



## The City Experience: Cape Town: Hout Bay

**Primary school in the Imizamo Yethu Township**

**Duration: Minimum 3 months**

*The Hout Bay municipality runs from the beach through the valley to Table Mountain. It is cosy, photogenic and close to the beach. Imizamo Yethu (also called Mandela Park) is an informal settlement (Township) and is located in Houtbay. All projects of this organization take place in or on the border of this township.*

Support classes in English are of particular importance at Hout Bay Primary School. Although English is one of the official languages of South Africa, the reality is often different. The students mainly speak isiXhosa or other home languages at home, so they only come into contact with the English language when they enter school life. In order to facilitate this introduction for the students, we identify competencies and deficits and try to work on these as best as possible in remedial classes.

### **The School Program**

You start each day at 9 am by going through the classes. The students are picked up to start the tutoring together in the computer room.

In the mornings and afternoons, you will not only work in small groups, but also one-on-one with individual students. Here you will work with a computer program called Oxford Reading Safari. The aim is to improve the children's English and reading comprehension and to expand their vocabulary. Every day you will take the children out of the classroom for about 30 minutes and work with them on the computer. The program is designed to be child-friendly and easy to use.

Your supervisor Brenda will be in constant contact with the school management and teachers and will act as a bridge to the After Care. The volunteers and interns will work under her care in a meaningful and goal-oriented way.

### **Aftercare Program**

Many children stay home alone after school because their parents work until late in the afternoon. To prevent the youngsters from being unsupervised for several hours, the program offers aftercare from Monday to Friday from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM for about 35 children.

When the schoolbell rings, the children of the 1st grade are the first to arrive for aftercare. As time passes and classes end, the rest of the kids arrive and the program can begin: Card games like Halli Galli, drawing with wax crayons or simply playing soccer – the kids love doing everything we offer.





Wednesday is sports day on the sports field, on Fridays they go to the beach, if the weather allows, and on Thursdays, 10 children go to occupational therapy on horseback. In addition, we bring the talents of our volunteers into the program: Jarla, for example, taught children's yoga and our soon to be teachers from the University of Dortmund have made learning games in the past; the social work students often give life skills training.

To check attendance, a "Circle" is formed once a day. In between, a snack is handed out. Afterwards, a few group games are played to strengthen the sense of community among the group. After that, everyone goes back to their activities, be it playing "Hide and Seek" or dancing to Xhosa music. Shortly before 4pm, it's "pack up time" and when everyone has diligently cleaned up, our staff escorts the children home to the township.

No matter what the children do at Aftercare, they always radiate an infectious joy for life. And that is exactly the purpose of the project: to give love and care and to get the children off the streets.

## EDUCATION AND AFTERCARE

Included in the price:

- Pick-up and drop-off from and to the airport, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Brief introduction/orientation in Cape Town and Hout Bay
- Comfortable and safe accommodation shared with volunteers in Hout Bay.
- 24-hour contact person and coach on site and frequent moments to discuss experiences
- Transportation to and from the projects
- You are responsible for your own meals
- Donation to the organization

## PURPOSE AND IMPACT

**Goals:** Provide love, care, and education to keep children off the streets and instill a sense of community and joy.

**Volunteer Impact:** Make a difference in the children's lives by helping them improve their English skills and offering a safe, nurturing environment after school.

This program is ideal for those who want to make a positive impact on children's education and well-being while experiencing the culture and beauty of Hout Bay. If you have any specific questions or need further details, feel free to ask!