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## Nambiti Research Volunteer Internship

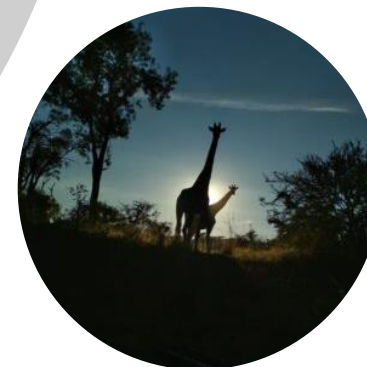


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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work in more detail



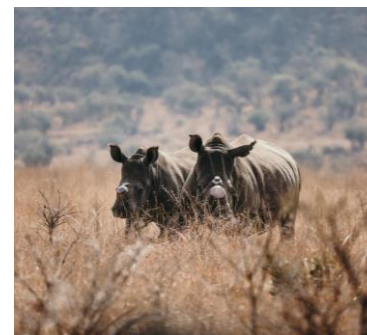
# ABOUT NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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## NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

Established in 2000, Nambiti was forged from a vision to create a Big 5 Game Reserve close to Durban. After 17 years of careful restoration, and the restocking of native flora and fauna, the Reserve is one the country's most exciting conservation initiatives today. With sustainable developments ensuring the livelihood of its local people remains intact, Nambiti has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Visitors of Nambiti Private Game Reserve revel in the smouldering beauty of a landscape boasting 22,000 acres of spectacular wildlife. Nambiti is truly a magnificent tapestry of landscapes. From former battlefields to majestic mountains, it is the only game reserve in the area boasting the Big 5, as well as over 40 other species of game including cheetah, giraffe, hippo, hyena, impala, eland and zebra. In addition, over 300 bird species thrive here.



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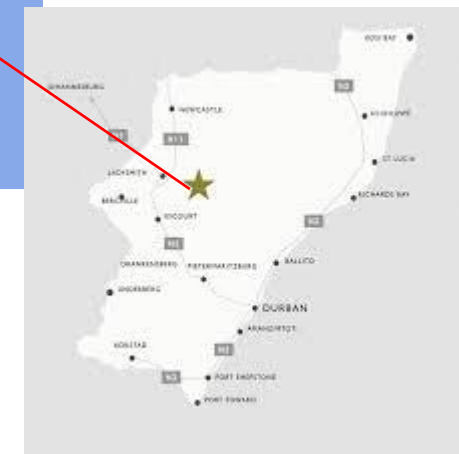
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## NAMBITI GAME RESERVE – LOCATION

Nambiti Private Game Reserve is located in KwaZulu-Natal Province, near Ladysmith.

The reserve and camp are situated in the Natal Midlands, close to the stunning Drakensberg Mountain Range, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Conveniently accessible from Johannesburg & Pretoria, a 3.5 – 4-hour journey time and from Durban approximately 2.5 hours.



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## Project Overview

A variety of exciting bush adventures are accessible from the reserve. Hosted by professionally trained guides; interns quickly become immersed in the daily life of a conservationist, experiencing hands on, behind-the-scenes reserve activities.

Interns form part of the research team and assist with daily responsibilities of the ongoing monitoring, data collection and reserve maintenance.



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## Your Internship Programme

Whilst on your placement you will become a member of the research and conservation team

- Lion monitoring (telemetry)
- Cheetah monitoring (telemetry)
- Black and White Rhino monitoring
- Nocturnal Leopard habituation and monitoring
- Nocturnal Aardwolf habituation and monitoring
- Tracks and Signs, practical
- Anti-poaching snare-sweeps and fence patrols
- Game (wildlife) Counts
- Game/wildlife capture (in season)
- Data collection
- Wildlife monitoring
- Elephant vegetation impact assessments
- Leopard, lion, elephant ID kit developing
- Compiling of reports, maps, ID kits
- Bush clearing
- Road maintenance
- Alien invasive plant removal
- Boma (animal enclosure) maintenance
- Community workshops
- Social media content collection

## Duties of a volunteer intern

As an intern your core duties will be to assist with the day-to-day monitoring of wildlife & conservation work undertaken by the team at Nambiti

### Wildlife research

- Collection of wildlife data to assist in conservation decision making
- Monitor key species in the reserve
- Assist reserve management with ongoing projects i.e. elephant impact assessments, leopard, lion & elephant ID kits
- Collate and formulate collected data into reports and maps
- Assist with identification (ID) kits of key species

### Reserve maintenance

- Assist the reserve management team with bush clearing, road maintenance & alien invasive removal
- Routine boma maintenance in preparation for game capture season

### Community Outreaches

- Visit local communities and assist with wildlife education and other upliftment programmes
- Use of the interns' individual skillsets to help with workshops towards empowering the community



## Duties of a volunteer intern

### Camp maintenance and duties

While staying in camp, your home base, there will be general duties that everyone will need to help with:

- Wash your own dishes
- Tidy up after yourselves (i.e. the communal lounge & firepit area)
- Tents will not be serviced; keep them tidy and free of food & rubbish
- You may be required to help with some of the group meals i.e. braais & potjies (collect firewood, make the fire, braai the meat)
- Rubbish removal
- Cleaning the pool
- Cleaning the bathrooms
- Facilitating activities for visiting groups/community kids camps etc.
- Sweep out tents before departure

### Social media content

Collect social media content while out having fun on the reserve and around camp and assist with our social media weekly posts



## Key Requirements

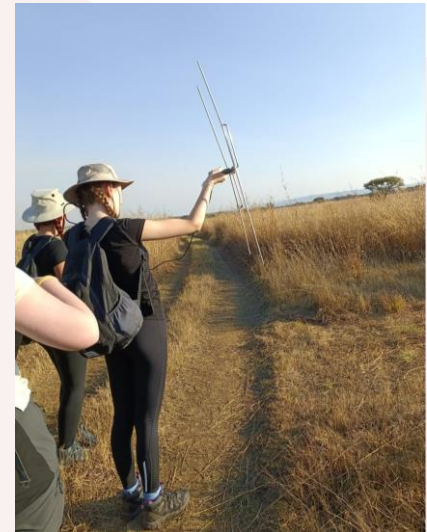
- Previously travelled on a GAP Africa expedition to Nambiti as part of a college/university trip
- Qualified with, or working towards, a suitable qualification in Animal Management, Conservation, Ecology, Agriculture or similar
- Physically fit and healthy, able to endure long days in the field
- A keen interest in African conservation
- Ability to work as part of a team
- A positive attitude



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## Life on the Reserve



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# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

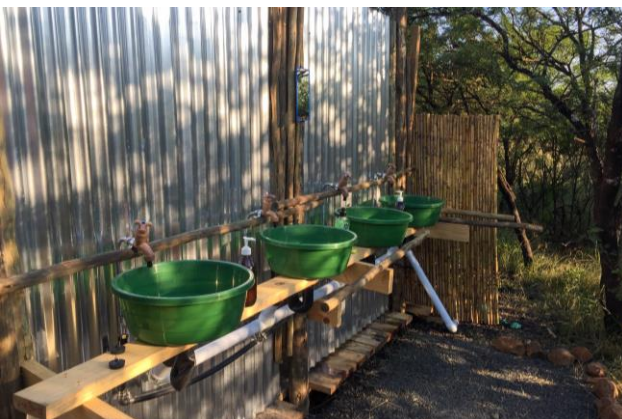
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## Nambiti Research Camp

Interns/Volunteers will be accommodated in the tented research bush camp in single tents with a proper bed (linen and towels provided). Friends are welcome to share tents.

There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets.



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## Nambiti Research Camp

Three meals per day are provided, group participation required for some meals

Breakfast is self-service with cereals, toast, fruit (eggs available to boil)

Lunches, make your own sandwiches, salads, fruit soup etc

Dinners are cooked, sometimes it will be a group participation braai (BBQ) & potjies (stews)

Tea, coffee & juice station open 24/7

Laundry service available once a week



## Working hours, time off and town visits

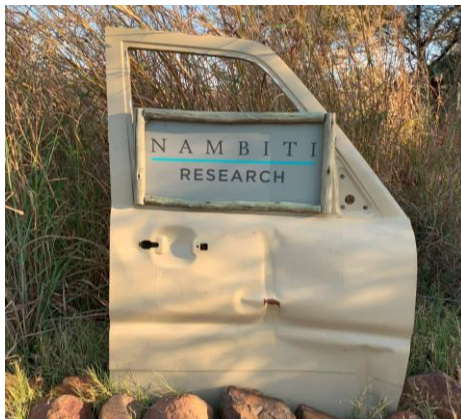
- A full 6 to 8 hour working day, 5 days per week with 2 days off each week
- Work and schedule will depend on reserve management tasks at the time
- Time off may be spent in camp relaxing, swimming in the camp pool or walking/fishing at the dam on Elandsvlei where the camp is situated
- One trip to Ladysmith, a 20 minute drive, will be available per week for interns to pick up anything they may need from town. Any extra trips will be at own expense
- WiFi is available @ a fee of R150 per person (one off charge)



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## Camp Life



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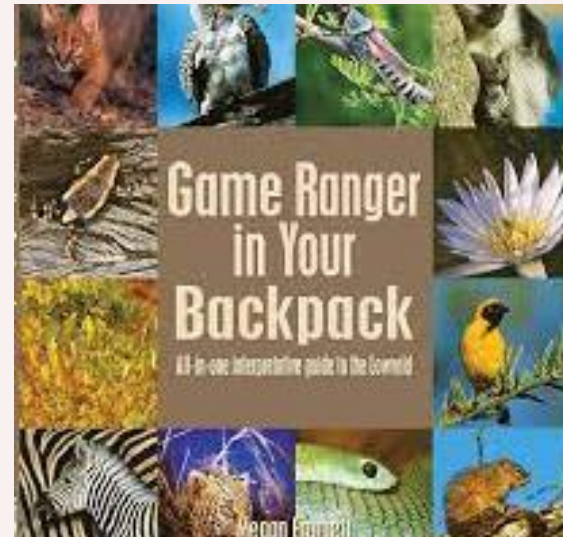
## Track and Sign Workshop

Discover the art of tracking: over two immersive days; you'll learn the ancient skills of tracking animals and following their signs.

This is based at your camp, so no need to travel!

A privilege to be taught by renowned naturalist, trails guide and author of 'Game Ranger in your Backpack', Sean Patrick.

Extra options to be booked and paid for locally



## Zululand – Hluhluwe and St Lucia

Based at Bonamanzi Bundu Camp

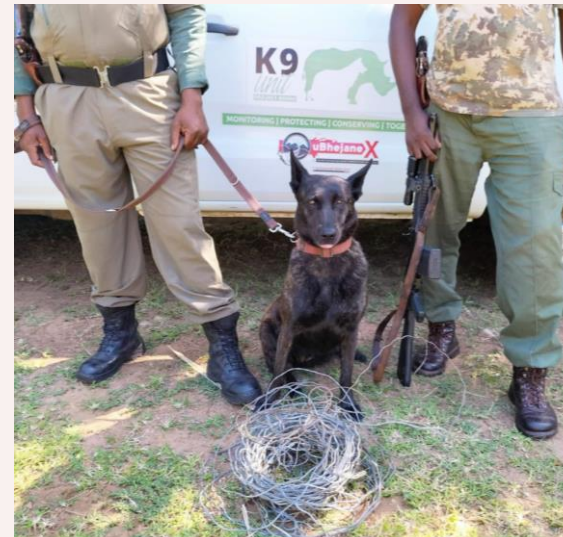
K9-Anti poaching | Anti-poaching boat patrol | Elephant monitoring | Snake antivenom research | Leopard/Hyena research | Alien plant clearing | Black Rhino tracking | Orphanage/cat sterilisation/croc centre volunteering

Minimum of 6 participants required

## St Lucia Cat Sterilisation Project

Cat sterilisation clinics | Rural community visits | Animal ambulance | home-based sanctuaries | Admin | Social media updates | Fundraising | Bottle feeding and fostering rescue kittens | General cat care/husbandry

Extra options to be booked and paid for locally



# WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

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## Nearby attractions

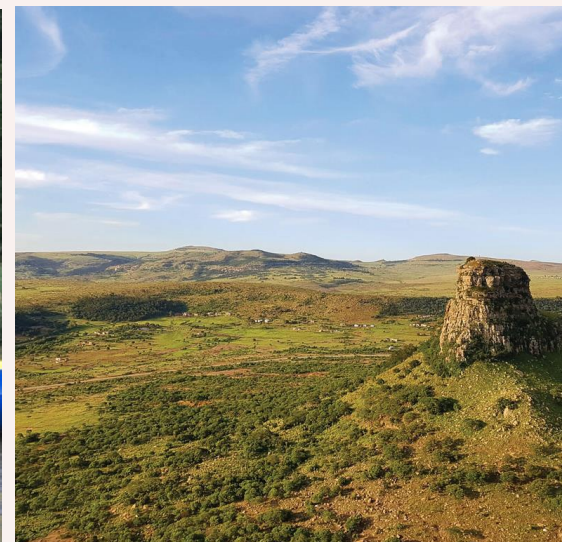
Drakensberg mountain hiking, horse riding

Camping in caves

Spa weekend at nearby resorts

Battlefield Tours

Zingela weekend white water rafting



**Extra activities to be booked and paid for locally**



# USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &  
Recommended Kit List

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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## What is included?

- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- 24/7 In-country support

## NOT Included

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project (we can facilitate)
- Personal Travel Insurance \*
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Weekend activities
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

\* We recommend you take insurance out as soon as your booking is confirmed

## Suggested kit list

- Short and long sleeve T shirts \*
- Long work trousers and shorts \*  
(Or work trousers with zip-off longs)
- Hiking Boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Rain jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker - (it can get very cold on an open vehicle - even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Socks
- Hat for sun protection (all year round) / Warm Hat (winter only)
- Working gloves
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Water bottle (filtered rainwater provided at the lodge)
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings

- Underwear
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Swimming towel
- Swimming costume
- Toiletries
- Tick/insect repellent
- Personal medical items & First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen & Sunglasses
- Binoculars

### Other useful items:

- Good torch/headlamp
- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Cards/music
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen
- Power bank

\* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones for working in the bush. No skimpy or bright coloured clothing to be worn.

# PROJECT DATES

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## 2024 OPEN DATES

- 22 January – 8 June 2024
- 2 September – 14 December 2024
  
- Arrival day – Monday  
Departure day – Sunday





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