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PRE-DEPARTURE PRESENTATION



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Equine and Wildlife Experience

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ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

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Your Project Location



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The background image is a composite of two African savanna scenes. The left side shows a body of water with reeds and a donkey's head in the foreground. The right side shows a grassy field with two giraffes and trees under a blue sky. A semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the center.

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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in Africa

ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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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.

One of the evenings, students will have the opportunity to experience the glamping tents, including the signature woodfired hot tubs.



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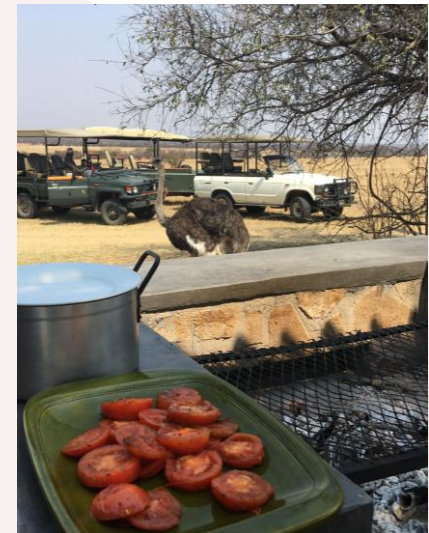
Rooming



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Food and Meals



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The background image is a composite of three distinct African savanna scenes. On the left, a donkey with a grey and white coat stands in a body of water, its head partially submerged. In the center, a tall giraffe with a brown and white spotted pattern stands in a grassy field, looking towards the right. On the right, another giraffe is visible in the distance, also in a grassy field. The sky is blue with some light clouds. A semi-transparent dark blue circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the word 'AFRICA' in white capital letters.

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PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Travel details, kit Lists and Q&A

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Baggage Allowance



1x checked

Maximum weight 23kg

Maximum dimensions 90 x 75 x 43cm
(35.5 x 29.5 x 16ins)



Hand Baggage

Maximum weight is 10Kg

Maximum dimensions is 23 x 36 x 56cm

<https://help.virginatlantic.com/bb/en/baggage/check-in-baggage-allowance.html>

FLIGHT INFORMATION



Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS449	18/05/25	London Heathrow (LHR)	22.00	Johannesburg (JNB)	10.00+ 1 Day

Johannesburg OR Tambo

Pass through immigration | Collect baggage | Clear customs

Meet GAP Team member to assist with transfers



FLIGHT INFORMATION



Departure from South Africa | Arrival to the United Kingdom

Johannesburg OR Tambo – Terminal A

Check-in at the check-in desk

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS450	29/05/25	Johannesburg (JNB)	18.55	London Heathrow (LHR)	05.00+ 1 Day

Checked Baggage Allowance: 23KG
Hand Baggage Allowance: 10KG



TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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Travel Documents

Final Balance

05/05/2025

Final Documents Issued

05/05/2025

Emailed to your personal
and/or college email
address

Print and take copies

Boarding passes issued at
the airport

Passports!



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Your e-ticket

Travelport ViewTrip™
This Electronic Ticket Receipt has been brought to you by Travelport ViewTrip and your travel provider.
For the latest information on your travel plans, view your itinerary at ViewTrip.com.

Reservation Number: RS3RGS [View Electronic Ticket Receipt](#)

Traveler		
Passenger Name	Billing Address	Delivery Address
DEELEY, GEORGE	TRAVEL COUNSELLORS PHENIX TRAVEL HOUSE CHURCHGATE BOLTON BL11 1TH	No Address On Record

Agency Information
TRAVEL COUNSELLORS LTD
Travel House
Bolton L1 1TH
UNITED KINGDOM
Agency Phone: 01204 536 084 TRAVEL COUNSELLORS PLC PHENIX FLTS
Agency IATA Number: 91277992

e-Ticket Receipt - 932941650522 - VS 801 - 28 Jun 2015 - LHR
Today's Date: 29 May 2015
e-Ticket Number: 932941650522
Galileo Reservation Number: RS3RGS
Ticket Issue Date: 27 May 2015

Flight Information					
28 Jun 2015	Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd. (VS) 801	Economy (C)	Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd Confirmation Number: SHIG24		
Depart:	Heathrow (LHR) - Terminal 3	9:05 PM	Fare Basis:	BT	
	London		Not Valid Before:	28 Jun 2015	
Arrive:	Johannesburg (JNB) - Terminal A	9:05 AM	Not Valid After:	28 Jun 2015	

Applies to: LHR - JNB
Baggage Allowance: 1 Piece Plan

This is an important document. Make sure that you take it with you when you travel.

ATOL Certificate

This confirms that your money is protected by the ATOL scheme and that you can get home if your travel company collapses.

This certificate sets out how the ATOL scheme will protect the people named on it for the parts of their trip listed below.

Who is protected?	Number of passengers:
See page 2 for details	42

What is protected?
Package holiday to South Africa for 13 days
30095524 0407 London Heathrow (LHR) Johannesburg (JNB) 21.08.08.15 + 1 Day
755 Volo Shree Air Durrban (DUR) Johannesburg (JNB) 25.08.15
13010204 0408 Johannesburg (JNB) London Heathrow (LHR) 19.08.08.16 + 1 Day

You can find more detailed information on your booking, including price, on the confirmation you will receive from Gap Africa Projects Limited

Who is protecting your trip?
Gap Africa Projects Limited ATOL Number 10850

Your protection
You are protected from when you were given this certificate to the end of your trip.
If Gap Africa Projects Limited stops trading, the passengers named above will either:
1 complete their trip and return to the UK; or
2 receive a refund.
Your protection depends on the terms of the ATOL scheme (available at www.atol.org.uk).

If Gap Africa Projects Limited stops trading, you must follow the instructions at www.atol.org.uk (where there will be details of arrangements to bring people back to the UK, and information on how people can claim their money back) or you can call (+44) 20 7453 6350.

Unique reference number:	Date of issue:	ATOL Certificate issuer:	ATOL number:	Package sale
4490	09/11/2023	Gap Africa Projects Ltd	10850	

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16/07/2017	Check in for your flight at the South African Airways Check in Desk, London Heathrow, terminal 2	18:00
	Depart London Heathrow	18:27
17/07/2017	Arrive Johannesburg International Airport, Terminal A	09:00
Upon arrival please clear immigration and collect your baggage to pass through Customs		
A member of the Gap Africa Projects ground team will meet you at International Arrivals Hall and take you through to Domestic Departures, terminal B. Please look out for our Meet and Great Board.		
Drop off Baggage at SAA bag drop - Domestic Terminal B		
	Depart Johannesburg	10:45
	Arrive Port Elizabeth Airport	12:30
Upon arrival you will be met by a representative from Blunden Tours and transferred to Shamwari Game Reserve		
Shamwari Group Conservation Experience x 14 DAYS		
31/07/2017	Today is the final day of your placement and you will be transferred to Port Elizabeth Airport	11:00
Check in for your flight at the SAA Check in Desk		
	Depart Port Elizabeth	14:35
	Arrive Johannesburg Terminal B	16:10
Upon arrival please make your way to Terminal A International Departures		
	Depart Johannesburg	18:55
01/08/2017	Arrive London Heathrow, terminal 2	06:25

Important Travel Advice

Under 18 Visa Requirements.
If you are aged under 18, whether travelling alone or within a group you must adhere to the regulations set for minors entering the republic of South Africa. <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/civic-services/travelling-with-children>

Names and spellings.
It is crucial that they match what is printed on your passport. If there is a mistake this will need to be changed, otherwise you may be refused travel.

<https://gapafricaprojects.com/25-4611/>

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TRIP DOCUMENTS



Group Web Page & Travel Documents



Student Frequently Asked Questions - Click to View



Student Guidelines and House Rules - Click to View



Student - Frequently Asked Questions

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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.
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 agree 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 any activities.
6. Substance Use: I understand and agree that the use of narcotic substances is strictly prohibited.
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 travel.
9. Personal Supplies: I commit to bringing any preferred snacks or foods if I know I am a picky/fussy eater.
10. Insurance: I agree to obtain appropriate travel and medical insurance that covers all activities during the trip.

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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

USEFUL INFORMATION

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Climate

Vaalwater

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						
25° 10°	25° 10°	23° 10°	25° 9°	25° 5°	21° 5°	21° 6°
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						
22° 6°	21° 6°	22° 7°	23° 8°	21° 7°	21° 7°	21° 8°

USEFUL INFORMATION

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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.prfl.hn/l/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.

USEFUL INFORMATION

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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

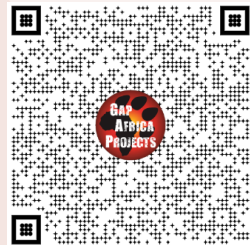
Some Wi-Fi is provided free of charge at the accommodation. Internet speeds are not up to international urban standards but are effective for communication.

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Benefits of an eSIM

Holafly

- Unlimited Data Plans
- Keep your WhatsApp number
- Immediate Delivery
- Uses both Vodacom and MTN the two major networks in South Africa



<https://shorturl.at/sxE29>

-5% discount applied to all plans		
5 Days Unlimited data £22.80 £24.00 GBP 5%	7 Days Unlimited data £32.30 £34.00 GBP 5%	10 Days Unlimited data £35.15 £37.00 GBP 5%
15 Days Unlimited data £37.05 £39.00 GBP 5%	20 Days Unlimited data £46.55 £49.00 GBP 5%	30 Days Unlimited data £63.65 £67.00 GBP 5%

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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/south-africa>

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-risk-areas.htm>

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Insurance

Personal travel insurance is compulsory. Travel insurance does not need to be expensive and there are many good deals available for backpackers etc. Always be sure to check the insurance details to make sure you are covered for Covid 19, theft, loss, illness and injury. Check to see if your medical benefits are paid out as they incur or on your return home.

<https://www.true traveller.com/?tag=4480>



You should select 'Adventure Pack' as this will cover you for the type of activities you will undertake during your trip

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/immigration-services/exempt-countries>



COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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Community GAP Donation Bags

- Magazines
 - Books for school library
 - Educational posters
 - Stationary
 - Sports kit (football kit, boots, shirts, balls, netball bibs etc)
 - Skipping ropes
 - Leads and Collars
 - Donkey / Pony Tack (small bits)
-
- Donkey Harness 1300rand each (£60)



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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

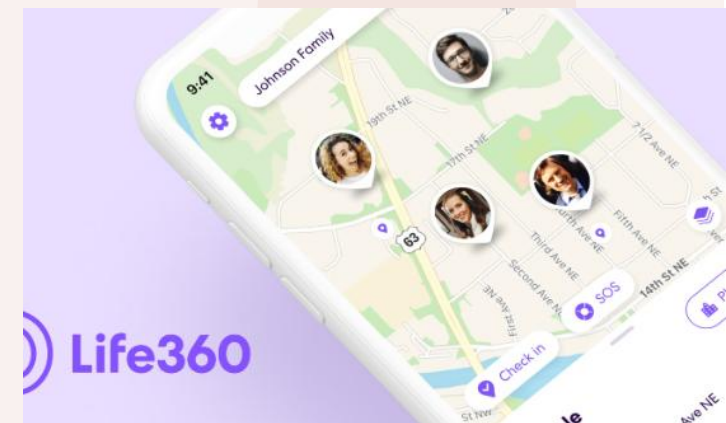
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Useful App's for Next of Kin

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!

Flightradar24 – very useful for tracking flights, showing departure times, any delays and flight location in travel.

Life360 – is great for following them on their journey.



RIDER INFORMATION

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<https://forms.office.com/e/LnPEYbbk7T>





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