

# Moulton College Project Information Pack



**AFRICA** 

#### **Moulton College – Booking Reference 4598**

Trip Dates: 29th June - 13thJuly 2025

#### Flights:

Flight	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept.	Arr.	Arr. Time
No			Time		
BA55	29/06/2025	London Heathrow (LHR)	19:05	Johannesburg (JNB)	07:15 + 1 Day
TBC	13/07/2025	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	TBC	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC
BA54	13/07/2025	Johannesburg (JNB)	21:05	London Heathrow (LHR)	07:25 + 1 Day

Baggage Allowance - 1 piece of checked baggage @20kgs, 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs max dimensions 56x36x25 cms

#### **Project:**

KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research - Nambiti Game Reserve, Zingela Wilderness Reserve & St Lucia

#### **Trip Cost:**

£2699.00 per person

- £300.00 Deposit
- £1199.50 Instalment due 10/03/2025
- £1199.50 Balance due 05/05/2025

<sup>\*</sup> Always check the flight timings on your final documents



#### **KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research**

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research 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 13-day academic module split between the two conservation reserves plus 3 nights at St Lucia Coastal Unit



A full day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the day's 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 - 10

Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities

Days 10-13

St Lucia Costal Project

### Nambiti Game Reserve (Days 1 – 6)

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 an unprecedented diversity of wildlife.











### Zingela River Safari (Days 6 – 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. There is also the opportunity to participate in a host of adventurous activities during your stay such as, rafting and abseiling.













### St Lucia Wetlands (Days 10 - 13)

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. Snorkelling at Cape Vidal is tide and current dependent.

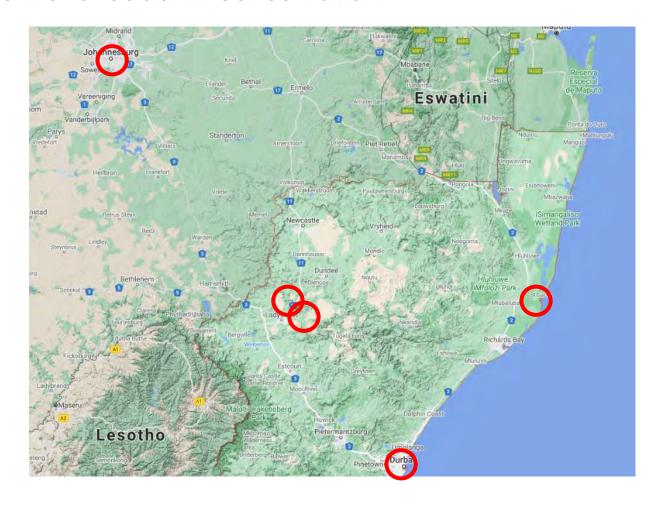






### **KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Project-Location**

South Africa a world leader in conservation





### 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





## YOUR PROJECT

#### **Additional Research Projects**

#### **Aardwolf Research**

A new project for 2024/25 monitoring the aardwolf on Nambiti. Aardwolf are a nocturnal, insectivorous species of hyena. Through night drives, camera traps and collaring we hope to gain a better understanding of the species and their behaviour. Termite mounts have also been logged as well as possible den sites along fence lines

#### Birds of prey research

Identification of a key species on the reserve. Epicollect forms have been made, these forms contain nest sites, locations, GPS coordinates, species, number, road name.

#### Animal Vigilance in Antelope: Response to Predation Risk

Focusing on vigilance behaviour in antelope, specifically impala and blue wildebeest, as a predator avoidance strategy. This study is particularly timely with the planned introduction of cheetah and African wild dogs onto the reserve, providing a unique opportunity to observe changes in antelope vigilance in response to increased predation threats







#### **Research Projects**

Small Predator Management - All species need to be identified, mainly via camera trapping. A catalogue of animals is being made so we can identify as many individuals as possible on the reserve. More information is desperately required by the reserve, especially in relation to prey species.

Large Predator Management - Lion, Leopard, Spotted Hyena, Brown Hyena and Caracal have an impact that needs to be identified and recorded. Mapping their home ranges and activities.

Conservation Management - Aspects of the physical management of the environment and other supporting infrastructure needed to manage a game reserve. Fencing, road and tracks, erosion, planning and mapping.

Mega Herbivore Management - Feeding habits and their impact on the ecosystem need to be reported on.





#### **Community Projects & Zulu Culture**

A chance for academic groups to meet the locals living around the game reserves

The opportunity to meet chiefs and experience traditional Zulu culture first hand

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats, Project Rhino and Rhino Art



**ANY QUESTIONS?** 











### 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 Development**
- Camera Trapping and Data Processing







### **Activities and Adventure- Zingela**

- Abseiling
- Rock Climbing
- Swimming
- Kayaking / White water rafting













#### **Research Projects**

Giraffe Research Project - In the past five years, considerable progress has been made in compiling and producing a species-wide assessment of population size and distribution. The continued growth of these populations however is limited by the ability of that ecosystem to support a particular number of Giraffes due to space, water and forage availability (i.e. limited carrying capacity).

Over population of Giraffe can have deleterious effects on indigenous flora which may in turn adversely affect other animals within the conservation area; it is necessary to calculate a sustainable carrying capacity for a specific area.

Through our ongoing Giraffe Conservation Project, we aim to gather all the data necessary for generating a conservation plan for our Giraffe. This will help in planning for the future expansion of conservation areas or for reducing the population size through game capture.









### **Bush Walks and Ecology Trails**

One of the unique aspects of the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation project is the ability to utilise the reserves for walking trails and ecology lessons.

Groups will be accompanied by professional guides as they navigate through the reserve observing the smaller aspects of the flora and fauna that the African Bush has to offer.







### **Wilderness Trail Experience**

As part of your conservation experience, groups will have the opportunity to take part in a breathtaking wilderness trail between Nambiti and Zingela.

Those choosing the adventurous route\* will embark on a 7km hiking trail from Nambiti to a designated point on the Tugela River.

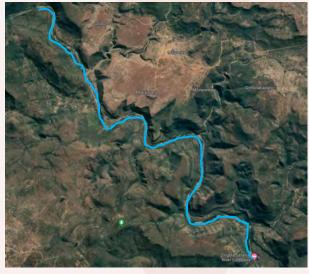
From there, our river guides will meet the group and assist you to navigate across the stretch of river into Zingela.

#### A true Adventure!!!

\* A road transfer will also be available between reserves for anyone who doesn't wish to participate in the trail.







#### **Adventure Activities - Zingela**

#### White Water Rafting & Kayaking

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.

#### Abseiling & Rock Climbing

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.













#### Your Conservation Programme – St Lucia

Whilst at St Lucia you will get the opportunity to take part in some amazing activities but also time to relax in the beautiful coastal resort of St Lucia.

- A Hippo and Crocodile tour in the Estuary
- A visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve with a chance to snorkel in the Indian Ocean
- Tour and Talk of the Crocodile Research Centre
- **Bird Identification**
- Whale Watching Tour Seasonal and additional cost)















### Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti

In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in shared comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets.

All meals are provided in a communal dining area. Students are expected to help clear up after meals.













### Game Reserve Camps - Zingela















#### **St Lucia Coastal Accommodation**

Guest House style accommodation is provided during your time in St Lucia. Rooms are shared and have communal ablutions.

The guest house is located in the heart of St Lucia's Main Street and is the ideal location to explore the surrounding areas.















#### 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 the project.
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visa's/travel documents
- Tips

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



### **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 -(it can get very cold on an open vehicle - even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Microfibre sleeping bag liner useful for extra warmth in winter
- Socks
- Hat for sun protection / Warm Hat (winter only)
- Working gloves
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)

- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Beach towel
- Swimming costume
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent
- Personal medical items and First Aid Kit
- Binoculars
- Sunscreen & Sunglasses

#### Other useful items:

- Good torch
- Mammal/bird book
- Water bottle
- Notebook/diary and pen

- Camera
- Lip balm
- Spare batteries
- All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones for working in the bush.
- · No skimpy or bright coloured clothing to be worn.





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