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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research

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ABOUT US:

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GAP Africa Projects

- We are a specialised travel company that offers academic trips and volunteering opportunities for groups and individual travellers, in a number of locations worldwide
- We pride ourselves on curating experiences which are personalised to your needs and requirements
- Our first project travelled in 2010
- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with over 50 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa.





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KWAZULU-NATAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location
of the project

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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique academic conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live and work in the wild of Africa
- The opportunity to experience hands on wildlife conservation
- Bespoke, tailor made projects to suit research requirements
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Cultural Enrichment
- Full 14 nights in South Africa
- All-inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have



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Our conservation work
in more detail

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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 14-day academic module split between the two conservation reserves

This is not a Safari Holiday!



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:

14 Day Itinerary

Days 1 – 7

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

Days 7 – 14

Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities



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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Project- Location





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7 Days at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve

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Nambiti Game Reserve

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.



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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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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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Use of Telemetry Tracking



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Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors



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Big Five Bush Walk



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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

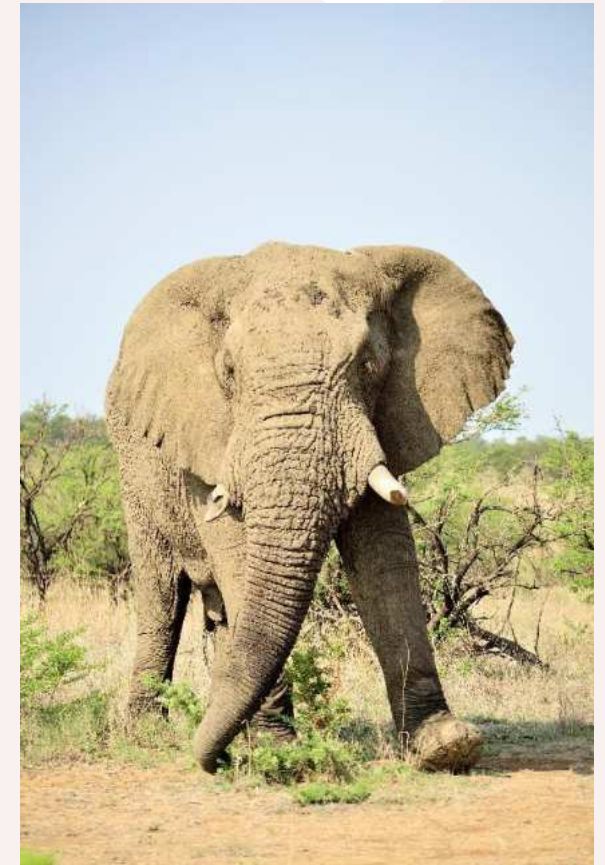
Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

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



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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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Night Game Drives



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Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for longterm conservation

Positive impact supporting not for profit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats & Rhino Art





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7 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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Zingela River Safari

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.



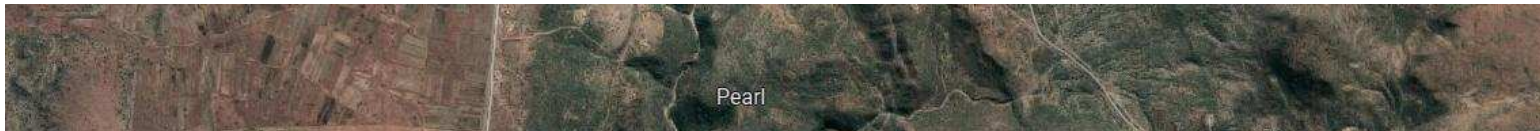
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NAMBITI TO ZINGELA

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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



River Assessments

Fresh water eel project –
understanding life cycle using GPS
data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System



ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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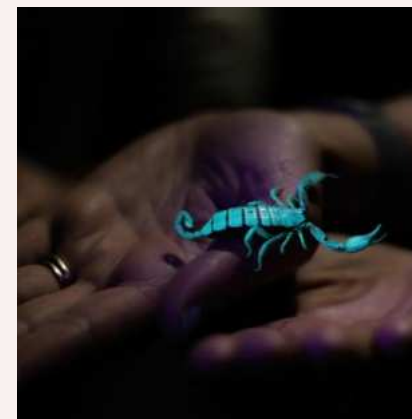
Reptile Research and Trapping

Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned

Species frequency

Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation

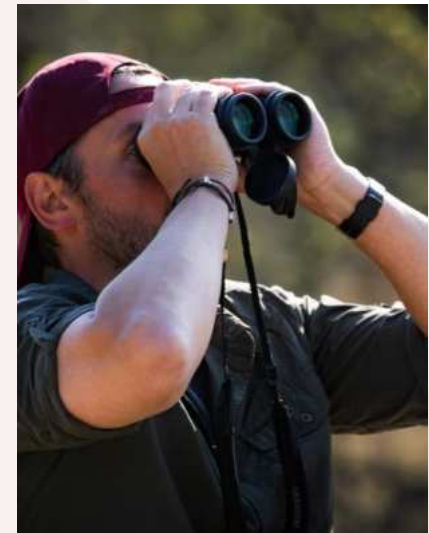
Comparing herpetological diversity



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Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany



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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

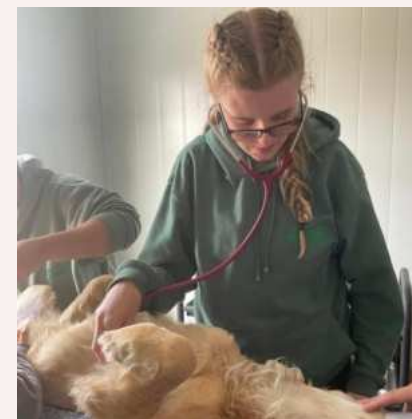
Animal Welfare Education at Local Schools



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River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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Abseiling and Rock Climbing



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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

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Game Reserve Camps – Nambiti

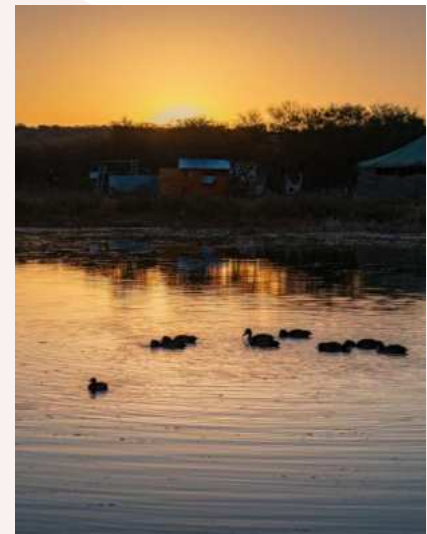
In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room.



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Game Reserve Camps – Nambiti



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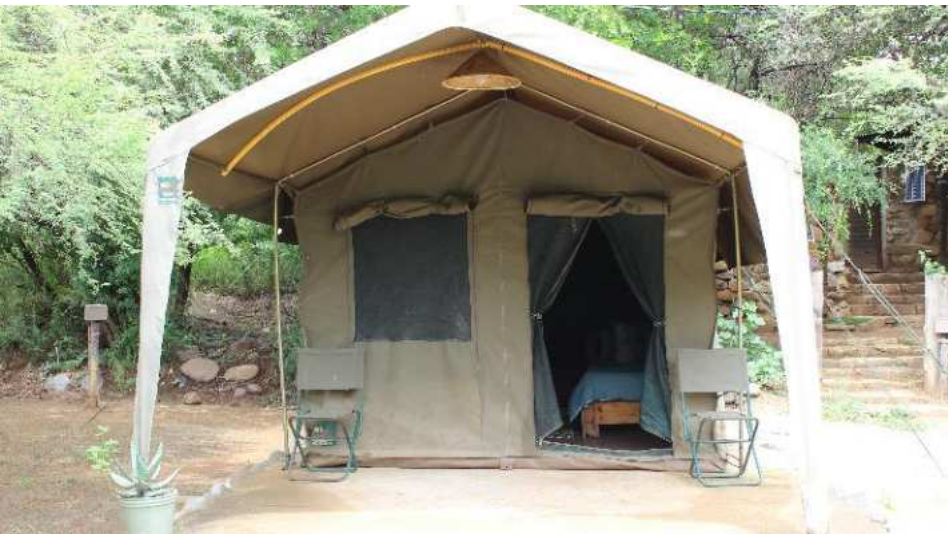
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Game Reserve Camps – Zingela



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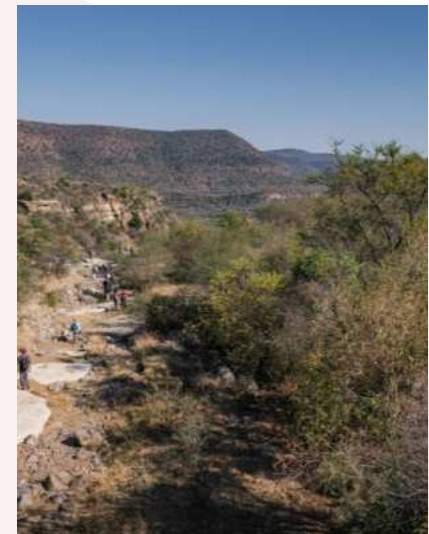
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Game Reserve Camps – Zingela



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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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Food at the project



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Life on project – Lifelong memories



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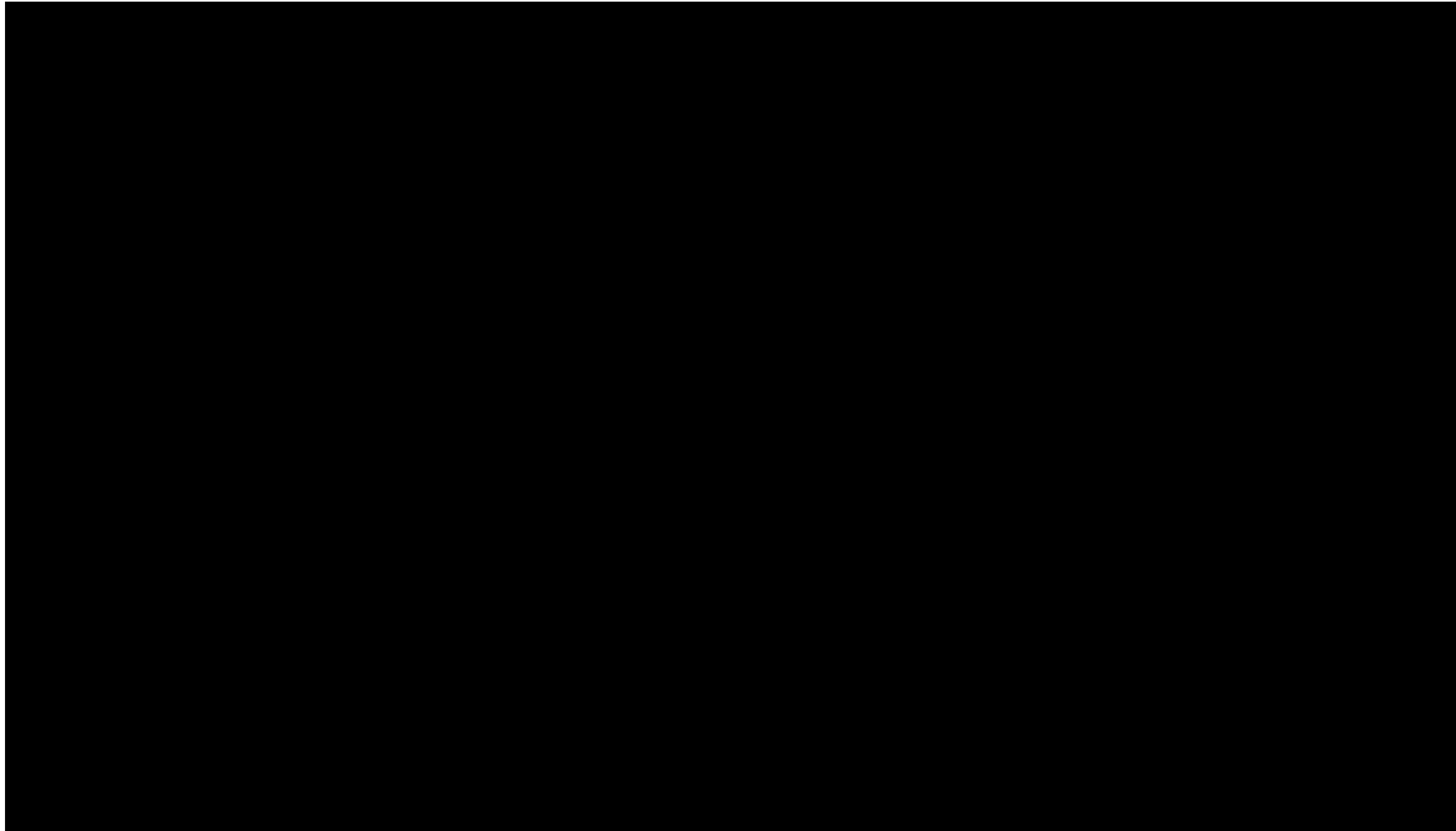
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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Video





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Your Project The Details

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What is Included?

- Flights from Glasgow via London Heathrow
- 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
- Visa's/travel documents

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

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 7th June Arrive SA: 8th June 2025

Depart SA: 24th June | Arrive UK: 25th June 2025

Flights

Flight No	Flight Date	Departing	Departing Time	Arrival	Arrival Time
BA1499	07/06/2025	Glasgow (GLA)	13.35	London Heathrow (LHR)	15.00
BA55	07/06/2025	London Heathrow (LHR)	19.05	Johannesburg (JNB)	07.15 +1 day
BA56	24/06/2025	Johannesburg (JNB)	19.25	London Heathrow (LHR)	04.45 +1 day
BA1474	25/06/2025	London Heathrow (LNR)	08.40	Glasgow (GLA)	10.05

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Confirmation Documents

Confirmation documents will be issued and sent directly to you via email.

Please communicate with us with any questions relating to the field trip.

Gap Africa Projects

10 Oct 2022
Ref: 23-KCA-CAC7-01.17

Dear Chloe,

Thank you for choosing to book with Gap Africa Projects as part of the Kavalali College trip to Zululand Conservation Research. Please take the time to look through this document and check that everything is correct.

We have received your deposit payment and your payment is now confirmed as per the details below. The final balance and due date is detailed on your invoice.

Please remember that you can contact me to discuss anything in this document as well as any other aspect of your experience and I am on hand to ensure your travel abroad for the entirety of your placement.

Warm regards,
The Gap Africa Team

Passengers Travelling
Miss Chloe

Placement(s)
Zululand Conservation Research (06/03/23 - 18/03/23)

Inclusions
Flights, travel, road transfers to and from project, accommodation for duration, all meals and all project activities.

Exclusions
Insurance, any activities undertaken that are not included as part of the project.

Your Flight(s)

Flight No.	Date	Time	From	To
BA1399	05/03/2023	0:13:00	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA1399	05/03/2023	A: 18:05	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA1399	05/03/2023	A: 18:30	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
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Your Booking

Travel Advice

Names and spellings
To ensure that your name and any other details are correct, please check that they are correct on your booking. Please note that any changes to your booking will be charged for amendments.

Passport expiry date
Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the intended return date to your country of origin. If you hold a passport that is a British Citizen passport, you must also have a valid visa for the country you are visiting.

Passport Copies
It is recommended that you have photocopies of your passport, documents and any other relevant information with you when you travel. It is not possible to replace a passport while you are abroad.

Travel Insurance
It is essential that you take out the appropriate travel insurance for your trip. Please remember to take the certificate and policy wording letter with you when you travel. It is not possible to replace a passport while you are abroad.

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Date: 10/10/2022
Invoice No: 23-KCA-CAC7-02-01
Booking Ref: 4433

Project Placement, Dates & Details

Description	City	Start	End
Zululand Conservation Research	London Heathrow (LHR)	06/03/2023	18/03/2023

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Sustainability & Social, Economic Responsibility

Local employment from rural communities – our project partners employ a high percentage of staff from local communities. They advocate training to advance careers in hospitality, wildlife and conservation.

Low environmental impact camps – our project bush camps are built with minimal impact on the environment. Resources from the surrounding area are utilised for buildings, water is (where possible) pumped from local river sources and green energy supplies, such as solar are championed.

Community donations and support – we encourage all our international study groups to be proactive in donation collections and arrange for excess baggage for said donations to be taken out to South Africa in support of the local communities.

Move Africa, supporting young females – 3 in 10 girls in South Africa miss a week of school every month because they cannot afford basic sanitary products. Our project partners work with Move Africa alongside their partner NGOs, to distribute menstrual cups to the local communities and provide education workshops.

Rhino Art – Project rhino realises the enormous responsibility the youth have to ensure our wildlife is protected for many generations to come. They ensure they can reach and educate as many kids as possible through Rhino Art, using art workshops to teach about conservation. This initiative is supported by our local project partners.

Food/crop education – our project partners encourage food and crop education to rural communities, where cost of living to low income families and distance travelled to obtain basic resources can prove problematic. Projects include community allotments and providing education on best practice for crop rotations, harvest seasons and nutrition.

Recycling workshops – Litter, and in particular plastics, is a major issue and threat to the ecosystem in Southern Africa. Rural communities have limited waste removal available and it is therefore a problem escalating at an alarming rate. Recycling workshops are provided through local schools to help educate children on the importance of correctly disposing of litter and recycling plastics.



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