

Easton College Project Presentation



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique academic conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live and work in the wild of Africa
- The opportunity to experience hands on wildlife conservation
- Bespoke, tailor made projects to suit research requirements
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Cultural Fnrichment
- Full 10 nights in South Africa
- All inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

Zulu Land Conservation Research

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the Zulu Land Conservation Project offer a bespoke course to each institution dependent on their own personal objectives and learning needs.

We set out the basis of the trip, comprising of a 10-day academic module split between the two conservation reserves allowing students the opportunity to collect data and participate in various research field studies.



A full 9-hour day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the days task and research goals.

Project split and duration options are as follows:

10 Day Itinerary

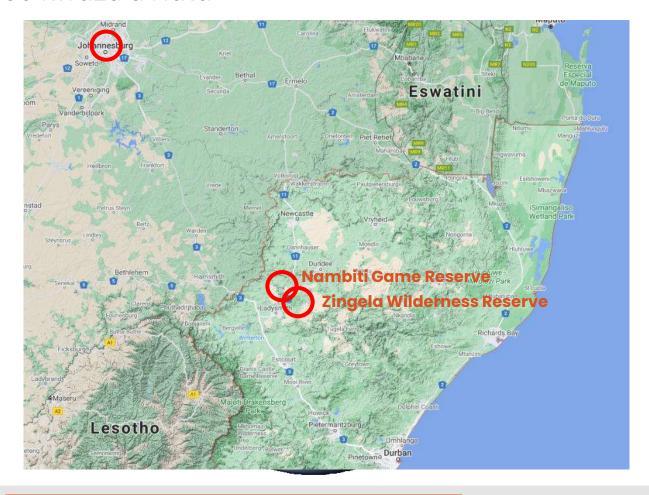
Days 1 - 5 Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

Days 5 – 10 Zingela Wilderness Research

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Zulu Land Conservation Project-Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free KwaZulu Natal





What is a Game Reserve?

- A game reserve is a large area of protected land where wild animals can live safely.
- Wildlife is free roaming throughout the reserve allowing them to thrive in their natural habitat.
- Reserves are either Government Owned (National Parks) or Privately Owned/Managed.
- Most reserves will have physical boundaries i.e. electrified fence line.
- Due to physical boundaries, wildlife must be managed due to restraints on population growth, migration and resources.
- Wildlife is protected but also utilised as a tourist attraction (Eco Tourism) which creates funding for conservation efforts and research.





Nambiti Game Reserve (Days 1 – 5)

Nambiti Game Reserve is a magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.











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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



















Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species















Nambiti Research Team

















Use of Telemetry Tracking















Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors















Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

Focus on Lion and Cheetah populations:

GPS coordinates from tracking collars

Can be used for movement/spatial/home range analysis













Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Impact Assessment

Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

Matriarch collared so GPS range data available

Herd population data

Elephant impact assessments from February '23

Long term ongoing project looking at elephant impact on vegetation









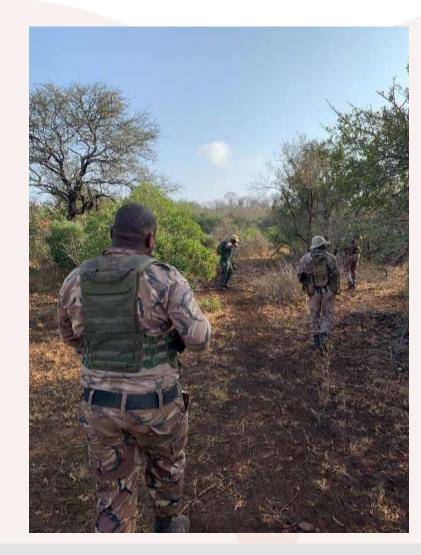
Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching













Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!















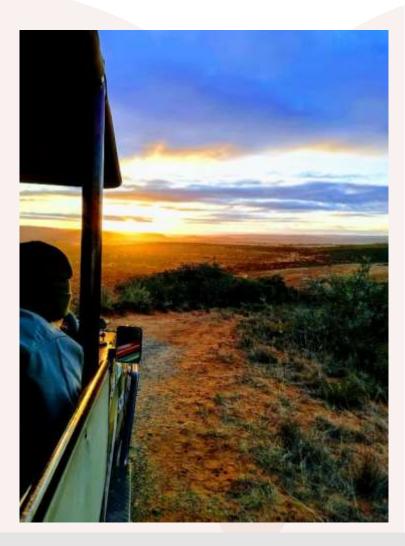
Night Game Drives











Possible Wildlife Interventions











Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for longterm conservation

Positive impact supporting not for profit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats & Rhino Art











Community - GAP Donation Bags















Zingela River Safari (Days 5 – 10)

Zingela Wildlife Reserve covers 12,500 acres of predator free, pristine African bushveld. You will have the opportunity to be involved with the research that takes place at the property;. You will also have the chance to participate in a host of activities during your stay.













NAMBITI TO ZINGELA





Giraffe Migration and Research Project

Population data and database for individuals

Migration and range data through unfenced territories

Diet and vegetation impact assessment

Genetic diversity













River Assessments – Eel Project

Fresh water eel project understanding life cycle using GPS data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System













Reptile Research and Trapping

Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned

Species frequency

Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation

Comparing herpetological diversity













ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE



Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany













ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE



River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking















ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE



Abseiling and Rock Climbing

















Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti

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!













Game Reserve Camps - Zingela















Food at the project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff.

Breakfasts will consist of toast and cereals: lunch may include pasta, wraps, burgers, stir fry; dinners include meat, fish and vegetables with rice, potatoes or pasta.

On weekends a braai (BBQ) is often organised.

Please advise us of any dietary requirements in advance so we can ensure that you are adequately catered for.















Life on project - Life long memories

















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A true life experience











AFRICA

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Project dates & key deadlines Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 19th May | Arrive SA: 20th May 2024

Depart SA: 1st June | Arrive UK: 2nd June 2024

Trip cost:

£2,095.00* Based on a group of 18

Key deadlines are:

- 10/11/2023 Return online booking form
- 24/11/2023 deposit payment, £300.00
- 28/01/2024 instalment payment, £897.50
- 24/03/2024 balance payment, £897.50
- Payments plans available
- 05/05/2024 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

What is Included?

- Flights (Virgin Atlantic)
- 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.



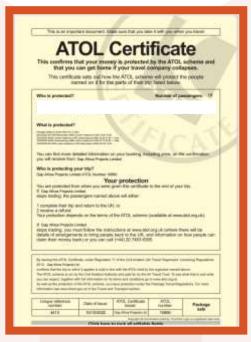
Confirmation Documents

Confirmation documents will be issued and sent directly to you via email.

Please communicate with us with any questions relating to the field trip.







Confirmed Flight Information

Arr. Time Flight No Flight Date Dept. Dept. Time Arr.

19/05/2024 VS449 **London Heathrow** Johannesburg 10:25 + 1 Day 22:30

01/06/2024 VS450 Johannesburg 18:50 **London Heathrow** 05:00 + 1 Day







Sustainability & Social, Economic Responsibility

Local employment from rural communities - our project partners employ a high percentage of staff from local communities. They advocate training to advance careers in hospitality, wildlife and conservation.

Low environmental impact camps – our project bush camps are built with minimal impact on the environment. Resources from the surrounding area are utilised for buildings, water is (where possible) pumped from local river sources and green energy supplies, such as solar are championed.

Community donations and support - we encourage all our international study groups to be proactive in donation collections and arrange for excess baggage for said donations to be taken out to South Africa in support of the local communities.

Move Africa, supporting young females – 3 in 10 girls in South Africa miss a week of school every month because they cannot afford basic sanitary products. Our project partners work with Move Africa alongside their partner NGOs, to distribute menstrual cups to the local communities and provide education workshops.

Rhino Art - Project rhino realises the enormous responsibility the youth have to ensure our wildlife is protected for many generations to come. They ensure they can reach and educate as may kids as possible through Rhino Art, using art workshops to teach about conservation. This initiative is supported by our local project partners.

Food/crop education – our project partners encourage food and crop education to rural communities, where cost of living to low income families and distance travelled to obtain basic resources can prove problematic. Projects include community allotments and providing education on best practice for crop rotations, harvest seasons and nutrition.

Recycling workshops - Litter, and in particular plastics, is a major issue and threat to the ecosystem in Southern Africa. Rural communities have limited waste removal available and it is therefore a problem escalating at an alarming rate. Recycling workshops are provided through local schools to help educate children on the importance of correctly disposing of litter and recycling plastics.

Group Web Page



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