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South Africa Equine Experience & Welfare

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location of the project

Equine Experience and Welfare

Global Adventure Projects presents a programme that gives an excellent array of equine experiences in the wilderness of the KwaZulu-Natal province of South Africa.

The aim is to get participants to the level where they intuitively understand horse behaviour and their limits in an unfamiliar wilderness; if they manage this, most things back at home are mentally easier to conquer.

The programme is structured into various modules, which can be selected or amended, as agreed with the group leaders, to create a field trip that compliments and enriches the formal academic curriculum.

The Midlands region of KwaZulu-Natal province is not only endowed with great beauty and natural diversity but can also arguably claim to dominate the largest market share of the equine industry in South Africa.



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Your Equine Programme

- Instruction from professionals in their field
- Hands-on practical sessions
- Outrides and horse trails with breathtaking scenery in South Africa and Lesotho
- Equine rescue and rehabilitation centre, incorporating a donkey sanctuary
- Perform research studies that are essential to the management of a game reserve.
- On-site and in-field educational programme for the education and upliftment of people involved with horses, incorporating rural and working horses
- Promotes the partnership between horses and humans
- Promoting education to achieve horse welfare solutions
- Taught the dynamic approach - different situations need different approaches.

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Itinerary Example

- Day 1: Flight from London Heathrow to Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport
- Day 2: Arrive in Johannesburg, transfer to internal flight to Durban and private coach transfer to Drakensburg Mountains.
- Day 3 - 5: Lesotho Horse Trail
- Day 6: Transfer to Coastal Horse Care Unit (early departure with packed breakfast) Arrive CHCU at 8am. Orientation and prep/pack for outreach clinic.
- Day 7 - 8: Rural outreach clinic.
- Day 9: CHCU neighbouring community visit and outreach clinic
- Day 10 - 12: Umhlambi Horse Trails, volunteering & collecting giraffe research data on horseback. Breakfasts at 6.30am, dinners at 5pm.
- Day 13 - 14: Nambiti Big Five Experience.
- Day 15: Private coach transfer to Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport, for direct flight to London Heathrow
- Day 16: Arrive at London Heathrow



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Project Module – Horse Trails

Come with a sense of adventure and team spirit on this **four day module**. If the idea of no hot water, no electricity and the concept of wearing your t-shirt a couple of days in a row really freaks you out, this trip isn't for you.

Experiences are best shared, and although the guiding team will go out of their way to do things for you don't expect a waiter to click your fingers at and a three-course meal. The guides on this expedition are cooking, guiding, riding and living with you.

Khotso Horse Trails has been offering horse riding in the Southern Drakensberg for well over a decade and make this most incredible activity accessible to intrepid travellers visiting this beautiful mountain range.

Although fitness is required you don't need to be an Olympic athlete however you do need to be able to do five hours a day in the saddle.

Lesotho Horse Trail : In the southern Drakensberg Mountains.
It's an adventurer's paradise and a World Heritage Site, for nature and culture.



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Project Modules – Horse Care Unit

The Coastal Horse Care Unit (CHCU) aim to protect horses from abuse and alleviate their suffering by rehabilitating, campaigning and educating the communities that use horses.

On this **four day module**, you'll visit their operational base to appreciate and understand the context and nature of their work.

Rural areas of South Africa rely heavily on their horses and the CHCU undertake 20 community clinic days throughout the year.

This module can be arranged during one of those clinic days. We advise that it will be a long day and students could be exposed to animal welfare issues that they may find difficult or upsetting, but this is the reality.

In order to make a difference and for change to occur, the process requires time and establishing relationships based on trust, without judgement or condemnation.

Coastal Horse Care Unit (CHCU) – A non-profit organisation dedicated to achieving a world where horses are used but not abused



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Project Module – Umhlambi Horse Trails

Your typical morning with Umhlambi will start with breakfast at 6:00/7:00 and will ride out once on the morning and once in the evening, for 1-2 hours.

There is also a long list of morning activities and duties, including: Tacking up (saddle, bridle), Poop patrol paddock, Poop patrol camp, Filling hay nets, Sweeping Kings bib, Bathtub (drain, clean, refill), Tack maintenance (dubbin, polishing, washing numnahs) and Herding Cattle.

After lunch, further activities and duties on top of the afternoon ride, including: Shepherding horses, Grooming (Ticks!!!), Washing horses (once a month), Watering Lucerne and grass, Anti-poaching patrols (to be assigned), Assisting with clients and pony rides and Natural horsemanship groundwork.

While on your rides, the game reserve has invited us to help them with monitoring and identifying their giraffe, it's essential research for the reserve and offers an unparalleled experience.

**Umhlambi Horse Trails –
Be immersed in the wild
and be a Shepard to the
horses of Umhlambi**



Adventure Activities – Zingela/Umhlambi

Whilst at Umhlambi Horse Trails, you will have the opportunity to explore the beautiful Zingela Reserve and benefit from the many adventure activities they have to offer:

White Water Rafting

There is an excellent 20km stretch of rapids and pools in this section of the Tugela Canyon including the intimidating Washing machine and Finger rock rapids. Water levels alter the mood of the river but whether the river rises along with adrenalin levels or whether the water converts to a “smell the roses” experience, these adventure trips are unforgettable.

Mountain Biking

The reserve offers some wonderful single track riding interspersed with rugged 4x4 vehicle bush tracks. The ride in from both Weenen & Colenso offers 30kms plus dirt road riding at its best. The abundance of game in the bushveld wilderness adds to the riding experience. Eco-friendly quads are also a great way of seeing the area and sensible riding often results in excellent game viewing along with the 4x4 terrain.

Abseiling

The cliffs overlooking the Tugela Canyon provide dizzying abseil sites. Face your fear or watch other participants step over the edge. Registered, experienced guides are there to provide reassurance and safety.



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Project Module – Nambiti Big Five Experience

South Africa is the world leader for wildlife and conservation management and while in-country, you'll see why at Nambiti Game Reserve during two full days of activities.

Set in nearly 10,000 hectares, it encompasses grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld, which ensures a thrilling diversity of game. Aside from the big five, there are 40 other game species and the opportunities for bird spotting are fantastic too.

Observe and take part in telemetric tracking techniques, view camera traps for predators and monitor lion and cheetah. The beauty of Africa, is you can get some hands-on experience and be taken on a big five game reserve, all in a day.

On your second day, you'll be taken out with the Anti-Poaching Team for crime scene investigation, discuss wildlife crime, understand the role of the APU, snare sweeps and fence patrols. Also be taken on a night drive to observe nocturnal wildlife.

Nambiti - The spirit of Africa will fill your soul and the experience will remain forever





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Details on accommodation
and the type of lifestyle on
your adventure

Lesotho Horse Trail

The first and last night are spent at the trail base in a swiss style wooden mountain lodge, with dormitory bedrooms and shared bathroom facilities. The trail base is located approximately 45 minutes from the border post into Lesotho. On arrival at the border post, you will be introduced to your the horses and hosts that will make this an awesome adventure.

Nights 2 & 3 on the trail whilst in Lesotho will be spent staying in rural villages which offer basic clean facilities for washing and cooking.



CHCU, Durban and Rural Communities

Students will stay within the education centre at the Coastal Horse Care Unit base. This is a large dormitory with shared bathroom facilities.

The team will stay at local 'B&B' style accommodation during their community outreach time located close to the rural communities where they are working.

Depending on the chosen modules and the duration of those, you could be accommodated in Durban for a time. It's a large coastal city, the third largest city in South Africa after Johannesburg and Cape Town. It is well known for its African and Indian colonial influences.



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Nambiti & Umhlambi

In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room. If student opt to sleep out there are basic camps around the reserve that can be used for sleep outs; Sleeping out under the stars and learn how to make a fire and cook on it!





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USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &
Recommended Kit List

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What is Included

- Flights
- 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

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

* We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.

Suggested kit list

- Short sleeve shirts / T-shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (or trousers with zip-off longs)
- Jodhpurs
- Riding boots
- Riding gloves & helmet
- Rain jacket / poncho
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker - warm
- Daypack rucksack
- Camel pack (Lesotho Horse Trail)
- Sleeping Bag – for Lesotho Horse Trail
- Socks
- Warm Hat (in winter and for Lesotho Horse Trail)
- Hat for sun protection
- Gloves for warmth (in winter and for Lesotho Horse Trail)
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings

- Underwear
- Bath towel
- Swimming costume
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Good torch (head lamp)
- 2L Water bottle
- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- Sunscreen
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen



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YOUR QUOTATION

Tailored quotation for your
group departure

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Dates

Depart UK: 6th July | Arrive SA 7th July 2022

Depart SA: 21st July | Arrive UK 22nd July 2022

Key Deadlines

- Return of booking forms or online application and we will send a provisional booking confirmation to request deposit.
- Pay deposit of £300 to confirm placement within 7 days of receiving the provisional booking from us.
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure.

Cost

The prices below are for Duchy College group departures and are relative to the number of students stated.

Price is indicative, any changes from this will be confirmed prior to provisional booking.

Students	Lecturers	Cost
10	2	£2699
11	2	£2699
12	2	£2699



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ABOUT US

Who we are
How we do it
The service we provide

GLOBAL ADVENTURE PROJECTS

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Global Adventure Projects is an ATOL bonded travel company that specialises in academic trips and volunteering opportunities. In operation since 2010, we have organised hundreds of field trips for schools, colleges and universities – offering a full support system to teachers and lecturers looking to plan an experience, whether travelling with students or not.

Our Support

- Informative introductory presentation – we will come to your school or college to present your field trip to students and to gauge interest
- Stress free collection of payments and paperwork – we organise all paperwork and process all payments, so you don't have to collect or chase payments from students
- 24/7 support helpline – we are always on hand whenever a student or tutor has a question, by telephone or via email to respond to any queries that may arise both before or during the programme
- Pre-departure information evening – we will host an evening for students to attend with their parents 6 – 8 weeks before their departure, offering a chance to ask any questions and providing further information about their trip; what their travel details are and what they can expect!
- Online access to the group area of our website which provides information including itineraries, local information, kit lists and general trip information
- Airport meet and greet (if applicable) – in terms of the journey, we would ask that the group arrange their own transport to their UK departure airport on the day of departure. A member of the GAP team will meet the group to assist with the check in process, ensuring the group have all the documents they need to travel.
- Our local preferred transport company will meet the group at arrivals and transfer to the project, plus all locations on the itinerary for the duration.

ATOL Financial Security & Health & Safety

We are a fully bonded ATOL operator, which means we can organise all elements of the trip and provide full financial protection and peace of mind for everyone involved by using our ATOL licence, **when flights are included as part of the package.**

All relevant insurances are in place from ourselves and the facilities where the group expedition operates from. We have individual risk assessments for all parts of the experience and, if required, we can put together a combined risk assessment to encompass any additional activities such as weekend excursions that may be added on as part of the trip.

Individual travel insurance is not included in the cost. If the college or university does not have an group travel policy in place for the students, we can assist with arranging this – whether it be through a group or individual policy from our preferred insurer.

To date we have run many successful group experiences and are proud to present references and testimonials from previous trip leaders giving you an unbiased opinion of our service.





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