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If you think about [volunteering abroad](#) , it's not likely that you will be thinking about cosy comfortable bedrooms, Barbecues every night and a string of top class hotels. If i am honest there are many places that are exactly like this all over Africa and it is not just a place for mud huts and Malaria. [Volunteer projects abroad](#) bring in a wide, diverse range of people from all four corners of the earth and this is what makes 'voluntourism' so popular.

Volunteering companies often realise that volunteers today do not want to camp out in the middle of the jungle for the whole of their time away. There are those however who really want to see the wild side of Africa and will sign up especially to do this. Many of you who would have been working all day teaching at a local school or working at a local orphanage or even working in a game park with the animals deserve a break at the end of the day by putting your feet up, sipping a cold beer and going to bed in a comfortable room.

What you get largely depends on where you travel to. People can participate in projects by becoming a [volunteer in Zimbabwe](#) and participate in a project of their choice. For conservation projects you will be placed in a house in the park whereas if you are a teacher you may well be staying with a host family. Africa is full of diversity and one thing that you won't find is bare earth and rotting bed sheets unless you go looking for it!

The most important thing is the immense work that is put in by the volunteers working in Africa to help out the local communities and projects to enable them to sustain a better future. For a lot of people accommodation comes secondary and although you know that you will not be staying in the Hilton hotel it's nice to have somewhere comfortable that you can call home.

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