



# PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION PACK

## CAFRE Greenmount College



**Welgevonden**

**Wildlife & Veterinary  
Nursing Course**

**AFRICA**

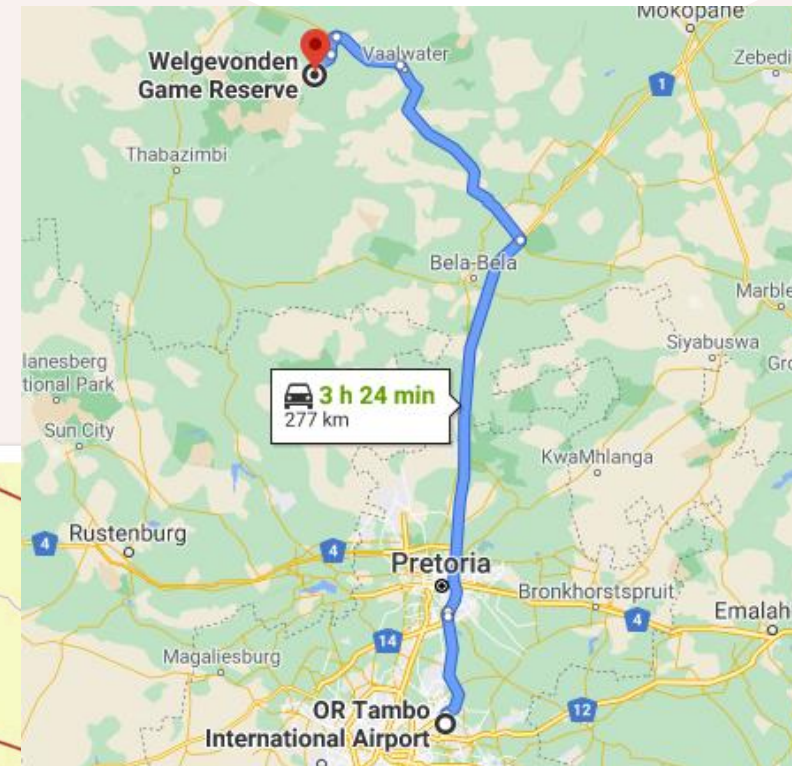
**GLOBAL** reach. **ADVENTURE** for all. **PROJECTS** to inspire.

## Arrival at Johannesburg International Airport (OR Tambo)

On arrival at Johannesburg International Airport please clear immigration, collect your bags, clear customs and make your way to the arrivals hall where you will be met by a representative from Waterberg Transfers who will be transferring you to Welgevonden Game Reserve, approximately 3.5 hour journey.

If for any reason you are unable to locate the representative please call:

Operations on : + 27 83 227 8103 / +27 82 320 6515



# CONTACT DETAILS

AFRICA

## Address

Welgevonden Game Reserve  
PO Box 433  
Vaalwater 0530  
South Africa

## Welgevonden Landline

Telephone: +27 (0)87 813 0501  
Alternative: +27 (0)83 407 6830

## Mobile

+27(0) 79 313 2276  
Carmen Warmenhove (Research & Volunteer  
Co-ordinator)

## Gap Africa Projects

+44 (0) 797 657 5949

**24 Hour Emergency Only**



## Climate

### Summer (November – April)

Expect intense heat in the daytime with occasional thunderstorms in the afternoon. Vegetation is dense and lush due to the summer rains and the bush teems with new born animals. A very good time for bird watching.

### Autumn

At the end of the summer rains the water holes are full, temperatures begin to drop at night and the vegetation starts to change colour

### Winter (May – October)

During winter the temperatures are pleasant during the day but cold at night. Visibility in the bush is very good making winter an excellent time for game viewing.

### Spring

The bush changes to lively green vegetation and temperatures are pleasant

## Currency, Credit Cards, Phones & Internet

The currency for South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR). Foreign exchange may be arranged at the airport or in major centres. It is not recommended that travellers carry large sums of cash, keep a reasonable amount on hand and primarily use credit cards.

All major credit cards are widely accepted.

Mobile phone reception is available at the accommodation, although there may be some areas on the reserve where there isn't any coverage.

Internet access is available at the accommodation for a charge.

## Health Risks

### Immunisation:

When entering South Africa no international immunisation is required, however, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers if they enter South Africa within 6 days of leaving an infected country.

Our advice: Visit your local (travel) doctor to get up-to-date information about requirements when travelling.

DTP inoculation (diphtheria, tetanus and polio) is essential.

Please visit the following web page for advice from the UK Foreign Office:

<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/201/south-africa>

### Drinking Water:

Drinking water is available at the project; always make sure you keep hydrated.

### HIV/Aids in South Africa:

As in other countries, HIV/Aids is a serious concern in South Africa and one you must be aware of. You should always be careful when dealing with an injured person to avoid the risk of infection. Always take necessary precautions and avoid sexual contact.

### Sun:

South Africa has a warm sunny climate, you should wear sunscreen and a hat whenever you are out of doors during the day, particularly between 10am and 4 pm – regardless of whether there is cloud cover or not. Whatever your complexion you can still get sunburned if you are from a cooler climate. Sunglasses are also recommended as the glare of the African sun can be very strong.

### Malaria:

The Waterberg area of the Limpopo Province where Welgevonden is located is malaria free.

<http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-risk-areas.htm>

## Insurance

Personal travel insurance is compulsory. Travel insurance does not need to be expensive and there are many good deals available for backpackers etc. Always be sure to check the insurance details to make sure you are covered for theft, loss, illness and injury. Check to see if your medical benefits are paid out as they incur or on your return home.

Please follow this link to our preferred insurer:

<https://www.endsleigh.co.uk/personal/gap-africa-projects/>

## Stay safe overseas – KBYG

The better prepared you are when you travel abroad the safer you will be. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office offers 'Know Before You Go' travel advice, including simple precautions you can take before and during your trip.

To find out more, check out their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad>

## Passport Requirements

It can take up to 6 weeks to obtain a passport – remember to start this process in plenty of time.

Your passport needs to be valid for at least 30 days beyond your intended stay and have at least two blank pages.

## Visa Requirements

A visa is not required for British Passport holders, all other nationalities should check the requirements via the website below, if required a visa can be obtained from the South African High Commission.

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>

## Suggested kit list

- Short sleeve shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts  
(Or work trousers with zip-off longos)
- 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 (winter only)

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

### Other useful items:

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

## Welgevonden

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two people per tent in single beds, each tent also has lighting and electricity supply. There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. The communal facilities include a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area and storage fridge. The centre also has access to Wi-Fi.

The camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve, check out the aerial shot of camp! You can wake up and find an elephant 10 meters from your door!





## Welgevonden

Three meals are provided daily on a self cook basis, prepared communally by the group.

Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy. Meals will either be served at the facility or as a pre-packed serving, this depends on activities either planned or unscheduled.

Meals are provided in the communal dining room, there is also an outside area for dining as well.

The research team often work 6 days a week so time off is often limited to Sundays only.

Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.





**GLOBAL** reach. **ADVENTURE** for all. **PROJECTS** to inspire.

Explore our network of Global Adventure Projects:



[GLOBALADVENTUREPROJECTS.COM](http://GLOBALADVENTUREPROJECTS.COM)

