

Askham Bryan Project Presentation



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GAP Africa Projects

- We are a specialised travel company that offers academic trips and volunteering opportunities for groups and individual travellers, in a number of locations worldwide
- We pride ourselves on curating experiences which are personalised to your needs and requirements
- Our first project travelled in 2010



- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with over 50 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa.





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 Enrichment
 - Wildlife, Livestock and Domestic Veterinary Interactions
- Full 12 nights in South Africa
- All inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife & Veterinary Project

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Project offer a bespoke course tailored to each institution's personal objectives and learning needs.

As part of the experience, we bring in wildlife veterinarians who spend time with the group offering hands-on learning opportunities.

We also involve the group in local community projects, where they assist in caring for livestock and domestic animals. A full day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the days task and research goals.

The project split and duration are as follows:

12 Day Itinerary

Days 1 - 6 Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

Days 6 - 12 **Zingela Wilderness Conservation**







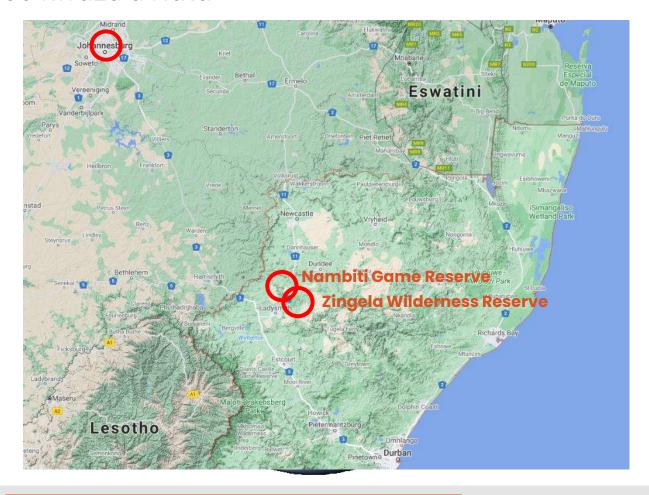






KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Project-Location

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







Nambiti Game Reserve

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





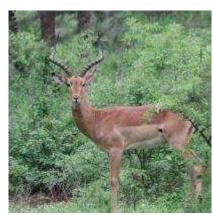












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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species















Your Conservation Programme - Nambiti

Students will be taught and work alongside the field guides and conservation team. The following examples depict the day-to-day activities that may be undertaken as part of the project at Nambiti.

- **Alien Vegetation Control & Reserve Maintenance**
- **Use of Telemetry Tracking**
- **Elephant Monitoring / Population Study**
- Rhino Monitoring Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- **Camera Trapping**
- **Night Drive**
- **Big Five Bush Walk**
- **Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators**
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- **Community Development**
- Wildlife Intervention (not guaranteed)







Nambiti Research Team















Use of Telemetry Tracking













Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors















Big Five Bush Walk















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

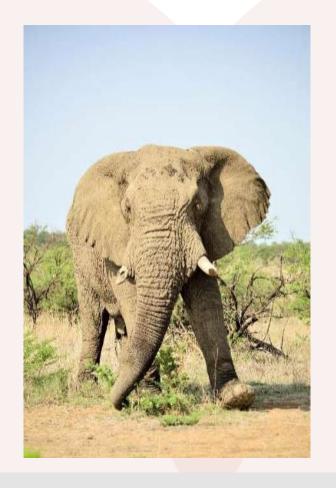
Herd population data

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!













NAMBITI GAME RESERVE



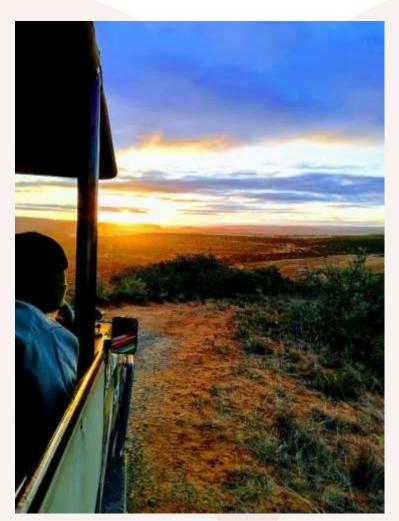
Night Game Drives











Veterinary Interactions

As part of the program, students will have the unique opportunity to interact with a local wildlife veterinarian who plays an integral role in the overall management of the game reserve.

The highlight of this experience will be the potential for a planned wildlife intervention, where students can observe and, where appropriate, assist in the treatment or management of an animal.













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

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.







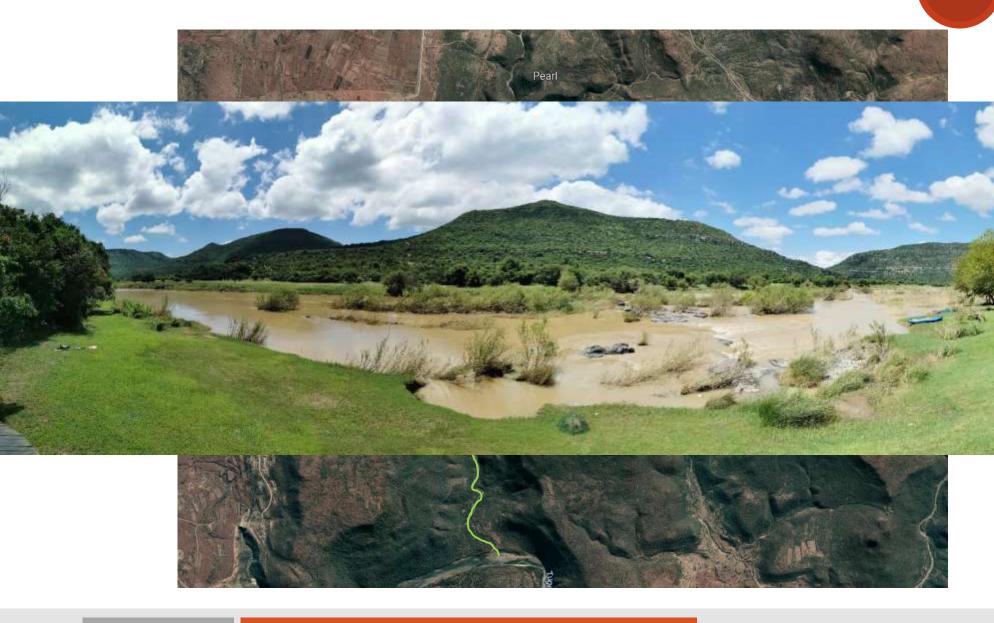






NAMBITI TO ZINGELA





Your Conservation Programme - Zingela

Students will be taught and work alongside the field guides and scientific team. The following examples depict the dayto-day activities that may be undertaken as part of the project at Zingela Reserve.

- Spatial Distribution and Habitat use of species
- **Use of Telemetry Tracking**
- **Giraffe migration and Conservation Project**
- Reptile pit fall traps
- Freshwater Ecology
- **Mini SASS**
- **Fish Tagging**
- **Bird Ringing**
- Educational Bush Walks Ecology & Botany
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- **Community Veterinary Development**
- Camera Trapping and data processing







Potjie Cooking Competition

A traditional South African experience, the Potjie competition involves cooking a stew in three-legged pots over an open fire..

The winning dish, judged by our expert cooks, will be served for dinner, allowing everyone to enjoy the fruits of their labor.













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 -

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













Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany















Animal Welfare Outreach Program

Participants will join the camp's in-house veterinarian to assist local Zulu farmers in caring for their livestock, primarily goats, but also including dogs, cats, sheep, and cattle, depending on the participants' qualifications and experience.

Vaccinating and Caring for Local Farmers' Goats Working with Various Animals at the Homestead Animal Welfare Education at Local Schools











Animal Welfare Outreach Program















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.













ACCOMMODATION



Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti







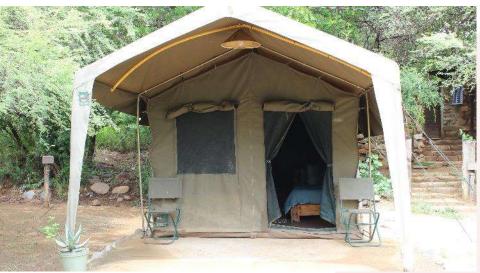








Game Reserve Camps - Zingela













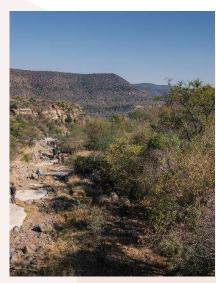




Game Reserve Camps - Zingela















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.













Food at the project















Life on project - Life long memories















ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



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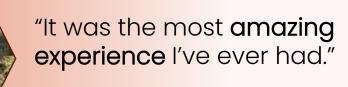








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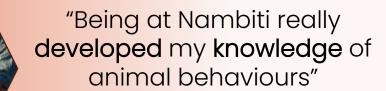
"I learnt so many new things that have educated me beyond classroom curriculum"



"There wasn't a single experience that didn't amaze me and make me feel enriched."

Reference: GAP Africa Projects Post Project Trip Questionnaire 23/24

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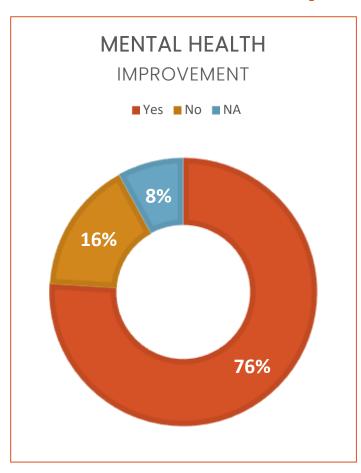


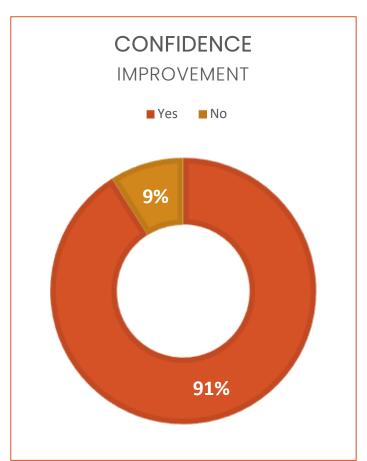
Everything exceeded my expectations, and the trip was life-changing."

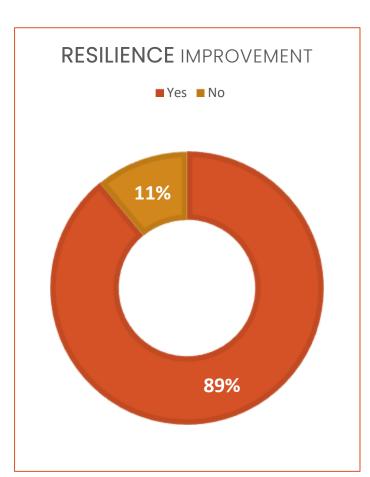


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Personal Development







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What is Included?

- Flights from London Heathrow
- 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.



Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 3rd August | Arrive SA: 4th August 2025

Depart SA: 16th August | Arrive UK: 17th August 2025

Trip cost:

TBC Estimated £2,595.00 - £2,795.00 Based on a group of 16 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 27/09/2024
- Deposit payment, £300.00 21/10/2024
- 50% instalment payment of £0000.00 to be paid by 14/04/2025
- Balance payment of £0000.00 to be paid by **09/06/2025**
- Payment plans available
- 00/00/0000 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued





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.







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.



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