



PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION PACK

Aberystwyth University

Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Aberystwyth University – Booking Reference 4690

Trip Dates:

14th – 30th June 2025

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
BA57	14/06/2025	London Heathrow (LHR)	21:25	Johannesburg (JNB)	09:25 + 1 Day
BA56	30/06/2025	Johannesburg (JNB)	19:25	London Heathrow (LHR)	05:35 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage @ 23kgs max dimensions 56x45x25 cms

Project:

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Arrival at Johannesburg International Airport (OR Tambo)

On arrival at Johannesburg International Airport after clearing immigration, collect your bags, clear customs and make your way to the arrivals hall.

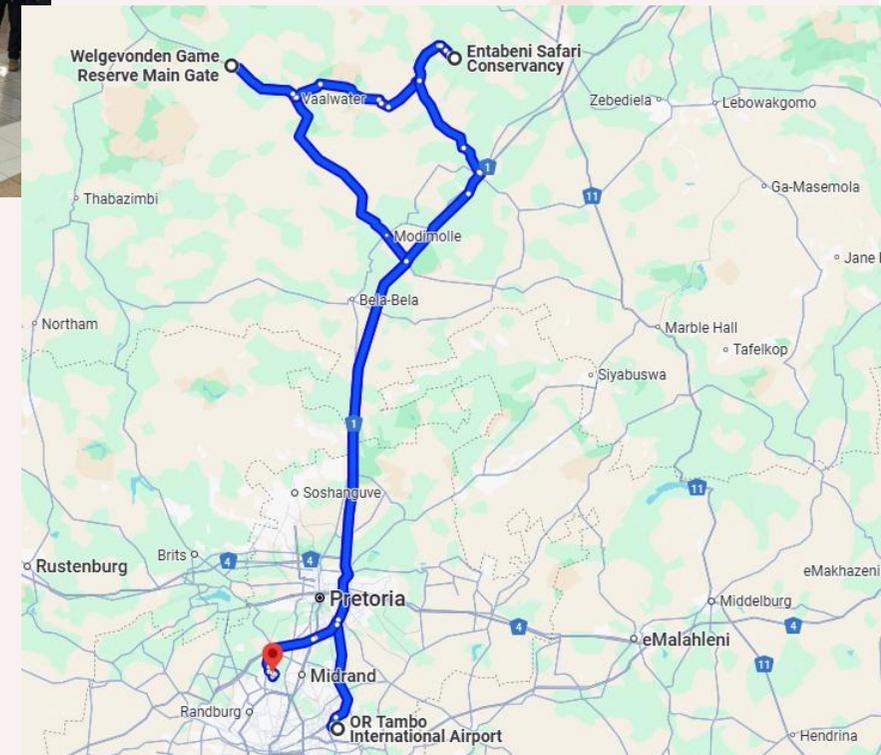
The GAP Africa representative will be there to meet you and assist you to your transport with Shuttle King, who will be waiting at the statue and will be transferring you to Welgevonden Game Reserve, a drive of approximately 4 hours

The driver will stop at a shop on the way for you to get snacks, drinks etc.

If for any reason you are unable to locate the representative, please call Shuttle King:

Terri on : + 27 71 242 8838

Or Carmen: +27 79 313 2276



CONTACT DETAILS

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Address

Welgevonden Game Reserve Main Gate
R517, Old Lephallale Road
Vaalwater 0530
South Africa

Welgevonden Main Office

Telephone: +27 (0)87 813 0501
Alternative: +27 (0)14 161 0800

Welgevonden Research Camp

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Izzy Rowles (Bio Monitoring Officer)

Gap Africa Projects

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24 Hour Emergency Only

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South Africa

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Fair Glen Guest House
17 Macgillivray Road
Glenferness, 2191 Midrand
Gauteng
South Africa

Telephone

+27 (0) 72 451 6942



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>

Malaria:

The Waterberg area of the Limpopo Province and Gauteng is malaria free.

<http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-risk-areas.htm>

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 10 am 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.

Drinking Water:

Drinking water is available at the project; always make sure you keep hydrated.

Climate

Summers in the Limpopo Province are warm, temperatures may exceed 40c and winters are mild however temperature can fall to below 0c at night and early mornings.

Have a look at the accuweather website, link below, for more information:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/sterkrivier/305655/weather-forecast/305655?city=sterkrivier>

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.

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 at shops in large towns, the reserve does have credit card facilities.

Wise Travel Card offers up to £500.00 with no transfer fee for Gap Africa Project Travellers:



<https://wise.prf.hn/l/XZJx9gq>

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

Wi-Fi is available at the accommodation however internet speeds are not up to international urban standards but are effective for communication.

We have partnered with Holafly, an eSim provider who have offered a 5% discount when you use the code GAPAFRICAPROJECTS

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://holafly.sjv.io/APK5yR>

 Unlimited data Enjoy unlimited data while traveling to numerous destinations worry-free. Learn more	 Keep using your favorite apps Get that safe ride home, find that great restaurant, and pin the local attractions, all while staying connected with your loved ones.	 Keep your WhatsApp number You can call and message all your contacts on WhatsApp, like you're in the same country. Don't lose touch with family and friends.
 24/7 Customer Support In need of assistance? Our 24/7 chat support is just a message away to keep you connected and help you with everything you need.	 Fast and Reliable Internet Connection Connect to the best networks at your destination and get internet that's both reliable and fast	 Enjoy dual SIMs Enjoy the flexibility of our digital eSIM while keeping the option to use your original SIM as usual whenever you need it.

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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 occur or on your return home.

Please follow this link to our preferred insurer:



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

You should select 'Adventure Pack' as this will cover you for the type of activities you will undertake during your trip. If you use an alternative insurer, please ensure you are covered for light manual work.

Stay safe overseas – KBYG

The better prepared you are when you travel abroad the safer you will be. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office offers 'Know Before You Go' travel advice, including simple precautions you can take before and during your trip.

To find out more, check out their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad>

Passport Requirements

It can take many 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 exit date and have at least two blank pages. You can check requirements by using the IATA Travel Centre site www.iatatravelcentre.com

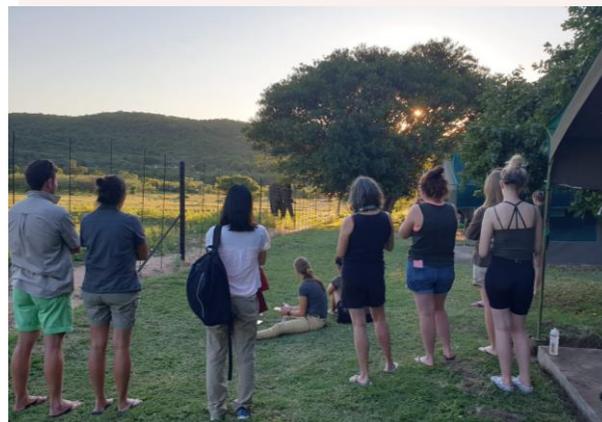
Visa Requirements

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>

Welgevonden Biomonitoring/Research Camp

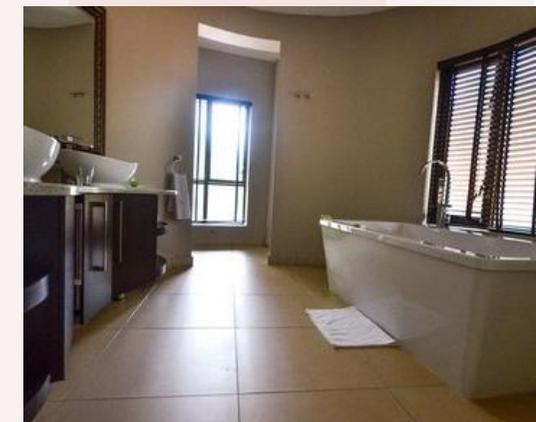
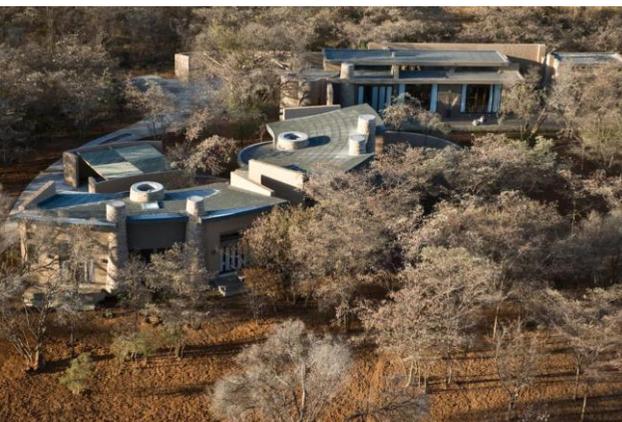
The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep 2-3 people per tent in single beds, each tent also has lighting and electricity supply. There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. The communal facilities include a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area and storage fridge. The centre also has access to Wi-Fi. The camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve, check out the aerial shot of camp! You can wake up and find an elephant 10 meters from your door!



Entabeni Safari Conservancy

Students will be accommodated in twin bedded rooms; the accommodation has a variety of self-catering units comprising 3, 4, 5 and 6 bedroom units.

Each Villa offers a spacious and open plan layout, with a lounge and dining area as well as a fully equipped kitchen, one of the kitchens in a unit will be used for the food preparation for the group.



Gauteng – Fair Glen Guest House

You will be staying in twin bedded accommodation with en-suite facilities, the guest house offers comfortable areas to relax and unwind and is based in an equestrian-themed suburb.

There is a swimming pool and outdoor seating area and the guest house has WiFi.

Ideally situated for the visits to the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet Practice and Animals in Distress



Meals

At Welgevonden and Entabeni all meals are provided on a self cook basis prepared communally by the group, students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchens tidy..

Depending on activities some meals may be pre prepared to take into the field.

All meals will be provided at Fair Glen Guest House, a packed lunch will be provided if the group are not returning to the accommodation at lunch time.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the camps and guest house.

Please ensure you advise us of any dietary requirements so we can ensure you are adequately catered for.



Suggested kit list

- Short sleeve shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (Or work trousers with zip-off longs)
- T shirts
- Hiking Boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Rain jacket (especially during summer months)
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Buff/neck warmer useful all year round
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker - (it can get very cold on an open vehicle - even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Socks
- Hat for sun protection / Warm hat (winter only)
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear

- Swimming Towel
- Swimming costume
- Sunscreen & Sunglasses
- Sandals/comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Toiletries
- Tick/insect repellent
- Personal medical items & First Aid Kit
- Binoculars
- Torch/headlamp
- Water bottle

Other useful items:

- Stethoscope
- Surgical gloves
- Camera
- Powerbank
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen
- Watch

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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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
- Weekend activities
- Visa's/travel documents
- Tips

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



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