



Project Information Pack

The background image is a composite of two photographs. The left side shows a group of four people (three adults and one child) standing in a grassy field, looking towards a savanna landscape with a large green hill in the distance under a cloudy sky. The right side is a close-up of a lioness walking through tall grass, looking towards the left. A large, semi-transparent circular graphic is centered over the image, containing the text "KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research".

KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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University of Reading – Booking Reference 4596

Trip Dates:

15th – 29th June 2025

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
BA55	15/06/2025	London Heathrow (LHR)	19:05	Johannesburg (JNB)	07:15 + 1 Day
BA56	29/06/2025	Johannesburg (JNB)	19:20	London Heathrow (LHR)	05:30 + 1 Day

* Always check your timings on your final documents

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

Project:

KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research – Nambiti Game Reserve & Zingela Wilderness Reserve



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location
of the project

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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 10-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 days task and research goals.

The project split and duration are as follows:

12 Day Itinerary

Days 1 – 6

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

Days 6 – 12

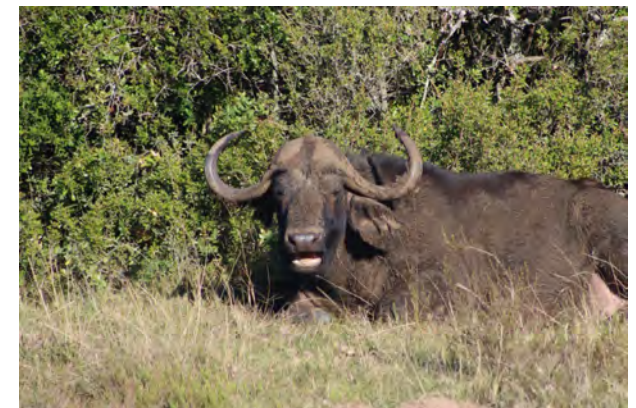
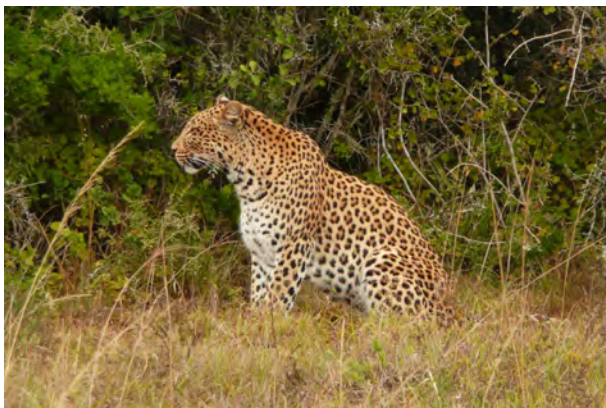
Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities

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Nambiti Game Reserve (Days 1 – 6)

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 an unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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Zingela River Safari (Days 6 – 12)

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. There is also the opportunity to participate in a host of adventurous activities during your stay such as, rafting and abseiling.

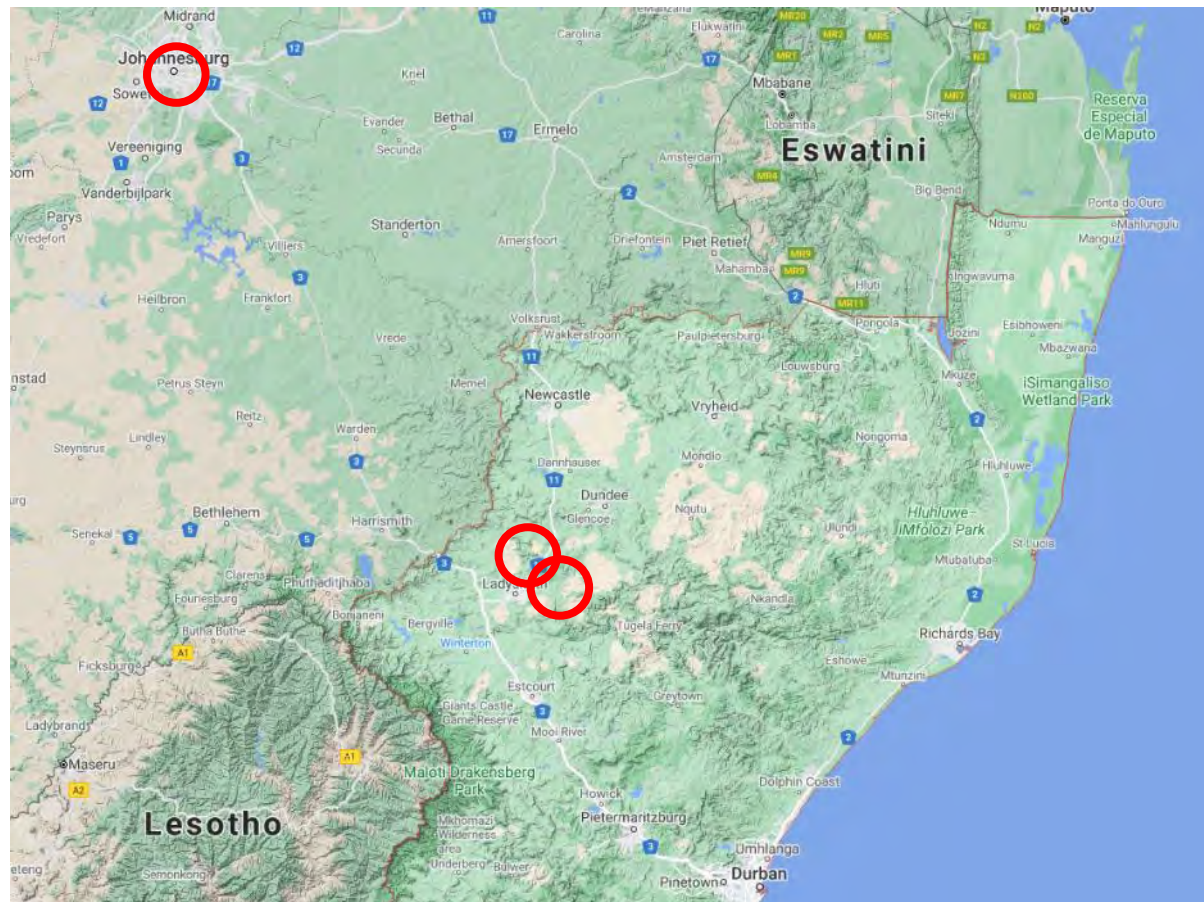


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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Project- Location

South Africa a world leader in conservation





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7 Days at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve

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



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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



Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Impact Assessment

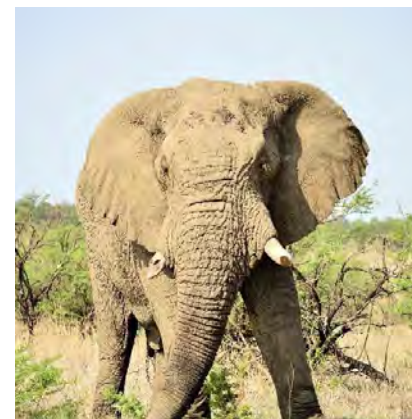
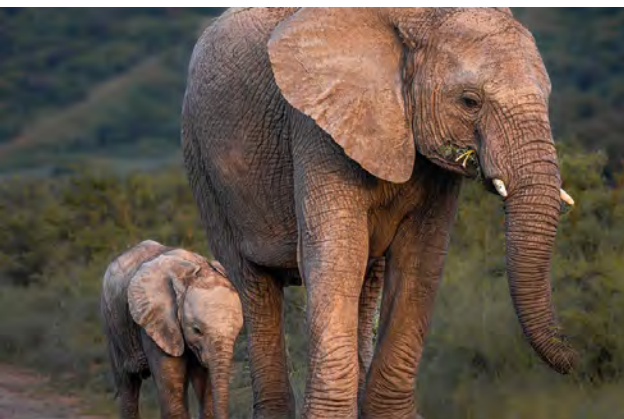
Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

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



NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!



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Community Projects & Zulu Culture

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

The opportunity to meet chiefs and experience traditional Zulu culture first hand

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats, Project Rhino and 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
- 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
- Community Development
- Camera Trapping and Data Processing



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Activities and Adventure– Zingela

- Abseiling
- Rock Climbing
- Swimming
- Kayaking / White water rafting



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ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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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



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River Assessments –

Fresh water eel project –
understanding life cycle using GPS
data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System



Animal Welfare Outreach Program

Participants will join the camp's in-house veterinarian to assist local Zulu farmers in caring for their livestock, primarily goats, but also including dogs, cats, sheep, and cattle, depending on the participants' qualifications and experience.

Vaccinating and Caring for Local Farmers' Goats

Working with Various Animals at the Homestead

Animal Welfare Education at Local Schools



Bush Walks and Ecology Trails

One of the unique aspects of the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation project is the ability to utilise the reserves for walking trails and ecology lessons.

Groups will be accompanied by professional guides as they navigate through the reserve observing the smaller aspects of the flora and fauna that the African Bush has to offer.



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River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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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 shared comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets.

All meals are provided in a communal dining area. Students are expected to help clear up after meals.



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Game Reserve Camps – Zingela



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ACCOMMODATION

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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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USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &
Recommended Kit List



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 the project.
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visa's/travel documents
- Tips

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



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
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker – (it can get very cold on an open vehicle – even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Microfibre sleeping bag liner – useful for extra warmth in winter
- Socks
- Hat for sun protection / Warm Hat (winter only)
- Working gloves
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- 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 and First Aid Kit
- Binoculars
- Sunscreen & Sunglasses

Other useful items:

- Good torch
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen
- Lip balm

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



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