



# Myerscough College Project Presentation



## Waterberg Equine and Wildlife Project



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# ABOUT US:

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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 2012
- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with over 50 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa.



# ABOUT WATERBERG HORSE TRAILS

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## Your Equine Project Explained

- A unique equine and wildlife project based in South Africa
- Live and work on a Game Reserve that specialises in Horseback safaris
- Tailor-made projects to suit your needs and interests
- Project activities include
  - Equine Welfare
  - Equine Management
  - Conservation activities
  - Community Development
- Dedicated horses, staff, and vehicles
- 10-day all-inclusive experience
- The most incredible mix of equine and wildlife experience you will ever have



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# EQUINE PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location  
of the project

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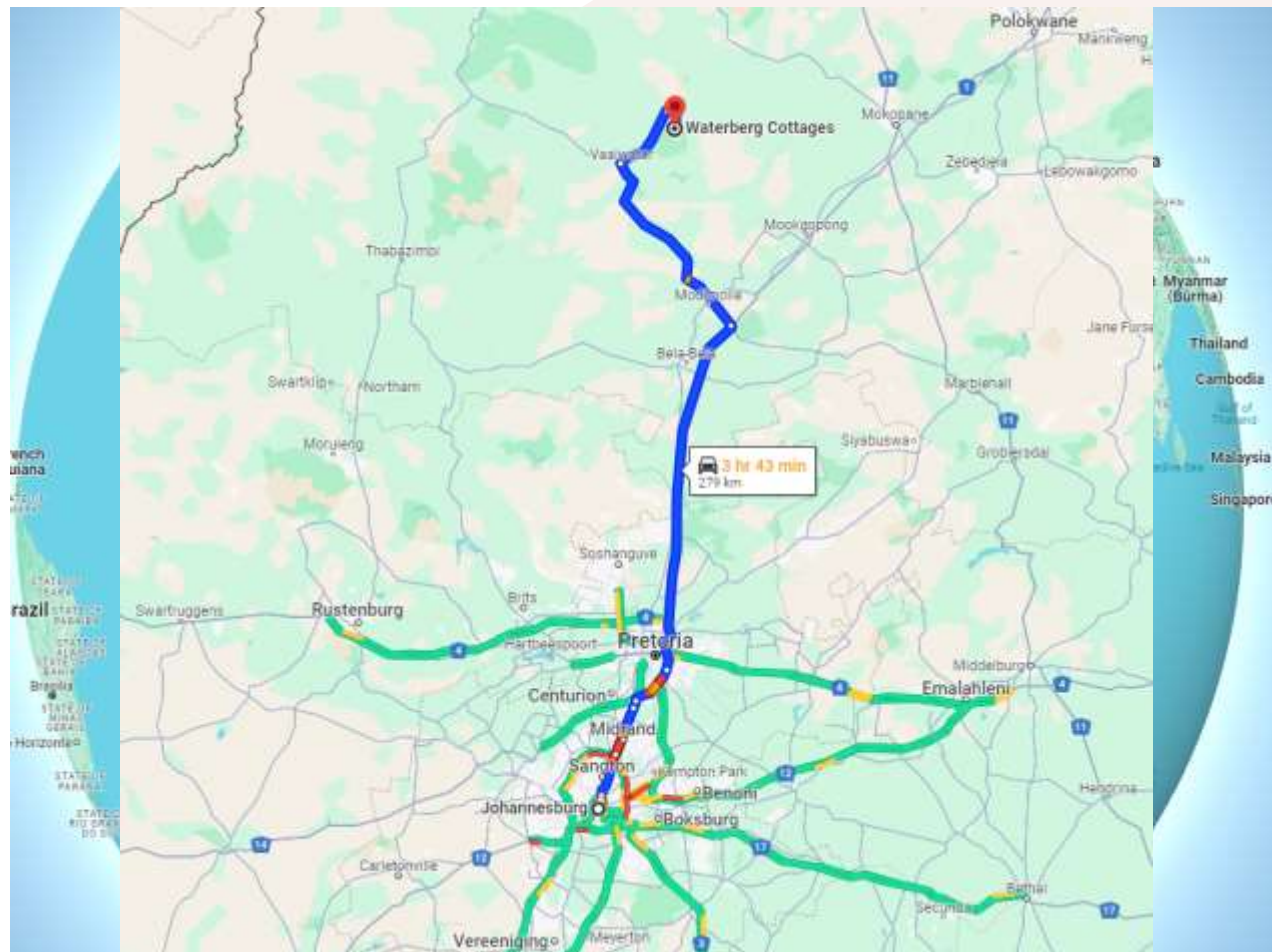
## Your Project Location



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## The Waterberg Cottage Location



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## What is a Game Reserve

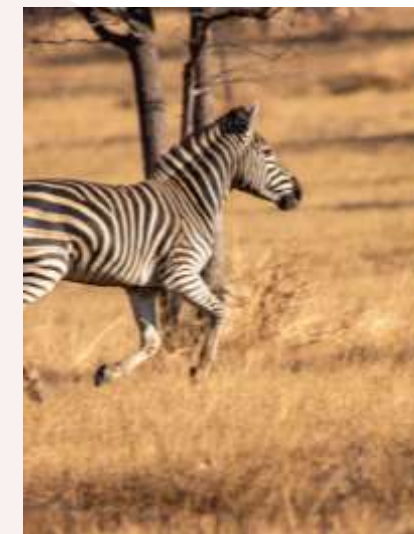
- A game reserve is a large area of protected land where wild animals can live safely.
- Wildlife is free roaming throughout the reserve allowing them to thrive in their natural habitat.
- Reserves are either Government Owned (National Parks) or Privately Owned/Managed.
- Most reserves will have physical 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.



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## Waterberg Horse Trail – History, Horses and Wildlife



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our Equine and Wildlife work in more detail



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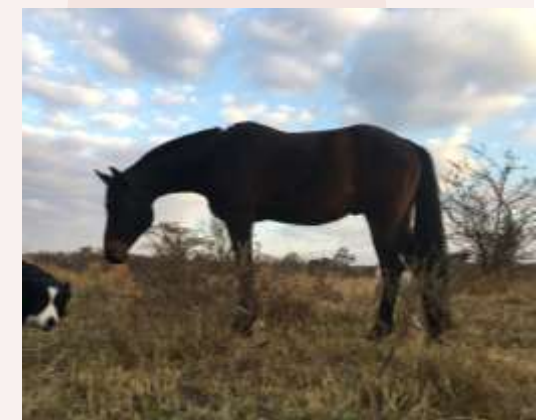
## Horse activities

- Outrides (game monitoring on horseback)
- Herding (bringing horses in and moving camps)
- Basic farriery and trimming of hooves
- Lunging
- Horse desensitising
- Poisonous plant removal
- Collecting wire and dangerous objects in bush
- Filling dangerous holes
- Lecture from an Equine Vet Nurse
- Grooming
- Feeding
- Basic veterinary care:
  - wound treatments
  - preventative treatments
  - injections
  - deworming
  - weekly tick spraying of horses

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## Waterberg Equine and Wildlife



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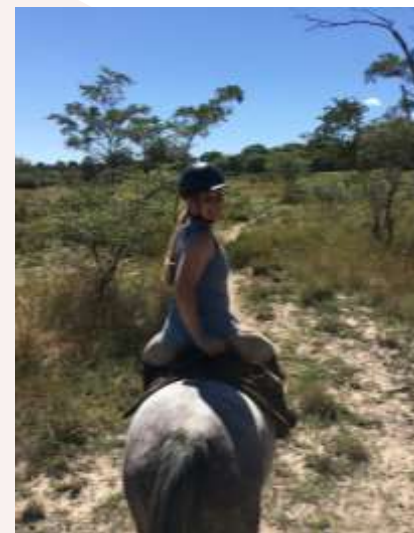
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## Horseback Safari



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## Game Counts



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## Bush Clearing, Natural Horsemanship



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## Community Development



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## Wildlife Conservation Activities

- Interpretive bush walks and tracking
- Game (wildlife) drives
- Full Day Big 5 Game Drive
- Aardvark Safari
- Telemetry Skills
- Bush Walks
- Spoor and Dung Tracking

## Other Activities

- Astronomy show
- Evening Sundowners



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## Big Five Game Reserve



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## Sample Itinerary

- Day 1: Upon arrival in Johannesburg, you will be met by a road transfer company that will take you to your destination in the bush. Once you arrive, you'll have time to check into your cottage and unpack. Afterwards, you'll enjoy an introductory lunch where you will meet your guides and hosts, followed by an orientation of the cottages and horses. In the evening, you can relax with sundowners under a large fig tree before enjoying a catered Braai dinner at the cottages.
- Day 2: In the morning, the group will split into two. One group will take a rural village tour to Boschdraai, a village on the property, where they will have the opportunity to visit modest homes, meet local people, and see animals and donkeys. The second group will take a guided walk through the bush, learning to track animals through spoor and dung. After lunch, the groups will switch activities in the afternoon, with one group going on a game drive and the other group taking their first horse safari. In the evening, everyone will gather for a memorable astronomy show with Dr. Phil Calcott, where you'll gaze at the stars while relaxing in the bush with blankets, pillows, and hot water bottles.
- Day 3: The morning will again see the group divided into two. One group will go on a guided bush walk, while the other will take the rural village tour to Boschdraai. In the afternoon, the groups will switch again, with one group enjoying another horse safari and the other heading out for a game drive. The day will end with sundowners at the Bush Deck, followed by a catered dinner.
- Day 4: On this day, one group will engage in community work, either helping to paint the community center or building kennels for the local animal shelter, while the other group will go on a longer horse safari to search for larger herds of game. After a picnic lunch in the gardens, all students will participate in bush clearing, where they will remove any wire or dangerous objects from the bush. In the evening, a catered dinner will be served.
- Day 5: You will begin the day with a packed breakfast before heading out for a full-day excursion to Entabeni Game Reserve, where you'll go on a series of Big 5 game drives. A packed lunch will be provided by the pool, and the day will conclude with a catered dinner back at the cottages.

## Sample Itinerary

- Day 6: The morning will start with herding, feeding, and tacking up the horses. Afterward, the group will split again, with one group going on a longer horse safari while the other participates in community work. In the afternoon, everyone will meet for donkey welfare work in the town of Vaalwater, where they will assess the condition of donkeys, treat wounds, and fit new harnesses and bridles. The day will finish with dinner at a restaurant in Vaalwater.
- Day 7: On Sunday, you will begin by herding and manually dipping horses to prevent ticks. Later, Vet Nurse Kirsty will give a lecture covering equine diseases in South Africa, tick prevention and treatment, and basic horse first aid. After lunch, the group will split again, with some continuing community work and others doing bush clearing. The day will conclude with a catered Braai dinner.
- Day 8: This will be your day off, with options such as the Lekhalo zipline, massages, an extra horse safari, relaxing by the pool, or a tour of Leorna. A catered lunch and dinner will be provided.
- Day 9: In the morning, one group will engage in bush clearing work, while the other goes on a third horse safari. After lunch at the Bush Deck, all students will participate in an Aardvark safari. This will begin with a presentation on Aardvarks, followed by a game drive to track and observe these unique animals.
- Day 10: The morning will begin with a walking trail through the bush, followed by a hands-on session learning basic farriery, including trimming horse hooves. In the afternoon, the group will split, with one group taking a final horse safari and the other continuing community work. The evening will feature sundowners at the pool and a catered dinner.
- Day 11: On your final day, your transfer will take you to Horizon Horseback, where you will see a large herd of over 110 horses and watch a demonstration based on Monty Roberts' horse training methods. On the way back, you'll visit Prime Crew Animal Shelter to deliver the dog kennels you helped build. Afterward, you will be taken to OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg for your evening flight home.



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## Accommodation

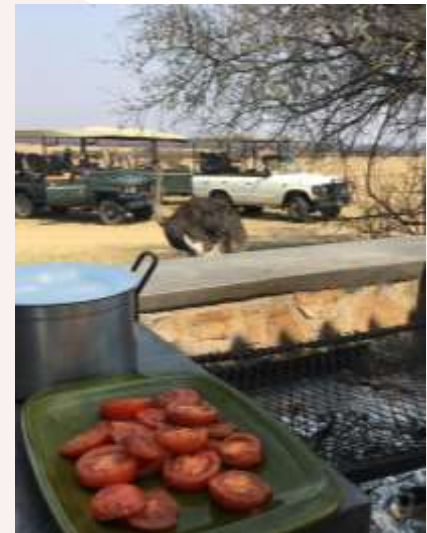
The group will be accommodated in the beautiful historic thatch cottages surrounded by gardens, horses, animals and views of the bushveld.



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## Food and Meals

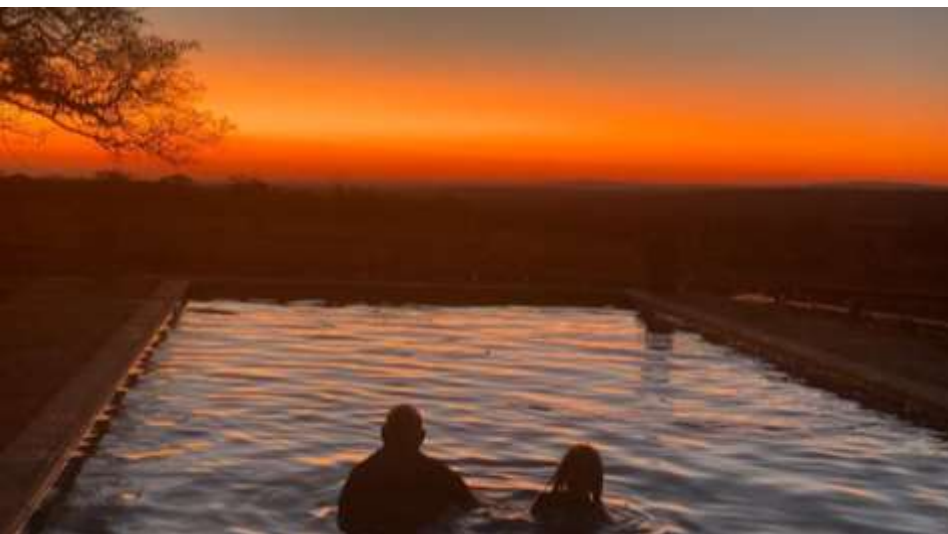




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## Life on the farm



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# WATERBERG EQUINE & WILDLIFE

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## Photo gallery



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# WHY SHOULD YOU TRAVEL?

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## Quotes from this year's students

- "We were busy with the most amazing activities, whilst being looked after exceptionally well and having the most amazing time."
- "Everyone was so happy and relaxed all the time, helped even more by the stunning scenery!"
- "While being over there I noticed how little we all used social media. On the nights we would sit in groups by the fire. Me and my friends would sit by the fire near the kitchen area for hours with hot chocolate just talking and having fun without any phone. It was refreshing"
- ' Everything! Best trip I've ever been on the staff were welcoming and so kind and really made us feel like home. "
- "All the different activities we did like game drives riding and community work was so amazing and the activities we did outside of the cottage were so fun and the staff there were just as amazing. "



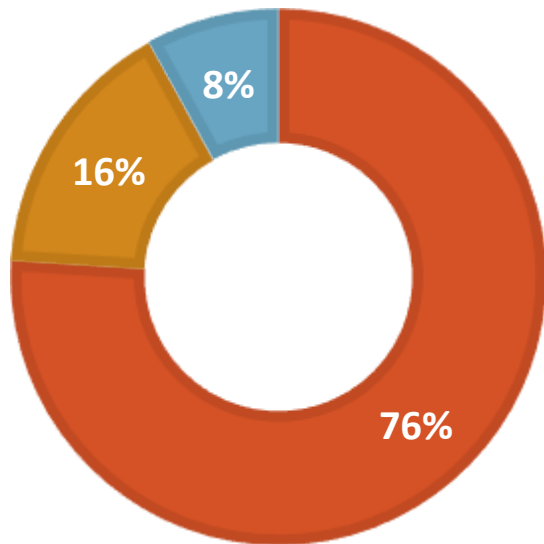
# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?



## Personal Development

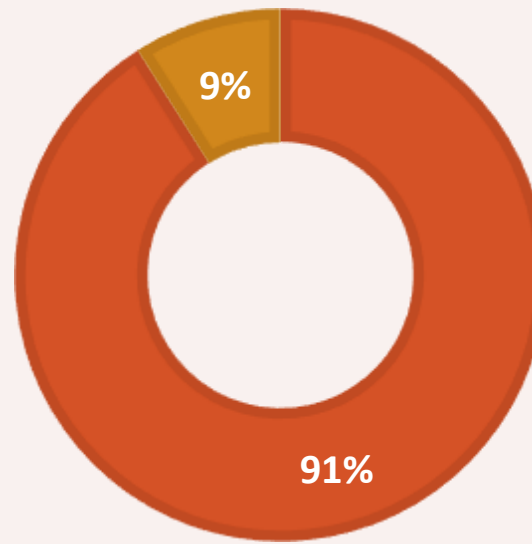
### MENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No ■ NA



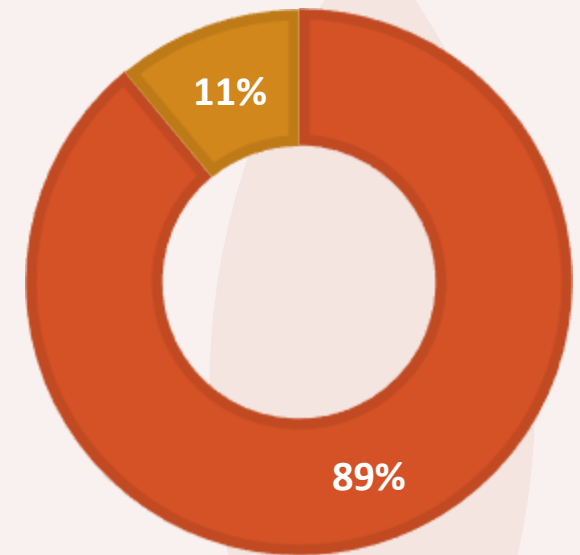
### CONFIDENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No



### RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No



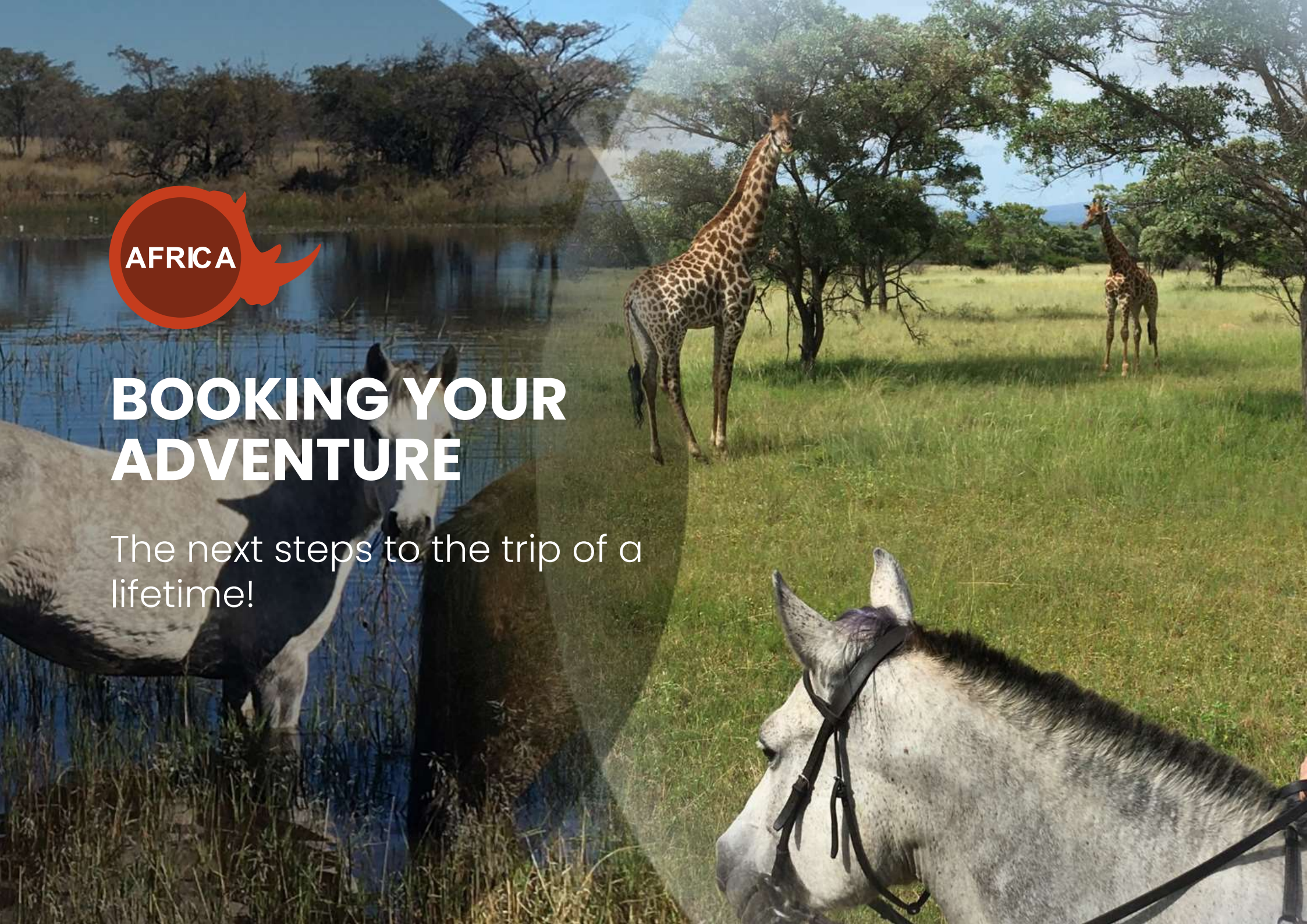
Reference: GAP Africa Projects Post Project Trip Questionnaire 23/24



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# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a lifetime!



# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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## What is included?

- Flights
- Transfer to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24 hour 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
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips
- Riding hat, boots, gloves, body protector. See kit list (as required by your college)

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

# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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## Proposed dates and key deadlines

### 2025 Proposed trip dates are:

**Depart UK: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025 | Arrive SA: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Depart SA: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025 | Arrive UK: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### Trip cost:

**£2750.00** est. (to be confirmed once flights are arranged)

### Key deadlines are:

- Return of booking form 29/09/2024
- Deposit of £300 to then be paid 12/10/2024
- Instalment payment of 50% due 16 weeks before departure – 05/05/2025
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure – 30/06/2025
- Payment schedule available to help manage finances
- E tickets will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure and emailed to students





# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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## Booking Form

- Please submit by 01/10/2024
- No deposit required at this stage of booking
- Passport fields not mandatory

## Key deadlines are:

- Deposit of £300 to confirm placement
- Instalment payment of 50% due 16 weeks before departure
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The image shows a screenshot of the 'GAP Africa Projects' website's booking form. At the top, there is a banner with a cheetah and the text 'GAP AFRICA PROJECTS'. Below the banner, the form is titled 'BOOKING FORM'. The form includes the following fields:

- Title \***: A dropdown menu with 'Mr/Ms/Ms/Ms/Ms/Ms' as an option.
- Name \***: Two text input fields for first and last names.
- Date of birth \***: Three dropdown menus for day, month, and year.
- Address \***: Five text input fields for address lines 1 through 5.
- City \***: A text input field.
- Country \***: A dropdown menu with 'Country: South Africa' as an option.
- Telephone \***: A text input field.
- Mobilé \***: A text input field.
- Email 1 \***: A text input field.
- Email 2 \***: A text input field.
- Passport no. \***: A text input field.
- Passport issue Date \***: Three dropdown menus for day, month, and year.

There are also two notes: one stating '(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)' and another stating '(\*\*NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email\*\*)'.

# THE NEXT STEPS



## 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

**Your Booking**

**Travel Advice**

**Names and surnames**

**Passport expiry date**

**Passport Copies**

**Travel Insurance**

**Passengers Travelling**

**Passenger(s)**

**Site Visit Confirmation Reference: 0000201 - 0000202**

**Inclusions**

**Exclusions**

**Your Flight(s)**

Flight(s)	Class	Carrier	Class	From	To
04/07/2024	0	BA	0	London Heathrow (LHR)	0
05/07/2024	0	BA	0	London Heathrow (LHR)	0
06/07/2024	0	BA	0	London Heathrow (LHR)	0
07/07/2024	0	BA	0	London Heathrow (LHR)	0
08/07/2024	0	BA	0	London Heathrow (LHR)	0
09/07/2024	0	BA	0	London Heathrow (LHR)	0

**CONFIRMATION INVOICE**

**Total Land Conservation Revenue**

Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Land Conservation Revenue	1	3600.00	3600.00

**Total cost of the experience as specified above**

Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Land Conservation Revenue	1	3600.00	3600.00

**ATOL Certificate**

**Who is protected?**

Name	Number of passengers
Chloé	1

**Your protection**

You are protected from when you come given the certificate to the end of your trip.

# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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## Group Web Page and Booking Form

Booking Form



<https://gapafricaprojects.com/booking-form-25-4614-mca-wew-myerscough-college/>

Webpage



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## 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)
- Riding hat
- Jodhpurs
- Riding boots
- Gloves
- Daypack rucksack
- Socks
- Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Water bottle (filtered rainwater provided)

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

- 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/First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen and sunglasses

### Other useful items:

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



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