



Veterinary Nurse Wildlife & Veterinary Course – Project Presentation



KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife & Veterinary Project

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KWAZULU-NATAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location
of the project



ABOUT 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
 - Wildlife Veterinary Interventions
 - Cultural Enrichment & Community Welfare
- Full 12 nights in South Africa
- All-inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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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.

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

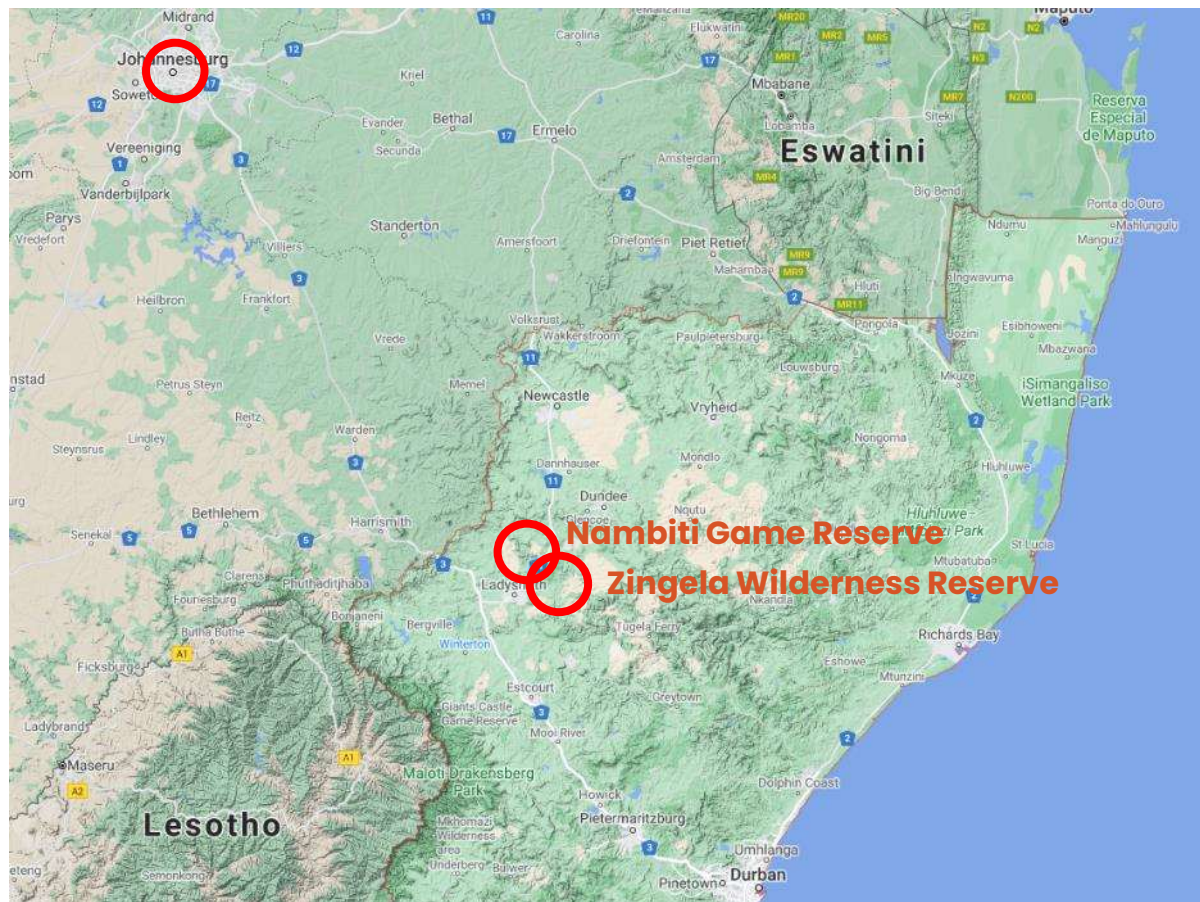


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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Project- Location

- 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

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



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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
- Wildlife Intervention (not guaranteed)



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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Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

Focus on Lion and Cheetah populations:

GPS coordinates from tracking collars

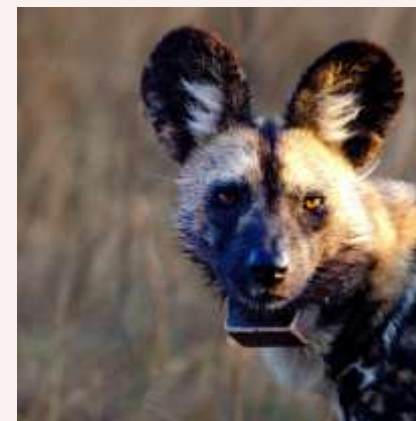
Can be used for movement/spatial/home range analysis



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Introduction of Wild Dog



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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



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Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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Night Game Drives



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Big Five Bush Walk



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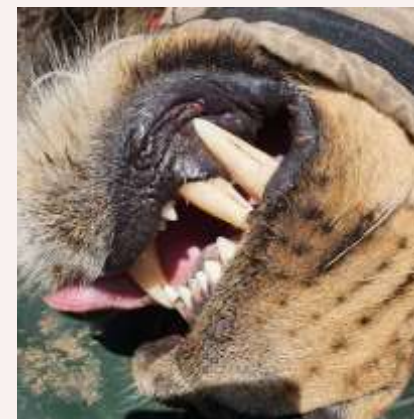
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Veterinary Interactions

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.



NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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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



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Community – GAP Donation Bags



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6 Days at Zingela Nature Reserve

River Research and Adventure



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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.



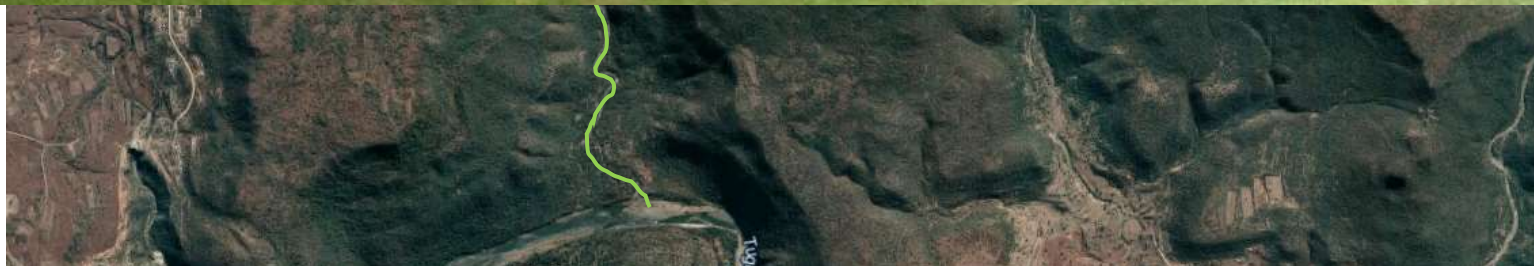
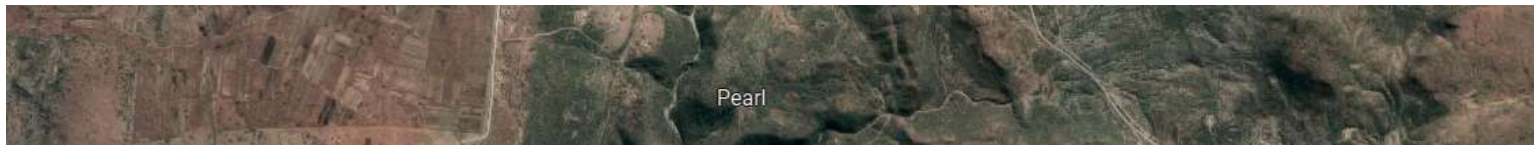
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NAMBITI TO ZINGELA

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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.

- Community Veterinary Development
- 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
- 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.



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Animal Welfare Outreach Program

Participants will join the camp's in-house veterinarian to assist with much needed community veterinary work:

Vaccinating and Caring for Local Farmers' Goats

Working with Various Animals at the Homestead

Animal Welfare Education at Local Schools

Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Dip Tank Visit & Cattle Vaccinations

PAHC Clinic Visit

Pop-up Vaccination Clinic



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Animal Welfare Outreach Program



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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



ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany



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River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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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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Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti



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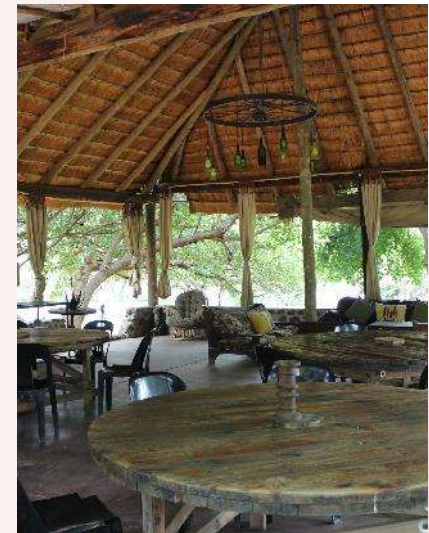
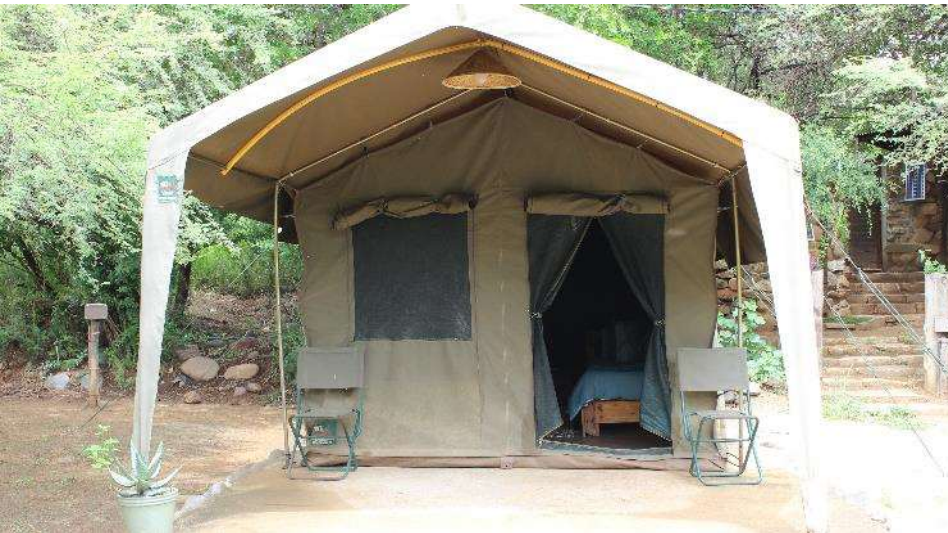
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Game Reserve Camps - Zingela



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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.



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Food at the project



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Life on project – Life long memories



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Life on project – Life long memories



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

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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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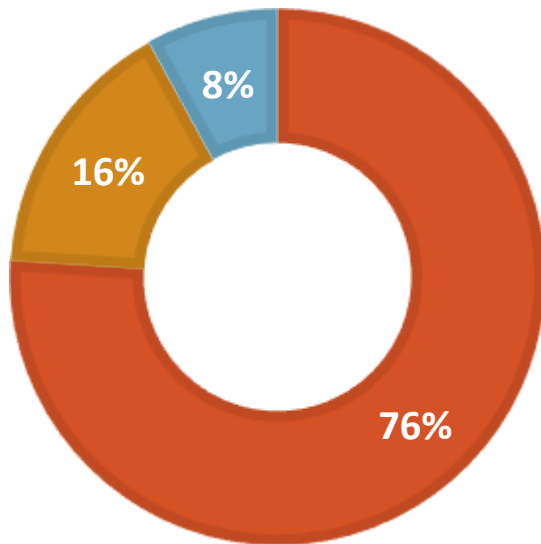
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Personal Development

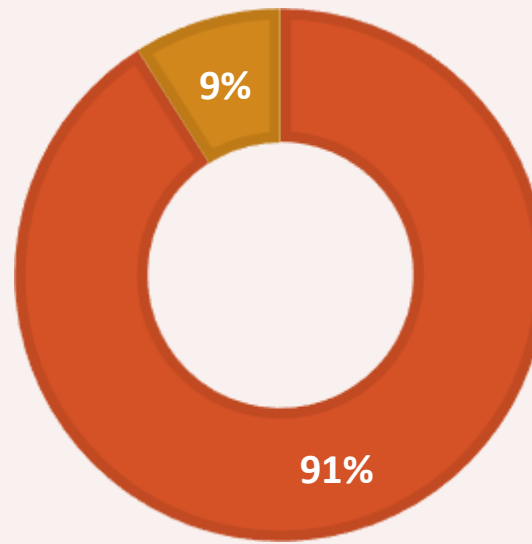
MENTAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

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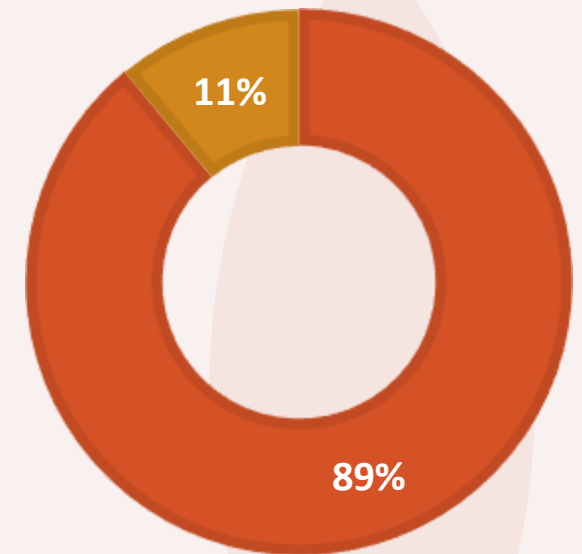
CONFIDENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No



RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No

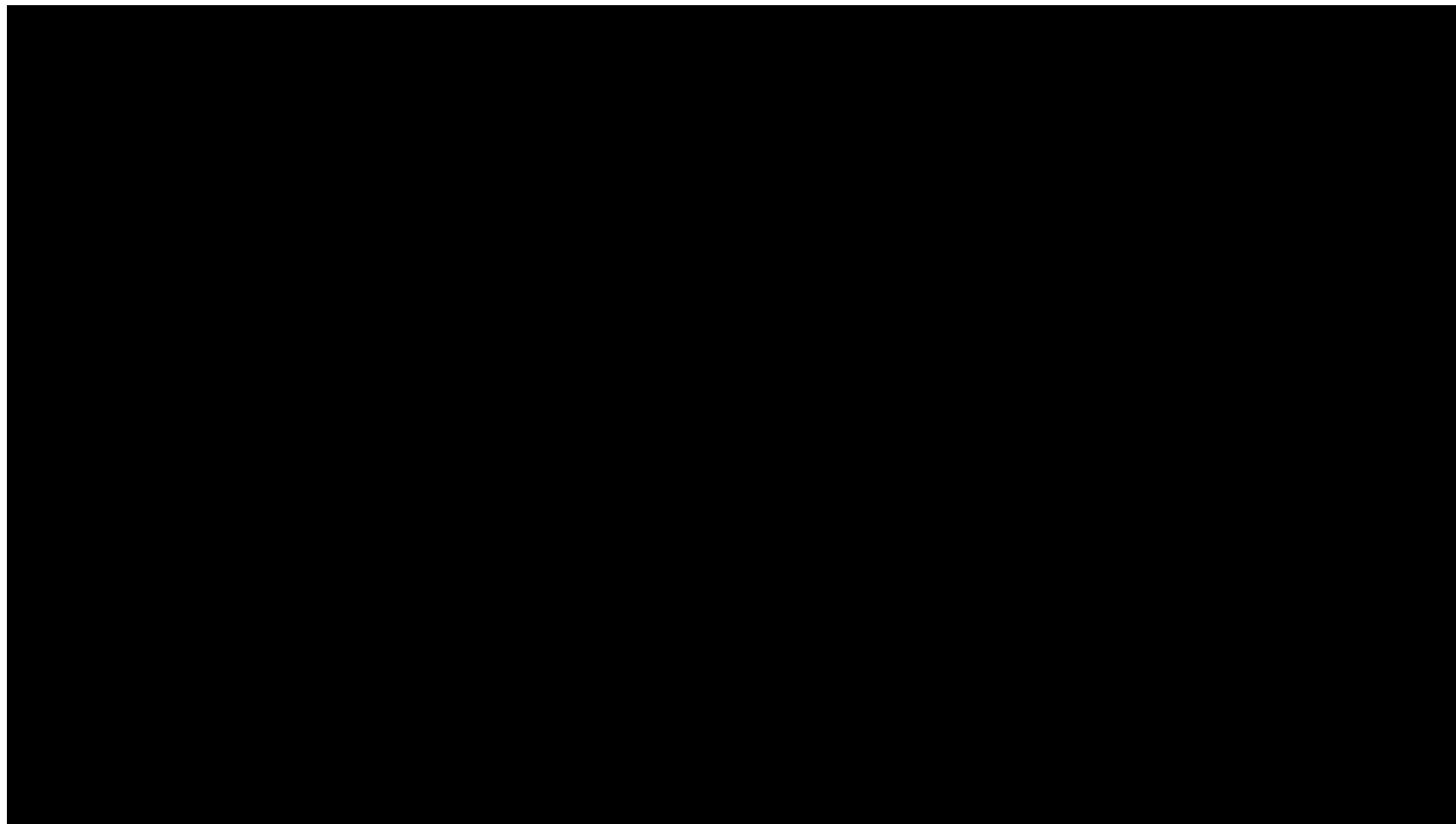


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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Video





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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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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 31st August | Arrive SA: 1st September 2025

Depart SA: 13th September | Arrive UK: 14th September 2025

Trip cost:

Estimated £2,469 Based on a group of 14
(confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 06/12/2024
- Deposit payment, £300.00 16/12/2024
- 50% instalment payment by 12/05/2025
- Balance payment to be paid by 07/07/2025
- Payment plans available
- e-Tickets & final documents will be issued 2 weeks before departure

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 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.

BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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Booking Form

A screenshot of the GAP Africa Projects website's booking form. The header features a banner with two cheetahs and a red circular logo containing the text 'GAP AFRICA PROJECTS'. Below the banner, the text 'BOOKING FORM' is centered. The form itself contains several fields: 'Title *', 'Name *' (split into three input boxes), 'Date of birth *' (with a date picker), 'Passport no.', 'Passport issue Date' (with a date picker), 'Passport Expiry Date' (with a date picker), 'Nationality of Passport', 'Next of Kin Details' (with 'Full name *' and 'Relationship *' fields), 'Contact Telephone (Do not enter +44 for UK numbers) *', and a final field for 'Please provide details of any dietary requirements *'. The website's navigation menu and social media icons are visible at the top.

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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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