



Gap Africa 23-24 Alumni Project Presentation



KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research



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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.





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KWAZULU-NATAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location
of the project



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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
- Full 12 nights in South Africa
- All inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work
in more detail

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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 12-day academic module split between the two conservation reserves.

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:

13 Day Itinerary

Days 1 – 6

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

Days 6 – 12

Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities



PROJECT OVERVIEW

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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Project- Location

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





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6 Days at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve

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Nambiti Game Reserve

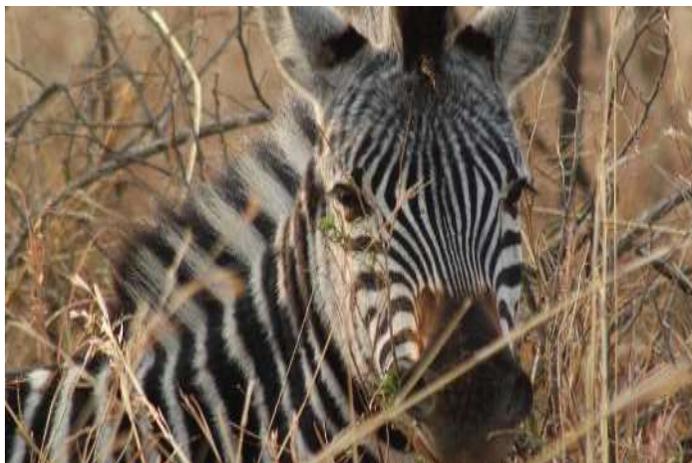
A magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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Many reptile, bird and invertebrate Species



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YOUR PROJECT

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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.

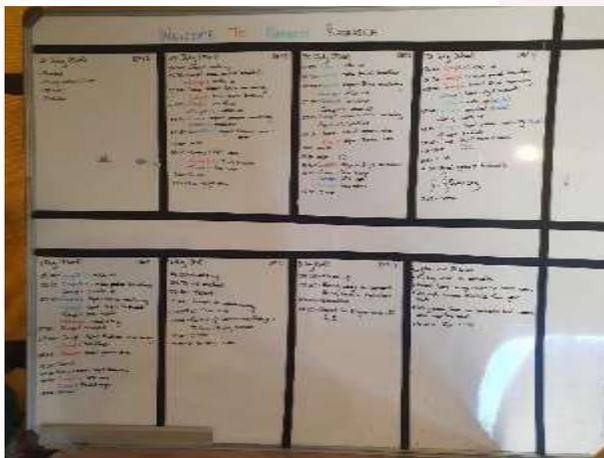
- Alien vegetation control / Reserve maintenance
- Use of telemetry tracking
- Elephant monitoring / Population study
- Rhino monitoring & awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera trapping
- Night drive
- Big Five bush walk
- Habitat and prey selection of predators
- Tracks, signs and spoor
- Community development



NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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Nambiti Research Team



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NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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Use of Telemetry Tracking



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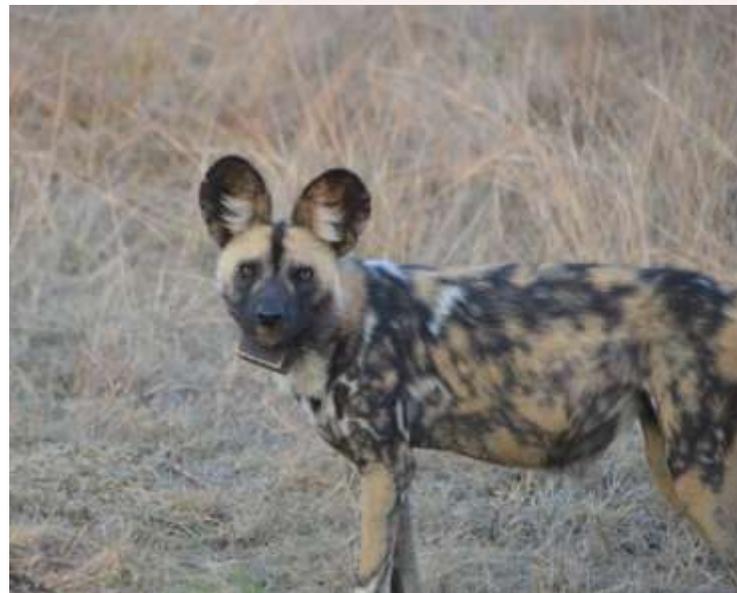
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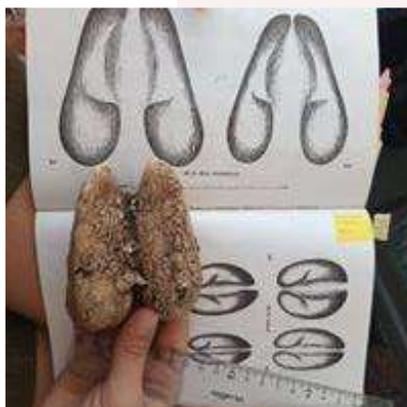
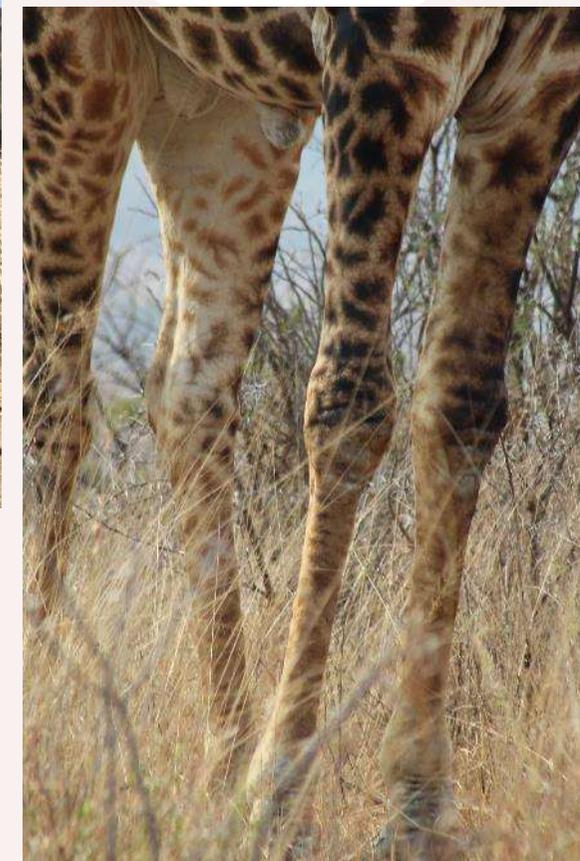
Use of Telemetry Trackingnew animals!



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Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors



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NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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Big Five Bush Walk



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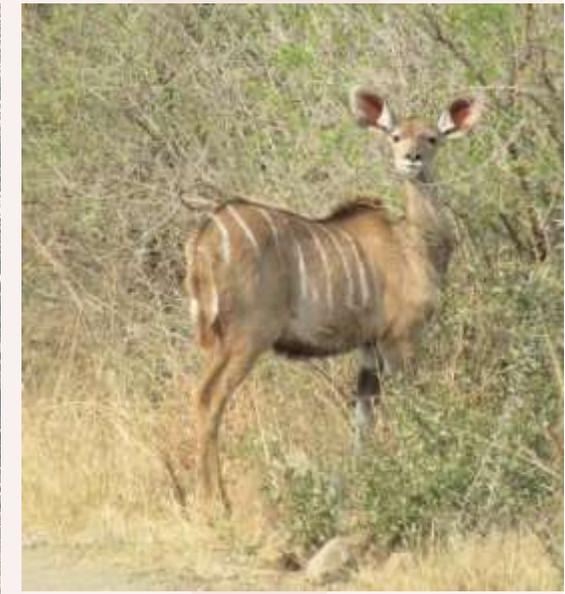
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Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

Focus on Lion & Cheetah populations:

- GPS coordinates from tracking collars
- Used for movement/ spatial/ home range analysis
- Monitoring cheetah for lion interactions & breeding



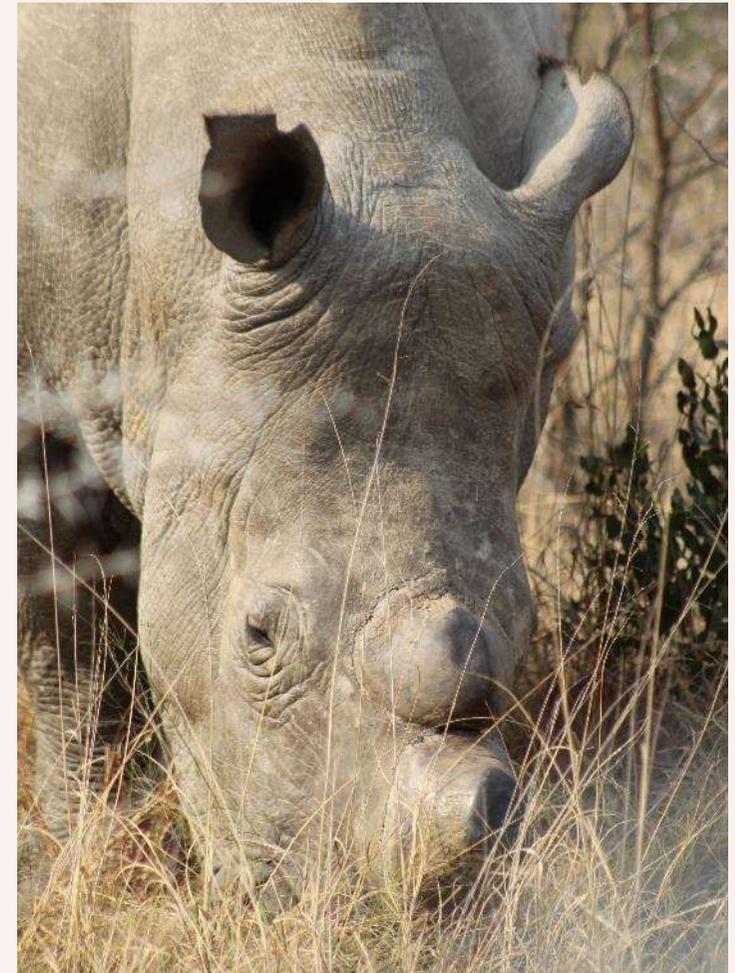
Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Impact Assessment

Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

- Matriarch collared so GPS range data available
- Herd population data
- Elephant impact assessments
- Long term ongoing project looking at elephant impact on vegetation



Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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Camera Trap – Research

- Set out own camera traps
- Learn about correct placement, best location....
- Never know what you will find!



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Night Game Drives



Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for long term conservation

Positive impact supporting not for profit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats & Rhino Art



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Community – GAP Donation Bags



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6 Days at Zingela Nature Reserve

River Research and Adventure



Your Conservation Programme – Zingela

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

- Spatial distribution and habitat use of species
- Giraffe migration conservation project
- Reptile pit fall traps
- Freshwater ecology & river mini SASS
- Fish tagging
- Educational bush walks – ecology & botany
- Bird watching & ringing
- Tracks, signs and spoor
- Community development
- Camera trapping and data processing



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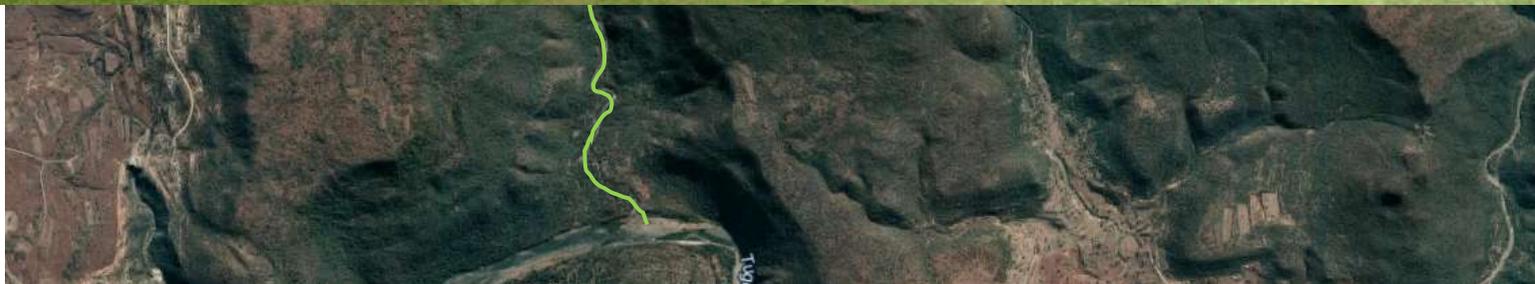
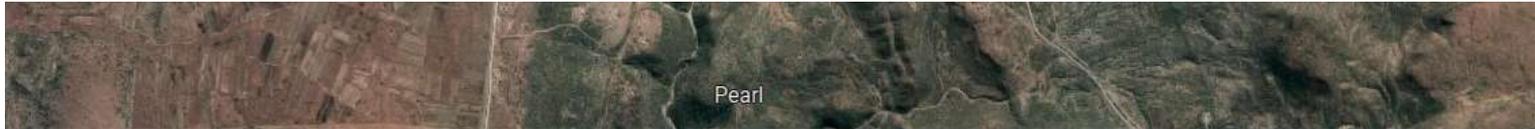
Zingela River Safari

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

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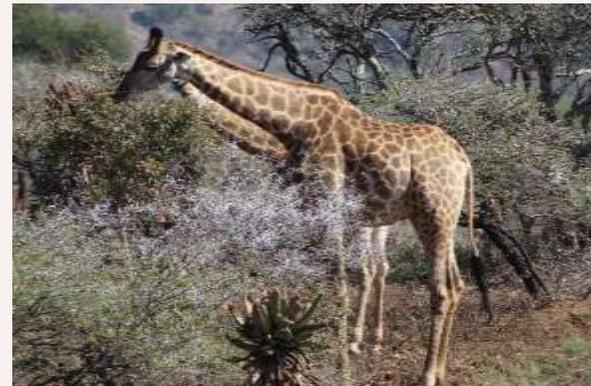
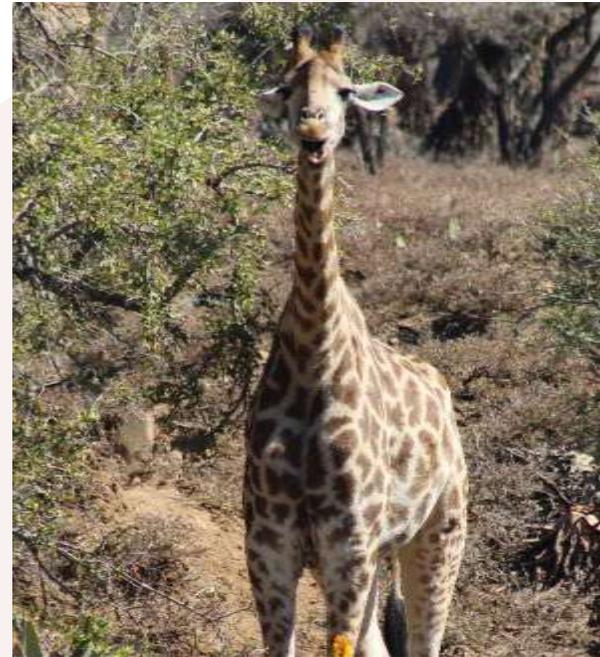
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Giraffe Migration Research Project

- Population data and database for individuals
- Migration and range data through unfenced territories
- Diet and vegetation impact assessment
- Genetic diversity



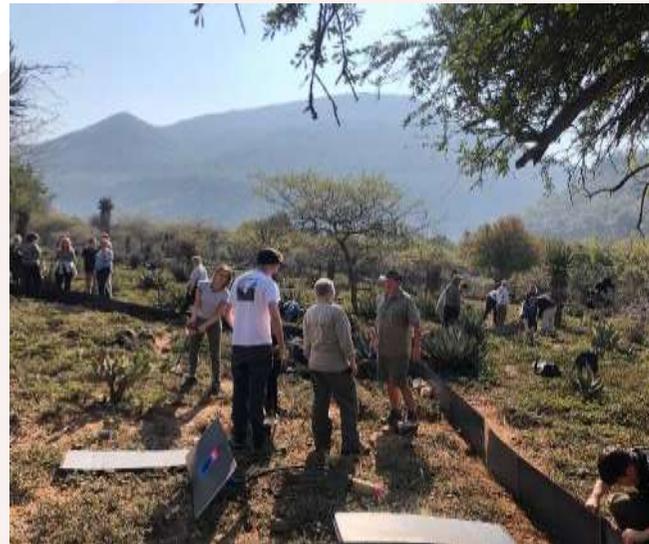
River Assessments – SASS

- Fish tagging and release
- River systems and conservation
- SASS – South African Scoring System
- Collecting biometric data
- Fresh water eel project – understanding life cycle using GPS data



Reptile Research and Trapping

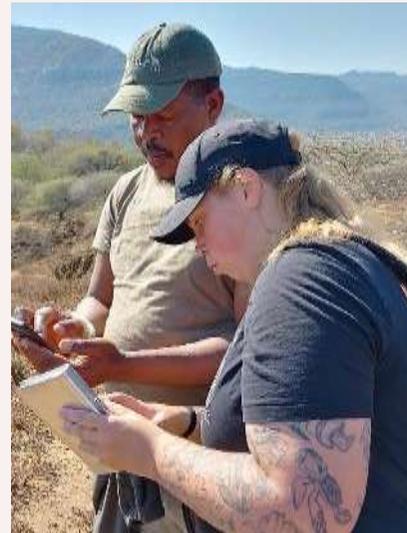
- Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned
- Species frequency
- Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation
- Comparing herpetological diversity



ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany



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Inspiring lectures & species monitoring



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Nocturnal/diurnal activities – invertebrates hunting



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Community development



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River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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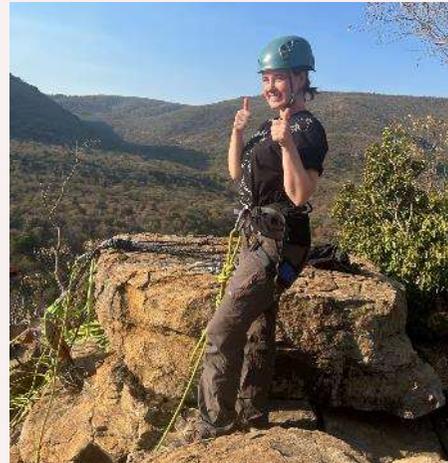
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Abseiling and Rock Climbing



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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush



ACCOMMODATION

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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.



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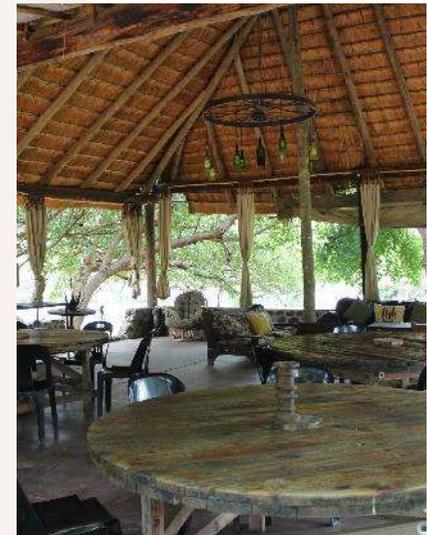
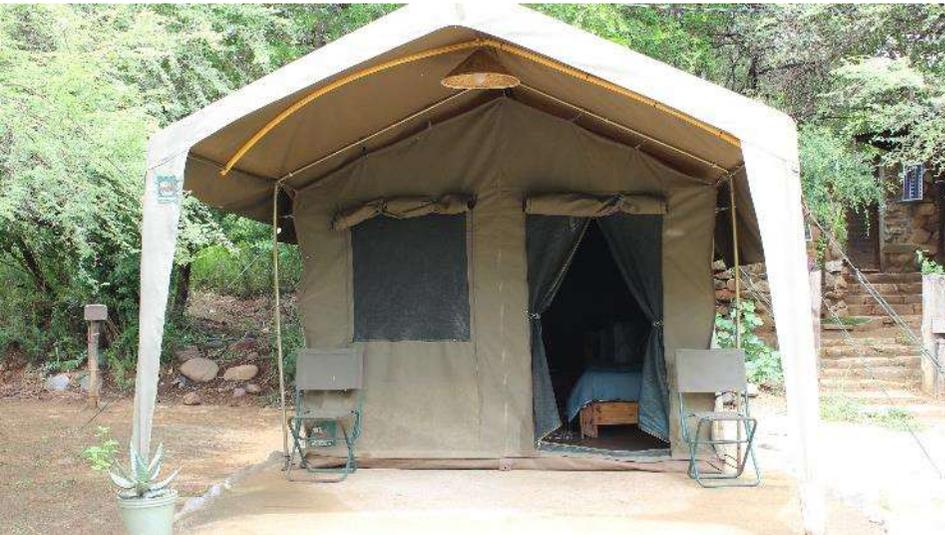
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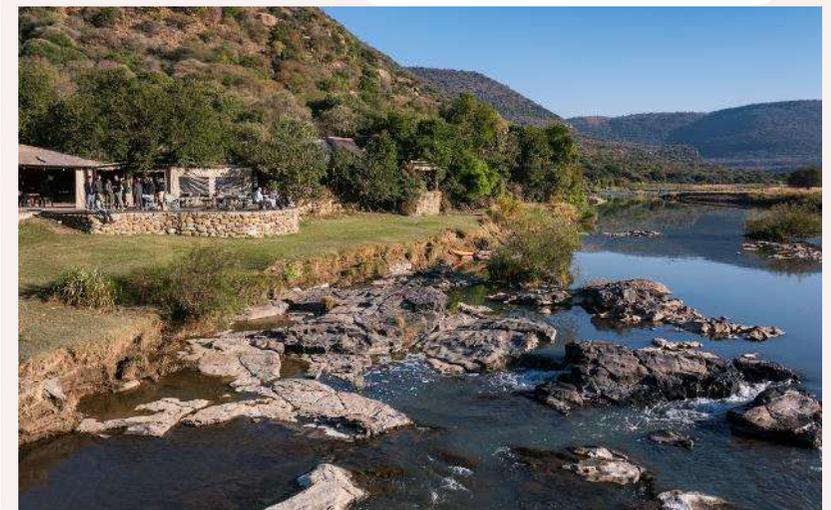
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Game Reserve Camps - Zingela



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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



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Life on project – Lifelong memories



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Life on project – Life long memories



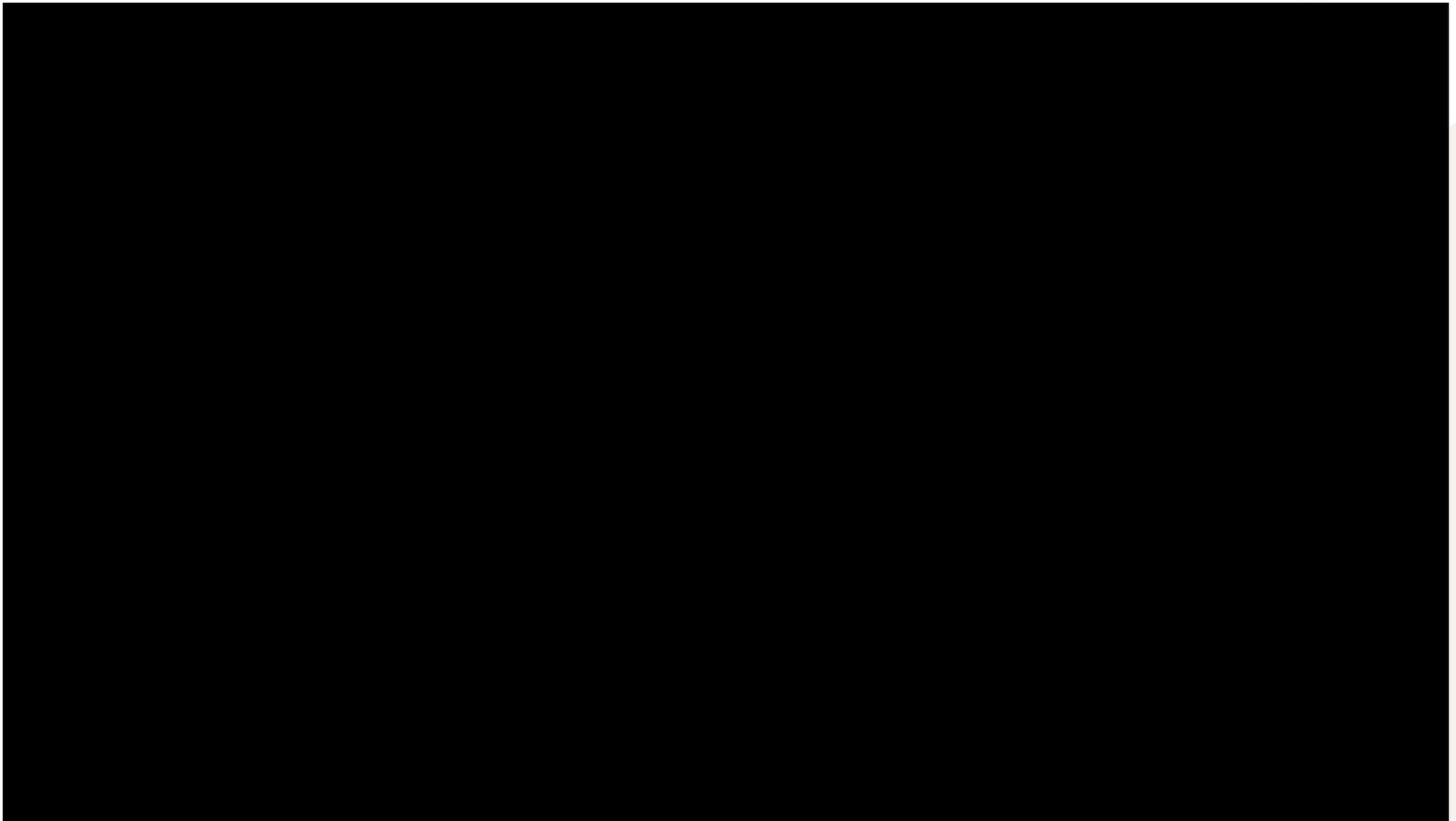
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WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research?



"It was the most **amazing** experience I've ever had."



"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

WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research?



“Being at Nambiti really developed my knowledge of animal behaviours”



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



Our guide was **amazing**, we got the **opportunity** to take part in talks and demonstrations by APU

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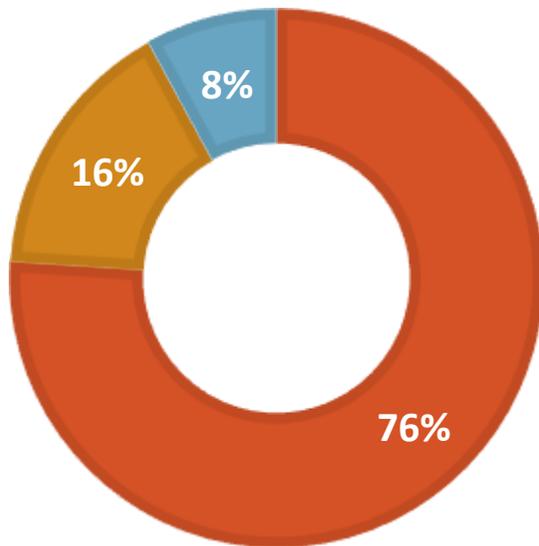
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Personal Development

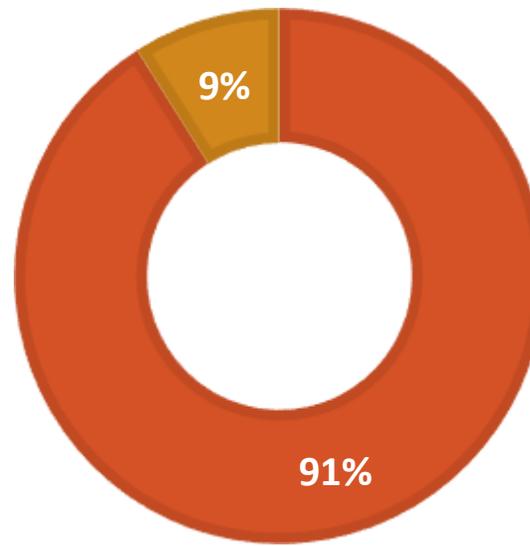
MENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No ■ NA



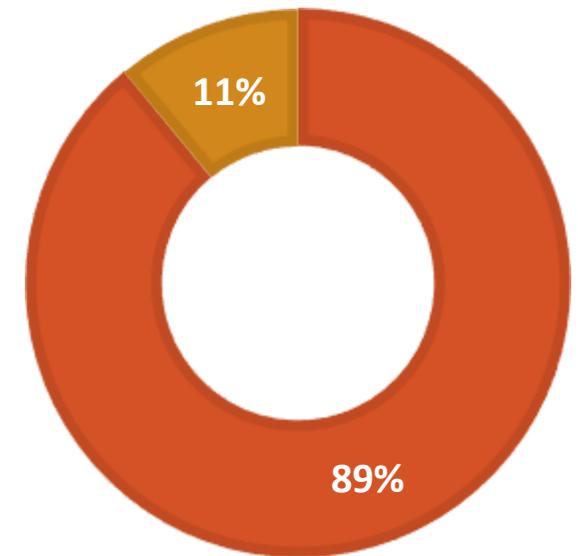
CONFIDENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No



RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No



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THE NEXT STEPS TO YOUR FIELD TRIP

The next steps to the trip of a
lifetime!



THE NEXT STEPS

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What is Included?

- Flights from London Heathrow or Manchester
- 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

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

THE NEXT STEPS

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 13th July 2025 Arrive SA: 14th July 2025

Depart SA: 26th July 2025 | Arrive UK: 27th July 2025

Trip cost:

£2425* Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 18th October
- Deposit payment £300.00 by 30th October
- 50% instalment payment of £997.50 to be paid by 24/03/2025
- Balance payment of £997.50 to be paid by 19/05/2025
- Payment plans available
- 30/06/2025 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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Group Web Page



BOOKING FORM

Your Global Adventure Starts here!

Please use the form below to submit your provisional booking to your selected project. You have the option to pay your initial deposit with the submission of your booking form, or we will contact you for payment once your project placement has been secured.

If you'd like to contact us to ask any initial questions or find out more about what project you'd like to go on and where, you can get also get in touch using our short enquiry form, or by calling +44 (0) 207 193 7819.

(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)

Title *

Name *

Date of birth *

Address *

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 many 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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