultures
Philips Exotic Animal Park: visit the collection and carryout husbandry routines; cleaning enclosures and providing food and water for a wide variety of mammals, birds and reptiles.	Develop underpinning knowledge as well as practical skills to care for a wide variety of rescued animals. Learn about the set up and management of the collection as well as sustainable ways to feed the animals.	Communication and team work Experience of wider collections of animals Open- mindedness Using own initiative Building self-confidence Experience different people and cultures

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## the hosting organisation

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Website: <http://www.arubandonkey.org/>

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## the project place Aruba

Aruba is a 33 km-long island of the Lesser Antilles in the southern Caribbean Sea, located 27 km north of the coast of Venezuela and 130 km (approx.) east of Colombia. Aruba is one of the four constituent countries that

form the Kingdom of the Netherlands, together with the Netherlands, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten whose citizens share a single nationality: Dutch citizen. The sanctuary is near Santa Cruz, a beautiful tourist city.

## Location



## The country



**Climate:** Unlike much of the Caribbean region, Aruba has a dry climate and an arid, cactus-strewn landscape. Temperature varies little from 28 °C (82.4 °F), moderated by constant trade winds from the Atlantic Ocean.

**System of Government:** Constitutional Monarchy

**Capital:** Oranjestad

**Currency:** American Dollars

**Official language:** Dutch, Papiamentu

**Time zone:** -4 hours



## The language

### A few words in Papiamentu:

Bon bini	Welcome
Bon dia	Hello
Conbai cubo?	How are you?
Ajo	Good bye
Ami no sa	I don't know
Sori	Sorry
Porfabor	Please
Danki	Thank you

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