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Shamwari

Group Conservation Experience

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work
in more detail

ABOUT SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE

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Shamwari Game Reserve

Shamwari, meaning 'my friend' in Shona, is the pinnacle of game reserves stretching 25,000 hectares over a malaria free landscape, it offers an award-winning nature experience and is one of the largest private conservation initiatives in Southern Africa.

Located in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa, an area which is unmatched in Southern Africa in terms of its biodiversity covering 5 bio geographic regions of the 7 found worldwide, from the semi-desert Karoo in the interior to the lush green forests of the Garden Route.

Shamwari has a dedicated wildlife and conservation department with a wildlife veterinarian and ecologists who run the wildlife breeding, animal rehabilitation and rhino awareness centre, they also operate an anti poaching unit and animal hospital. Offering the 'Big 5' it also hosts the Born Free Foundation Big Cat Sanctuary for rescued lions and leopards.



Your Conservation Programme

- Anti-poaching patrols
- Use of telemetry tracking
- Restoring degraded thicket and landscapes
- Game counts
- Sex and ratio recordings
- Rifle handling and shooting (additional cost)
- Possible game capture
- Volunteering at Born Free Sanctuary
- Community projects
- Fence inspections
- Alien vegetation control
- Reserve clean ups
- Field skills and survival sleep out
- General game drives
- Possible veterinary interaction
- Assist with cleaning and maintenance of bomas and water troughs

Various talks and presentations

- ❖ Introduction to wildlife conservation in SA
- ❖ Principles of Eco systems
- ❖ Capture techniques and relocation of wildlife
- ❖ Stress factors in handling and containment
- ❖ Veterinarians role in conservation
- ❖ Biomes of the Eastern Cape
- ❖ Astronomy
- ❖ Facilities and drugs to reduce stress
- ❖ Darting techniques
- ❖ Wildlife monitoring
- ❖ Animal population dynamics
- ❖ Use of Bomas
- ❖ Wildlife tracks and signs
- ❖ Parasites and disease in nature
- ❖ Animal Welfare



Sample itinerary

- ❖ Day 1 – Arrive Port Elizabeth airport and transfer by coach to Shamwari Game Reserve followed by orientation of the reserve
- ❖ Day 2 – Introduction presentation and drive through the reserve followed by manual work, making pine poles
- ❖ Day 3 – Group 1: APU talk and snare finding activity; Group 2 : Rhino monitoring. Groups swap for the afternoon
- ❖ Day 4 – Group 1 : Manual work, road maintenance; Group 2 : Visit the Born Free Foundation. Groups swap for the afternoon. After dinner its Film Night
- ❖ Day 5 – All : Community day, the group will be assigned a specific project to undertake
- ❖ Day 6/7 – Weekend at leisure. Additional activities can be arranged away from the reserve or you can relax at the reserve enjoying the sights and sounds of Africa making the most of the swimming pool and garden
- ❖ Day 8 – Presentation on tracking and the use of telemetry equipment followed by predator monitoring. In the afternoon learn to make beads
- ❖ Day 9 – Group 1 : Elephant debate and information prep; Group 2 : Elephant monitoring. Groups swap for the afternoon
- ❖ Day 10 – All, Manual work and predator tracking in the afternoon. After dinner night drive patrol
- ❖ Day 11 – Game capture talk, view the bomas and capture system followed by visit to the animal rehabilitation centre and then cleaning of water holes
- ❖ Day 12 – All, Community day, the group will be assigned a specific project. Braai (BBQ) night
- ❖ Day 13 /14 Weekend at leisure.
- ❖ Day 15 Transfer to Port Elizabeth airport for the journey home to the UK.



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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

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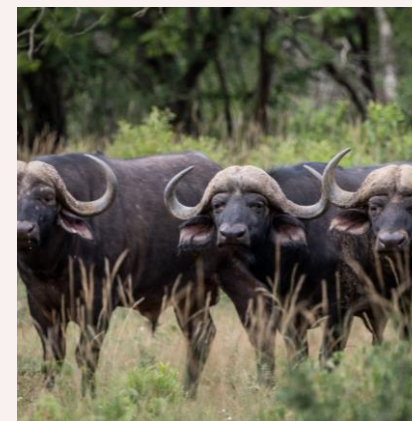
Shamwari

You will be accommodated in a purpose built lodge located on the reserve. Rooms are shared with ensuite bathrooms.

There is a communal area with lounge, bar and dining area as well as a small lecture room.

The lodge grounds offer a swimming pool, large garden area and boma; enjoy sitting around the fire in the evening.

Internet access is available for a small fee.



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Three meals are provided daily. Meals will either be taken at the accommodation or as a pre-packed serving, depending on planned or as a result of unscheduled activities.

There is a laundry service once a week.

Most evenings and weekends are spent at leisure at the reserve



ANY QUESTIONS?

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &
Recommended Kit List

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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What is included?

- Flights
- Travel Insurance
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In country support



NOT Included

- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Weekend activities
- Visa's/travel documents

Suggested kit list

- Short sleeve shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts
(Or work trousers with zip-off longs)
- T shirts
- Hiking Boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Rain jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker - warm
(it can get very cold on an open vehicle - even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Sleeping Bag - for sleep out / camping in summer months
(extra warmth in winter)
- Socks
- Warm Hat (winter only) /Hat for sun protection(all year round)
- Working gloves
- Gloves for warmth (in winter only)

- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Beach towel
- Swimming costume
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Good torch
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- Cards/Music
- Sunscreen
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen



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