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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live in a research camp on 2 wild African game reserve
- 12 day programme specifically tailored
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Possible Veterinary intervention
- Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff
- All inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

Waterberg Conservation Project

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg 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 12day academic module split between the two conservation reserves

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 - 7 **Entabeni Safari Conservancy**

Days 7 - 12 Welgevonden Game Reserve





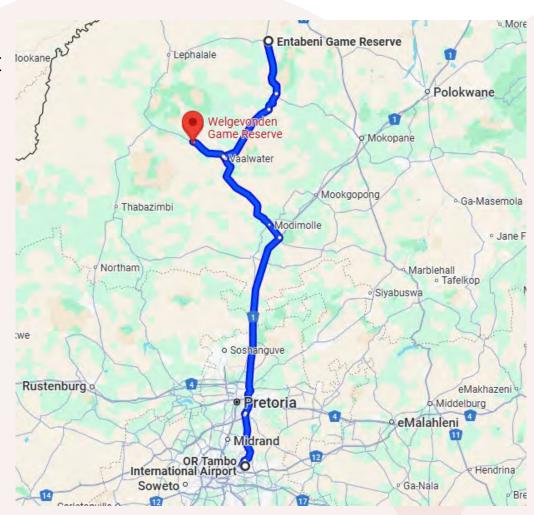






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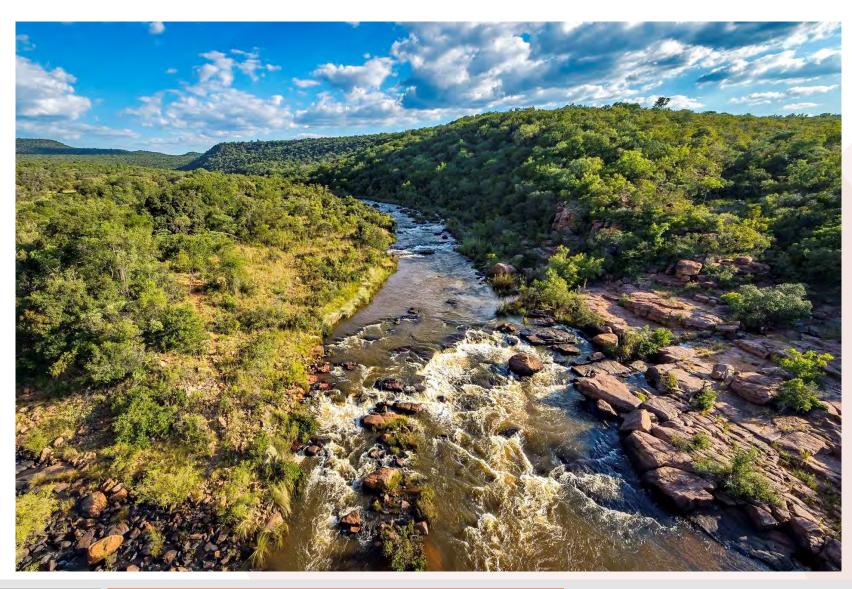
- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free Waterberg
- A 4–4.5 hour drive from the airport



ABOUT THE WATERBERG

AFRICA

TRUE WILDERNESS



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TRUE WILDERNESS



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.





ABOUT THE PROJECT



Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species

















Entabeni Safari Conservancy

- 22 000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere (662 059 ha)
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
 - Wildlife Vets
 - Conservation Researchers
 - Ecologists
 - Anti Poaching Unit
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Student Camp Accommodation



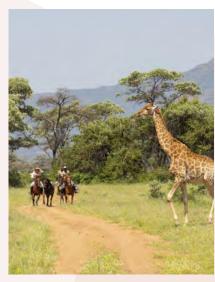
ABOUT THE WATERBERG



Known for its dramatic landscape















The Rhino Orphanage

The Rhino Orphanage was the firstspecialised, non-commercial centre dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, raising and release of orphaned rhinos back into the wild.

Although new-born rhinos can weigh up to 50kgs, they are essentially "helpless" and require protection so that they may survive and ultimately thrive.















Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife

















Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators















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Camera Trap – Research and Study

















Anti-Poaching Unit















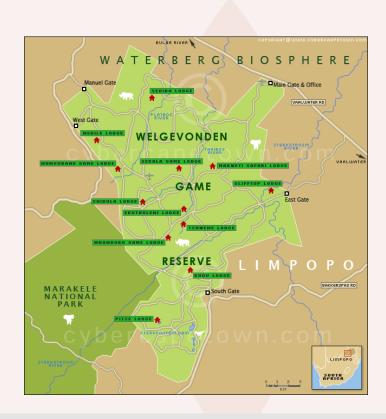






Welgevonden Game Reserve

- 36,000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
 - Wildlife Vets
 - Conservation Researchers
 - Ecologists
 - Anti Poaching Unit
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Research Camp Accommodation



ABOUT WELGEVONDEN



Home to the BIG 5











ABOUT WELGEVONDEN



Home to over 60 Species of Mammal













Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife















Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population

Behavioural observations, body condition, herd structure, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are occurring

Keep tabs on the localities and activities of Black and White Rhino on Welgevonden.















Research - Elephant Monitoring















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Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health















Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog - Talks















Rhino – DNA Collection, ID and Ear Notching (Rhodis) or injuries

















Cheetah Relocation – Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)

















Entabeni Student Camp (Ravenside)

The student camp is in the middle of the reserve and consists of modern shared accommodation units.

The one-bedroom units have a lounge/study area 2/3 students per bedroom unit.

Communal washing machine for students to do their laundry, as well as an outdoor communal living space for relaxation.

Two sets of linen and towels are provided per student for the entire period of stay.

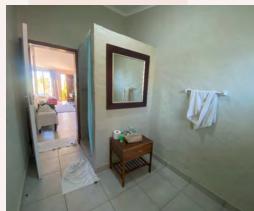












Meals

All meals are included, there is a communal kitchen where food will be prepared in groups.

Some days lunch will be at the camp, other days lunch will be brought into the field to be taken as a picnic.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the campfire. Only Sunday will be an off day to 'chill' in camp or do extra activities.







Sunday at Entabeni additional activities (own cost)

- Horse Riding (1 hour) R590 pp
- Horse Riding (2 Hours) R1090 pp
- Sunset Cruise (Includes finger foods & softdrinks) R690 pp
- Cultural Foundation Drumming session R600 pp
- Guided Bush Walk (Non Predator) R300 pp
- Guided Bush Walk (Predator) R800 pp

- Bicycle Rental 4 hours at Clubhouse R120 pp
- Spa massages between R320 R830 pp
- Marimba Band and Pedi Dancers (Group) activity enquire for rates)
- Game Drive and Boat Cruise with Lunch at Lakeside R890 pp
- Picnic Lunch at Yellow-wood Gorge Mountain Pool R890 pp











Welgevonden Accommodation

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two to four people per tent in single beds, each tent also has lighting and electricity supply. There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. There are communal facilities including a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area and storage fridge.













Meals

All meals are provided in the communal dining room, there is an outside area for dining as well.

Three meals are provided daily on a self cook basis, prepared communally by the group. Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy.

Meals will either be served at the facility or in the field 'picnic' style, this depends on activities either planned or unscheduled.

The research team often work 6 days a week so time off is often limited to Sundays only.

Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.









ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



Life on Reserve

















What is Included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day (self prepared)
- 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
- 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 (especially during summer months)
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Buff/neck warmer useful all year round
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker (it can get very cold on an open vehicle - even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Microfibre Sleeping Bag liner (for extra warmth in winter)
- Socks
- Hat for sun protection / Warm hat (winter only)
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Work Gloves
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear

- Sunscreen & Sunglasses
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent
- Personal medical items & First Aid Kit
- Binoculars
- Torch/headlamp
- Water bottle

Other useful items:

- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen
- Mosquito net in summer



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