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KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project



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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Riseholme College– Booking Reference 4517

Trip Dates:

21st October 2024 – 31st October 2024

Flights:

20th October London Heathrow – Johannesburg arriving 21st October*

31st October Johannesburg – London Heathrow arriving 1st November*

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Project:

Waterberg Equine & Wildlife Project

Trip Cost:

£2,295 –£2,595 per person

£300.00 deposit

50% Instalment due 01/07/2023

Balance due 26/07/2023

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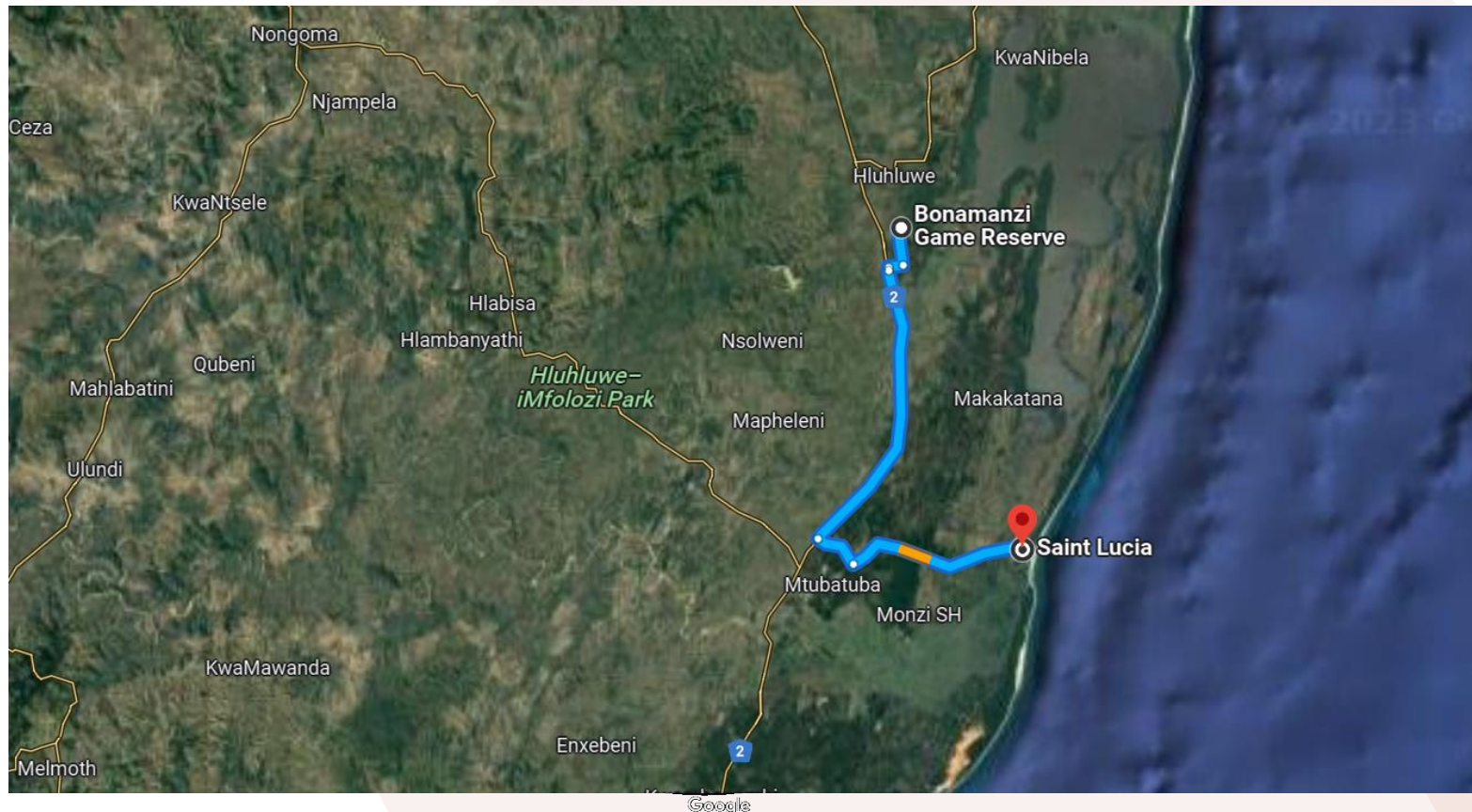
Overview and location
of the project

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Location

- Staying in two locations on the Northeastern Coast
- Bonamanzi Game Reserve and St Lucia



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Zululand Community and Volunteering Project

The Zululand Community Volunteering project is located conveniently close to Durban (3hours) on the Kwa-Zulu-Natal North Coast in South Africa it is close to the beautiful St Lucia a UNESCO World Heritage Site

The main project location is Bonamanzi and the surrounding community, Bonamanzi is a Zulu word for “look water!” The Nearest town is Hluhluwe which has South Africa’s oldest Game Reserve. The second module of the project is located in St Lucia this is a small but quaint village that is becoming a top tourist destination, St Lucia is famous for its huge population of wild hippos.

KwaZulu Natal including St Lucia is Malaria Low to no Risk – Antimalarial not usually advised. – recommend to use insect repellent

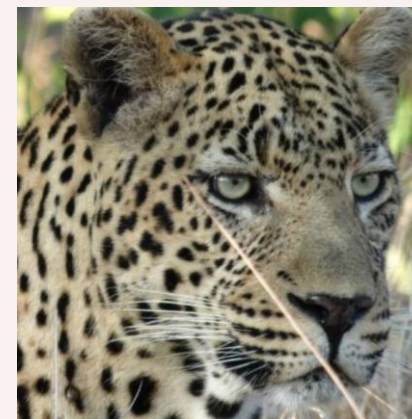


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Bonamanzi

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve, 4000 hectares in size with the Hluhluwe River on its Eastern border. Proclaimed a Natural Heritage Site in 1995 in recognition of the biodiversity of the Reserve we offer Sand Forests, Savanna, and wetland Areas. This diversity is why Bonamanzi is recognized as one of the best birding destinations in Southern Africa.



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St Lucia Wetlands

St. Lucia is situated on the northern side of the estuary, the largest in Southern Africa, and is totally surrounded by the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands Park and World Heritage Site. The area is famous for its wetlands and is a fantastic opportunity to witness Crocodiles and Hippos in their natural environment.



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Students will be taught and work alongside a number of inspiring professionals;

- Project Rhino.** Project Rhino aims to educate school children on the conservation of Rhinos and the Rhino poaching crisis. It aims to increase relationships with game reserves and the neighboring communities. Project Rhino has reached over 700,000 school children in South Africa, educating these children about the importance of the natural world and the wildlife around them. Children attend presentations and are encouraged to produce artwork in support of the local wildlife. The education links directly to the Zulu culture

Move Africa: Champion and encourage girls on how to use menstrual cups as a sustainable solution to period poverty. In Africa 3 out of 10 girls miss out on a week of school every month, due to not being able to afford menstrual products., This has a huge impact on the girl's outlook. Move Africa's aim is to equip young women with sustainable sanitary ware and relevant education about menstrual cycles

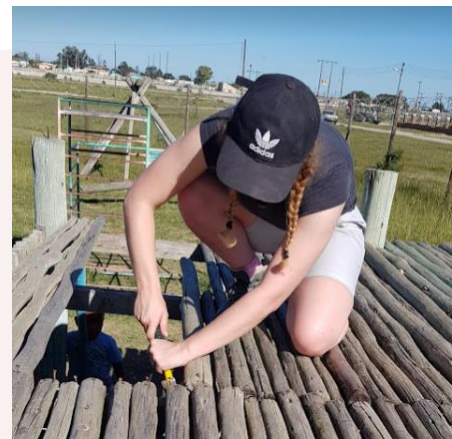


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Ndumu Charitable Foundation – Focuses primarily on improving early childhood development and education within communities – particularly in the refurbishment of creches and nurseries. Projects include building and improving play equipment, painting the classrooms, digging vegetable gardens and talking to staff about the importance of correct nutrition. Ndumu are also passionate about installing libraries in primary schools.



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Kingsley Holgate Foundation – has supported conservation efforts and communities bordering wildlife parks throughout Africa for over a decade. Their Early Childhood Development programme works to improve the nutrition and education of over 3000 local children who live in rural communities on the boundaries of wildlife reserves.

Woza Moya –, This charity aims to reduce poverty through Arts and Crafts, Woza Moya assists those in need to acquire a skill and learn how to turn this skill into an income using local products. Woza Moya provides ongoing business mentorship to ensure the crafting can become a self-sustaining business. Since 2002 over 350 crafters have been supported



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Khula Natural Health Clinic– A busy community health facility in St Lucia, founded in 2017 focusing on Children's and women's health, through safe and affordable treatments using homeopathic remedies to complement Western medicine.

Bonamanzi Conservation Foundation: manages the day-to-day conservation management and research of the Big 4 Game Reserve. The foundation began in 2012 to re-establish land as a game reserve for wildlife. Wildlife conservation and Community Development are the foundation's main objectives. Bonamanzi has an existing relationship with Cumbria's Safari Zoo who are active in helping the reserve with their K9 unit.



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St Lucia Estuary is the largest estuarine system in southern Africa it is home to one of the largest free-roaming Hippo populations in South Africa, there are also around 1200 Nile Crocodiles in the area.

Estuary Hippo and Crocodile Tour

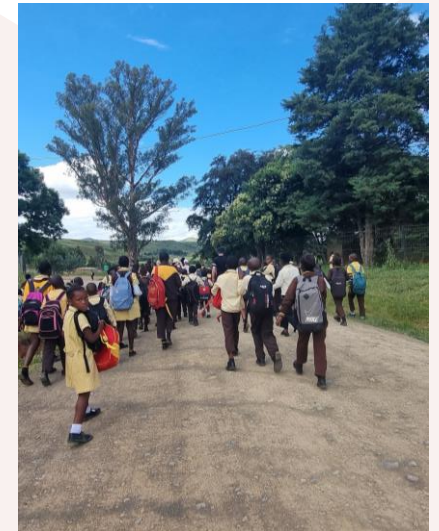
A boat tour of the estuary which includes the opportunity to witness hippos, Nile crocodiles, and many birds of prey. On the banks, you can often see Buffalo, Zebra, and Antelope.



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Community Development Activities



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Community – GAP Donation Bags



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Example itinerary

Day 1: Travel to London Heathrow for your overnight flight to South Africa

Day 2: Travel overnight from the UK to Durban, transfer to Bonamanzi, orientation and dinner

Day 3: Early morning game drive, after breakfast, depart for a Creche refurbishment project for the day. After dinner a Talk on Zulu Culture by Project Rhino

Day 4: Community outreach with Project Rhino, then return to the Creche to continue with the project. After lunch reserve management work at Bonamanzi. After Dinner Night drive and leopard tracking.

Day 5: Early morning bush walk with track and signs, after breakfast head out to the Creche refurbishment. After Dinner a presentation by Move Africa

Day 6: Visit a School with Move Africa. After lunch, a Zulu Arts and Craft Workshop with Woza Moya. Dinner and a talk by Woza Moya on Empowering local craftsman

Day 7: Anti-Poaching and K9 Demonstration along with a snare sweep. Afternoon at leisure relaxing by the pool. With an evening game drive and a Braai by the lake

Day 8: Early morning Bush walk and transfer to St Lucia (45min), and a tour of the craft markets and town in the afternoon will include a Hippo and Crocodile estuary sunset boat tour.

Note: Lunch is not included on this day

Day 9: After breakfast spend the day at a local orphanage at Khula Village. Choice of restaurants for dinner (paid locally)

Day 10: Explore the local Natural health clinic with a talk and tour of the facility, The afternoon is time to relax at the beach.

Day 11: Depart St Lucia for Durban and overnight flight back to London.

Day 12: Arrive back in London for your transfer back to college.



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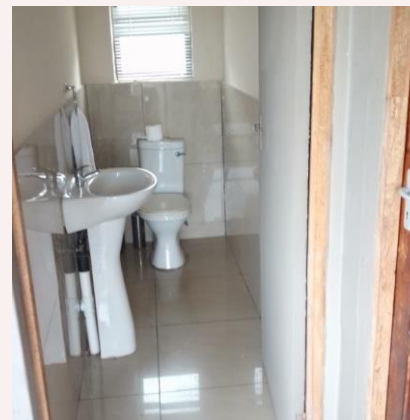
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Life in Africa

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Bundu Camp



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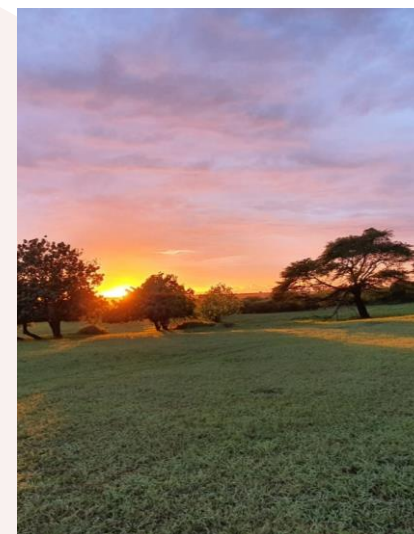
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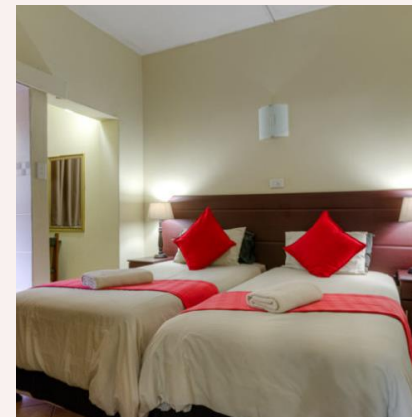
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St Lucia



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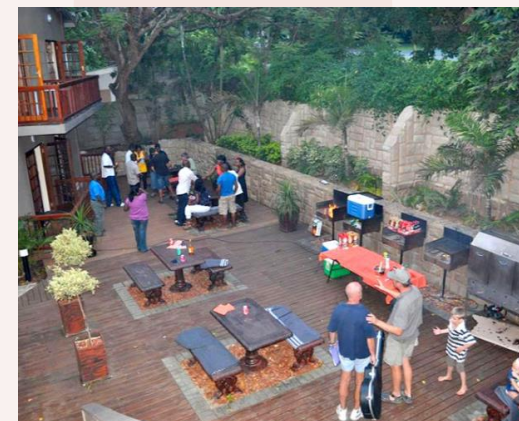
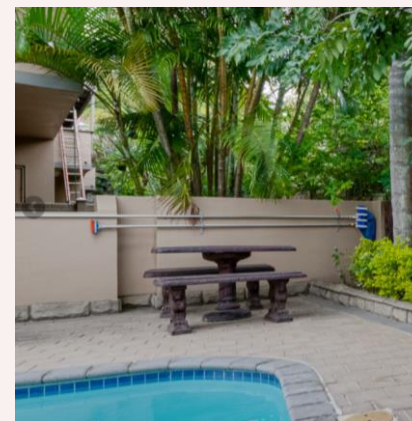
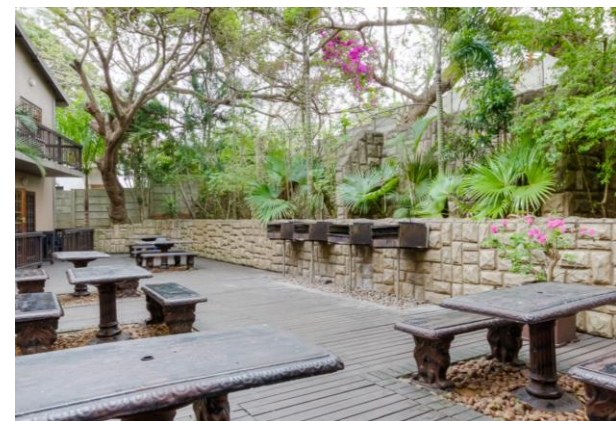
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USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &
Recommended Kit List

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What is included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day unless specified
- 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
- Lunch and Dinner on one day whilst in St Lucia
- 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.



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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
 - Daypack rucksack
 - Socks
 - Warm Hat /Hat for sun protection (all year round)
 - Gloves for warmth (in winter only)
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- All clothes should be in neutral tones
 - No skimpy or bright-coloured clothing to be worn.

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

Other useful items:

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



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