

University of Chester Pre-Departure Presentation

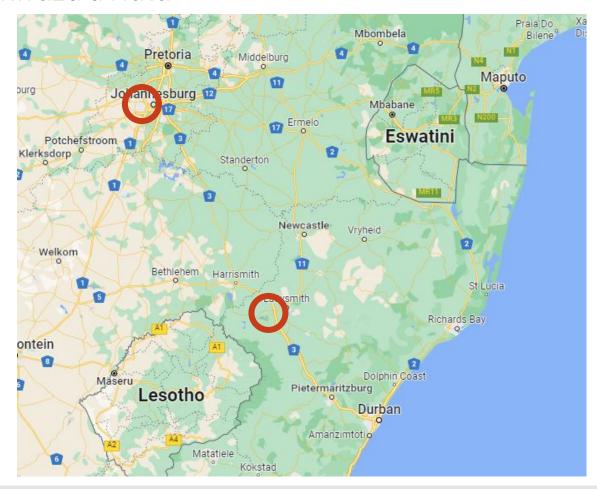


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Zulu Land Conservation Project-Location

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



Zingela River Safari (28/04/2025 - 03/05/2025)

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.













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
- Camera Trapping and data processing







Nambiti Game Reserve (03/05/2025 - 08/05/2025)

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.











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 Drives**
- Big Five Bush Walk
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development TBC







Game Reserve Camps - Zingela















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ACCOMMODATION



Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti















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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.













Sample Menu

| Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Scrambled eggs, savoury beans or mince or bacon toast (Jam, PButter) | Yoghurts, muesli, cereal, fruit | Pancakes, banana, fruit | Oatmeal porridge, fruit, toast & jam | French toast (Eggy bread) |
| Quiche & salad | Macaroni Cheese | Soup & homemade bread | Hotdogs | Braai broodjies (tomato, cheese, onion toasties on open fire) |
| Nachos (vegan or mince) | Beef stew & rice | Braai (Barbeque) with salads | Chicken ala King & rice | Chickpea curry mild |

We must know of any dietary requirements, allergies and intolerants at least 6 weeks before departure.





Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

Manchester Airport

Check-in at the Emirates check-in desk terminal 1 @ 11:05

Arr. Time Flight No Flight Date Dept. Time Dept. Arr.

27/04/2025 Manchester (MAN) EK018 14:05 Dubai (DXB) 00:20

Dubai International Airport

Bags checked through. Check for the next departure and go to the gate.

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28/04/2025 Dubai (DXB) EK761 04:05 Johannesburg (JNB) 10:15

Johannesburg OR Tambo

Clear immigration & collect baggage to clear customs Meet and Greet at JNB Arrivals Hall

Transfer to Zingela

Supermarket stop off

Departure from South Africa | Arrival to the United Kingdom

Collect from Nambiti @ TBC

Johannesburg OR Tambo

Check in at the Emirates check in desk terminal A

Flight No Flight Date Dept. Dept. Time Arr. Time Arr.

Johannesburg (JNB) 08/05/2025 19:10 Dubai (DXB) EK764 05:25 + 1 day

Dubai International Airport

Bags checked through. Check for the next departure and go to the gate.

Flight No Flight Date Arr. Time **Dept. Time** Dept. Arr.

EK017 09/05/2025 Dubai (DXB) 07:25 Manchester (MAN) 12:00

Checked Baggage Allowance: 23KG

Hand Baggage Allowance: 7KG not exceeding 55cm x 38cm x 22cm

Travel Documents

Balance Due: 03/03/2025

Final Documents Issued: 14/04/2025

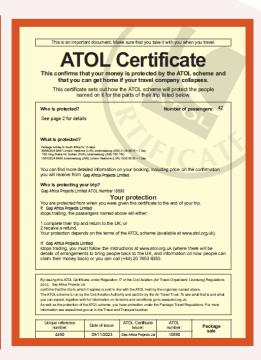
Emailed to your personal and/or college email address

Print and take copies

Boarding passes issued at the airport

Passports!







https://gapafricaprojects.com/4575-CHA

Group Web Page & Travel Documents

- Student Frequently Asked Questions - Click to View
- Student Guidelines and House Rules - Click to View



Student - Frequently Asked Questions Contents Pre-Departure What documents should I receive from Gap Africa?... 2. What travel documents are required? Gap Africa Projects - General Guidelines and House Rules: As a participant in Gap Africa Projects, I understand and agree to adhere to the following guidelines: 1. Timeliness and Curfew. I commit to respecting designated timings, including early mornings and curfew times 2. Behavioural Expectations: I agree to uphold the behavioural standards set by my institution, maintaining respect for others and the local culture. incidents or issues during the trip? 3. Language and Conduct: I recognise that the use of foul language is inappropriate and will respectfully challenge any instances of it among fellow participants. 4. Smoking and Vaping: I agree not to smoke or vape inside any buildings or vehicles, utilising only designated smoking areas for such activities. 5. Alcohol Policy: I ggree to comply with my institution's alcohol policy and ensure that if I choose to drink, I do so responsibly and without becoming intoxicated during 6. Substance Use: I understand and agree that the use of narcotic substances is strictly prohibited. d I bring?... 7. Community Interaction: I will refrain from giving money or food directly to individuals in the community, as it may perpetuate a culture of dependency. 8. Health and Dietary Needs: I will inform Gap Africa Projects of any medical conditions, mental health concerns, or dietary restrictions at least six weeks before be menstruating during the trip 9. Personal Supplies: I commit to bringing any preferred snacks or foods if I know I am 10. Insurance: I agree to obtain appropriate travel and medical insurance that covers all activities during the trip. GLOBAL reach. ADVENTURE for all. PROJECTS to inspire.

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Suggested kit list

- Short sleeve shirts
- Long work trousers
- T shirts
- Hiking Boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Rain jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker warm (it can get very cold on an open vehicle - even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Socks
- Warm Hat (in winter only) /Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Working gloves
- Gloves for warmth (in winter only)

- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Swimming costume
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Head torch
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Sunglasses

- Personal medical items
- Cards/Games
- Sunscreen
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen

^{*} All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones for working in the bush. No skimpy or bright-coloured clothing to be worn

USEFUL INFORMATION

Climate

Zingela/Nambiti

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Currency & Credit Cards

The currency for South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR). Foreign exchange may be arranged at the airport or in major centres.

It is not recommended that travellers carry large sums of cash, keep a reasonable amount on hand and primarily use credit cards.

All major credit cards are widely accepted.

Travel Cards are very useful; preload before travelling and the best exchange rate is used. Wise Travel Card offers up to £500.00 with no transfer fee for GAP Africa Projects travellers

https://wise.prf.hn/I/XZJx9gq





Tipping

Whilst there is no obligation, it is a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the rangers and housekeeping staff by leaving a small tip/donation for the staff at the reserve when you leave; any amount is always appreciated.

Phones & Internet

Mobile phone coverage is good at the accommodation, although there may be some areas on the reserve where there isn't any coverage. eSIM or purchasing a SIM card at the airport is another option

Some Wi-Fi if provided free of charge at the accommodation. Internet speeds are not up to international urban standards but are effective for communication.

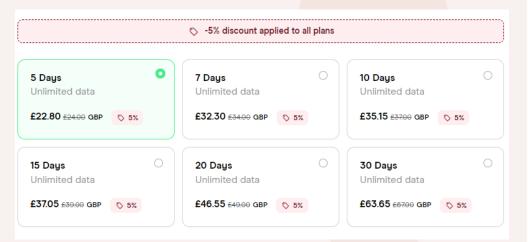
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- Uses both Vodacom and MTN the two major networks in South Africa

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Health Risks

Immunisation:

When entering South Africa, no international immunisation is required., however, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers if they enter South Africa within 6 days of leaving an infected country.

Our advice: Visit your local (travel) doctor to get up-to-date information about requirements when travelling.

DTP inoculation (diphtheria, tetanus and polio) is essential. Please visit the following web page for advice from the UK Foreign Office:

https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/201/southafrica

Drinking Water:

Drinking water is available at the project (filtered rainwater); always make sure you keep hydrated.

HIV/Aids in South Africa:

As in other countries, HIV/Aids is a serious concern in South Africa and one you must be aware of. You should always be careful when dealing with an injured person to avoid the risk of infection. Always take necessary precautions and avoid sexual contact.

Sun:

South Africa has a warm sunny climate, you should wear sunscreen and a hat whenever you are out of doors during the day, particularly between 10am and 4 pm - regardless of whether there is cloud cover or not. Whatever your complexion you can still get sunburned if you are from a cooler climate. Sunglasses are also recommended as the glare of the African sun can be very strong.

Malaria:

The project is located in a malaria free area http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-riskareas.htm

Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance is provided by the university. For further details on the policy, please contact the university directly. If you are bringing valuable equipment, we recommend checking whether it is covered under the policy.

https://www.truetraveller.com/?tag=4480



Loadshedding

Scheduled blackouts/power cuts – the team will inform you when the power will be off, normally for 2-4h at a time

Passport Requirements

It can take up to 6 weeks to obtain a passport remember to start this process in plenty of time.

Your passport needs to be valid for at least 30 days beyond your intended stay and have at least two blank pages.

Visa Requirements

A visa is not required for British Passport holders, all other nationalities should check the requirements via the website below, if required a visa can be obtained from the South African High Commission.

http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigrationservices/exempt-countries



Community GAP Donation Bags

- Magazines
- Books for school library
- Educational posters
- Stationary
- Sports kit (football kit, boots, shirts, balls, netball bibs etc)
- Skipping ropes
- Recyclable pads for Move Africa donation







USEFUL INFORMATION

Trip Clothing

Online shop available for trip clothing:

GAP Trip Hoodie

GAP Africa Polo Shirts

GAP Africa Caps

GAP Africa Beenie

GAP Africa 500ml Bottle





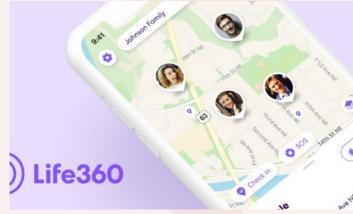
Useful App's for Next of Next of Kin

We recommend that Next of Kin also download and set up the following app, we have found this to be useful in knowing where are students whilst on the trip!

Flightrader24 – very useful for tracking flights, showing departure times, any delays and flight location in travel

Life360 – is great for following them on their journey.







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Community Initiatives Supported

PROJECT RHINO www.projectrhinokzn.org

Conservation awareness in rural schools facilitate by Wild Connection in Nambiti area

- Purchase a Rhino soft toy (sold in camp) R350
- Sponsor a community kid on a Conservation awareness camp (GBP50)

MOVE AFRICA www.moveafricaco.com

Addressing Period Poverty in our communities through workshops, help keep a girl in school

- Donate directly into their account. detail attached (Please use GAP Africa Projects as reference)
- A menstrual cup costs GBP5

THE LEARN PROJECT www.thelearnproject.co.za

Uplifting community education through the power of books and literacy

Our aim at Wild Connection is to raise enough funds to create libraries and classroom book corners in our 10 community schools.







Use of Telemetry Tracking













Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors

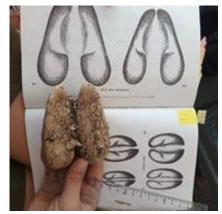














ABOUT THE PROJECT



Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators















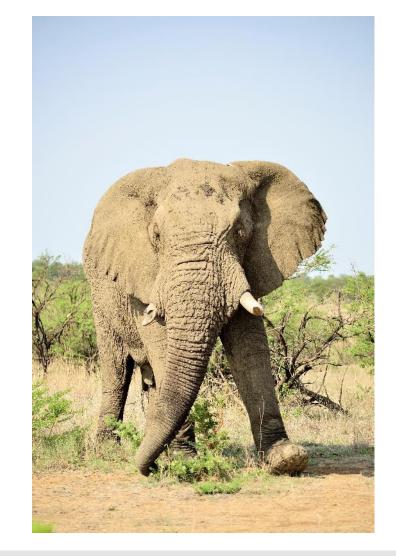


Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Populations











Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching













Night Game Drives











Community Projects & Zulu Culture

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

A chance to meet chiefs and see traditional Zulu culture first hand

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats & Rhino Art











Community Initiatives Supported

Donate money (EG it costs at least R5000 to install classroom reading corners at our smallest community school)

• Donate books, pre-loved or new children's books (no activity, sticker books etc)

JABONG HAT PROJECT www.jabonghats.co.za

Create Employment, Provide an education, Clean up Plastic

After a visit to the local creche and a community river litter clean up, visit the Gogos (grannies)

from the Matiwane community and witness how they are saving the planet one hat at a time. Hats made from recycled plastic bags are sold for R150 each and funds are used to educate their grandchildren. On this community visit, students will also be able to experience village life and buy a coke or snacks from a local "spaza" shop (bring along cash for this) but money for the purchase of hats needs to be arranged at camp the night after the visit.

- Hat donation R150
- Donation to Creche. monetary, stationery, educational games, puzzles, books









Giraffe Migration and Research Project

















River Assessments & Eel Project

















Reptile Research and Trapping













Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany











