

## PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION PACK Writtle College

# Waterberg Conservation Project

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### Writtle College - Booking Reference 4650

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### ARRIVAI

#### 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.

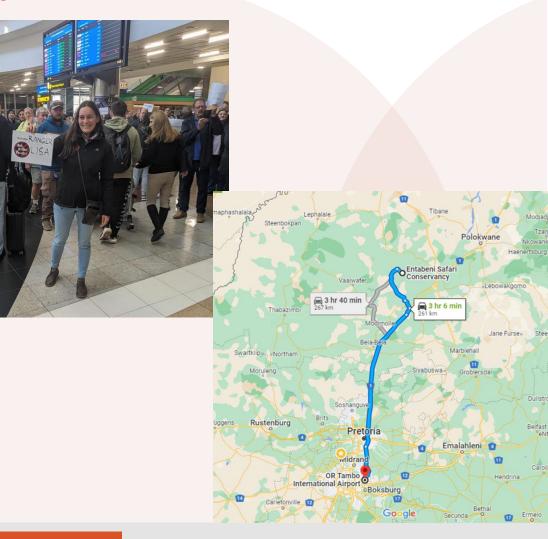
The GAP Africa representative will be there to meet you and assist you to your transport with Shuttle King, who will be waiting at the statue and will be transferring you to Entabeni Safari Conservancy, a drive of approximately 3.5 hours

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**

#### **Address**

Entabeni Safari Conservancy Haakdoring Road Mokopane Limpopo 0600 South Africa

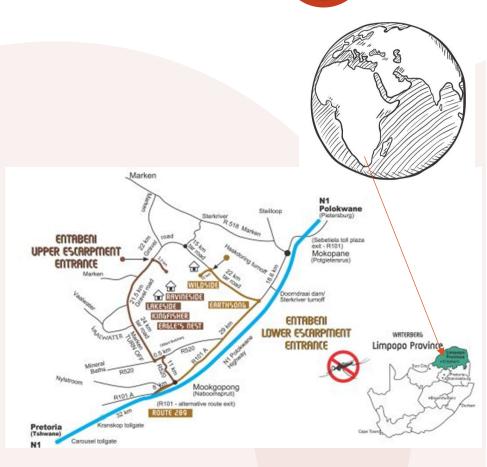
#### Telephone

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#### **Gap Africa Projects**

+44 (0) 744 260 1694 24 Hour Emergency Only

# **Gap Africa Projects In Country Contact** +27 (0) 79 313 2276 Carmen Warmenhove



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#### **Address**

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

Welgevonden Main OfficeTelephone:+27 (0)87 813 0501Alternative:+27 (0)14 161 0800 **Welgevonden Research Camp** +27 (0) 72 713 5043 Megan Antrobus (Emergency Only)

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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

#### Malaria:

The Waterberg area of the Limpopo Province where Welgevonden is located 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

#### **Limpopo Province**

January is the hottest month in Limpopo with an average temperature of 23°C (73°F) and the coldest month is June at 13°C (55°F). The wettest month is November with an average of 100mm of rainfall.

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

Https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/polokwane

### 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 and the cultural tour company do not 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/I/XZJx9gq

#### **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

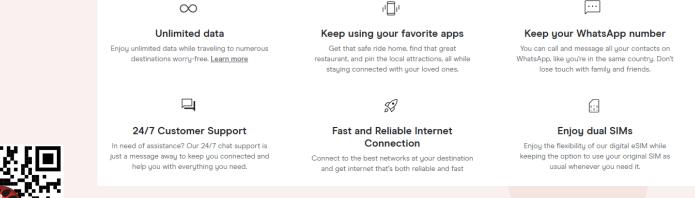
#### **Benefits of an eSIM**



- 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





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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.truetraveller.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

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#### 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.

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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 <u>www.iatatravelcentre.com</u>

#### **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/exemptcountries



The student camp is in the middle of the reserve and consists of modern shared accommodation units.

The one-bedroom units have a lounge/study area 2/3 students per bedroom unit.

Communal washing machine for students to do their laundry, as well as an outdoor communal living space for relaxation.

Two sets of linen and towels are provided per student for the entire period of stay.













#### Meals

All meals are included, and there is a communal kitchen where food will be prepared in groups.

Some days lunch will be had back at camp, other days lunch will be brought into the field to be had as a picnic.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the campfire.

Only Sunday will be an off day to 'chill' in camp or do extra activities.







#### Accommodation

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep four 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 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 metres from your door!













#### **Meals and free time**

Three meals are provided daily on a self-cook basis, prepared communally by the group.

Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy. Breakfasts and evening meals are taken at the camp while lunch is normally in the field 'picnic' style.

Evening meals are enjoyed mostly in an outside dining area.

Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.

There is a washing machine which you can use for laundry for a small fee.







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### Sunday additional activities (own cost)

Horseback Safari Max 4 people at a time

- Horse Riding (1 hour) R590 pp
- Horse Riding (2 Hours) R1090 pp
- Sunset Cruise (Includes finger foods & soft drinks ) R690 pp
- Cultural Foundation Drumming session R600 pp
- Guided Bush Walk (Non-Predator) R300 pp
- Guided Bush Walk (Predator) R800 pp

- Bicycle Rental 4 hours at Clubhouse R120 pp
- Spa massages between R320 R830 pp
- Marimba Band and Pedi Dancers (Group activity enquire for rates)
- Game Drive and Boat Cruise with Lunch at Lakeside R890 pp
- Picnic Lunch at Yellow-wood Gorge Mountain Pool R890 pp
- Stargazing R790 pp



### **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
- Microfibre Sleeping Bag liner (for extra warmth in winter)
- Socks
- Hat for sun protection / Warm hat (winter only)
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Work Gloves
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear

- 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:

- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Cards/Music
- Powerbank
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen
- Mosquito net in summer

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### 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
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

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



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