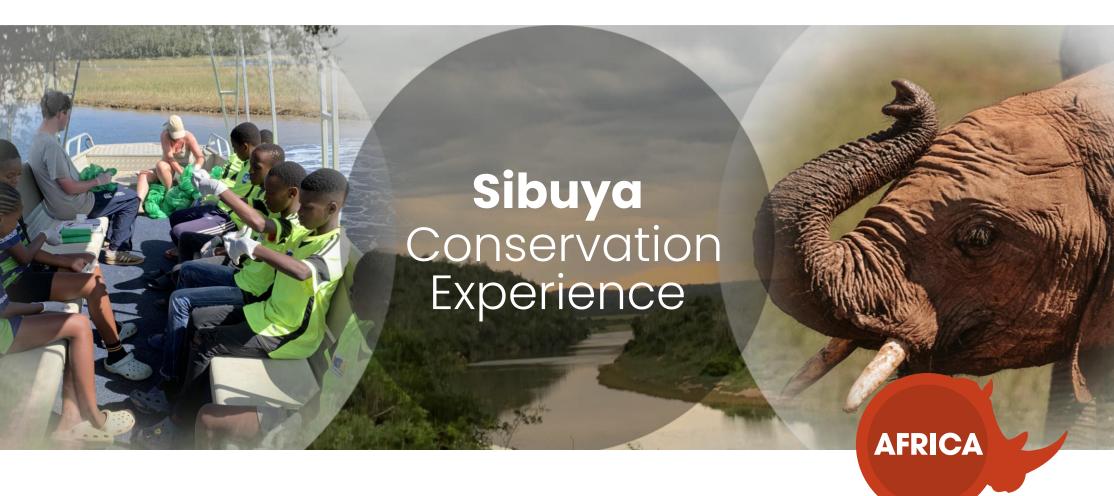
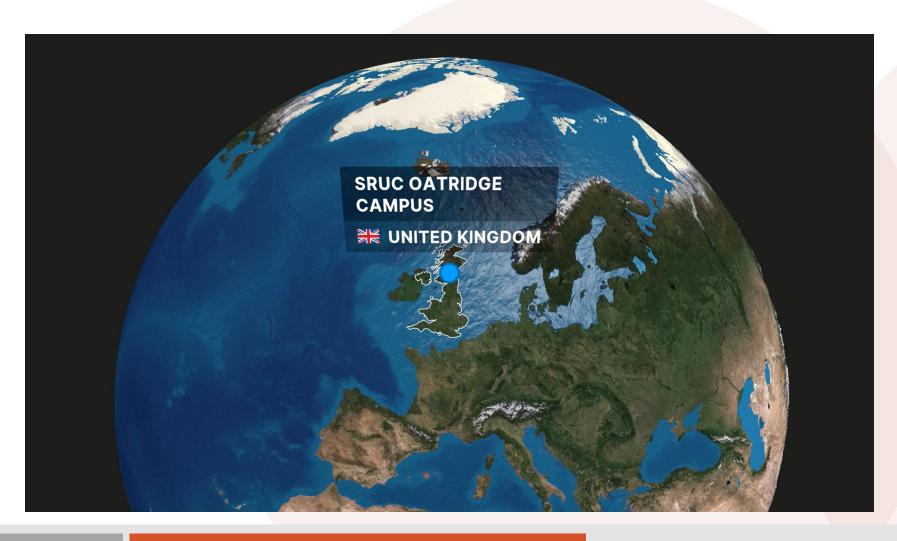


# SRUC Oatridge Q&A Presentation



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### Location





### Your Conservation Programme – Sibuya

- Lion monitoring
- Elephant monitoring
- Rhino monitoring
- Ocean Research Institute fish tagging
- Fencing and Alien Plant clearing
- Community Outreach
- Possible Veterinary Interventions
- Coastal Dunes and Rocky Shores
- Kayak Expedition 15km
- Pitfall trap insect collection and Identification
- Starry Night Constellation Observation
- **SANCCOB** visit

#### Presentations and Talks on:

- **Lion Conservation**
- **Elephant Ecology**
- **Rhino Conservation**
- Ornithology (Birds)



Sibuya Home to the BIG 5











# OPTIONAL WEEKEND EXCURSIONS









Weekend Options will be sent in advance of your departure.

Pre-Booked or Paid Locally





### Your Conservation Programme – SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

As part of your project, you will be heavily involved with the day-to-day field work conducted by the team. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Grasses Survey and Full Collection
   Plant Plots (Baseline Study):
- Woody Plant Density Report
   Identification of Ecological Nodes:
   Photo ID of Waterberg Trees:
- Herbology of the Northern Waterberg
- Alien Plant Control
- Seed Dispersal Study
- Road Building
- Fence Maintenance
- Gardening
- Water System Maintenance

- Known Animal Group Counts
- Leopard Project
- Small Mammal Project
- Fish Project
- Fence Immigration and Emigration Project
- Reptile Pitfall Trap Study
- Bird Ringing and Ornithology
- Camera Trap Study and Surveys

# **YOUR PROJECT**

### Your Conservation Programme –Welgevonden Game Reserve

As part of your project, you will be heavily involved with the day-to-day field work conducted by the biomonitoring team. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Game transects estimates of numbers, body condition and herd structure
- Telemetry tracking of collared animals
- White Rhino monitoring and condition scoring
- Camera Trap Surveys (Black Rhino and other cryptic animals)
- Nocturnal species ID and night game drive
- Predator monitoring
- Mortality/kill recording

- Visit temporary holding bomas (enclosures)
- Animal tracking
- Waterberg Wild Dog Project
- Collecting faecal samples for research
- Local wildlife auction (Only on certain weekends)
- Alien plant species eradication
- Vegetation Condition Assessment
- Waterberg Biodiversity Project Data
   Collection with experts in their fields





## Accommodation Sibuya –Intaka Lodge

All accommodation is shared













# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



## Intaka Lodge















# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



## Intaka Lodge















## Sample Menu

|  | Day 1  | Day 2                                 | Day 3                              | Day 3 Day 4                          |   |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
|  | Scrambled eggs,<br>savoury beans or<br>mince or bacon<br>toast (Jam,<br>PButter) | Yoghurts,<br>muesli, cereal,<br>fruit | Pancakes,<br>banana, fruit         | Oatmeal porridge, fruit, toast & jam | French toast<br>(Eggy bread)  |
|  | Quiche & salad   | Macaroni<br>Cheese                    | Soup &<br>homemade<br>bread        | Hotdogs                              | Braai broodjies<br>(tomato,<br>cheese, onion<br>toasties on<br>open fire) |
|  | Nachos (vegan<br>or mince)   | Beef stew & rice                      | Braai<br>(Barbeque) with<br>salads | Chicken ala King<br>& rice           | Chickpea curry<br>mild  |

We must know of any dietary requirements, allergies and intolerants at least 6 weeks before departure.

### **SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve Accommodation**

Students and academic groups will be accommodated at our purposebuilt camp on SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve, designed to provide comfort and foster community living. The camp features shared twin and triple rooms with communal ablution facilities. At the heart of the camp is a spacious communal area, equipped with a shared kitchen and dining space, which also serves as a hub for relaxation, lectures, and group activities.

For evening gatherings, there's a cozy firepit/boma area where students can unwind and cook meals over the fire under the stars. On weekends, groups are welcome to enjoy the main farmhouse and pool area for some well-deserved relaxation. Ingredients for meals are provided, and students cook together, creating a vibrant and social camp atmosphere.











### **Welgevonden Accommodation**

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two to 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. There are communal facilities including a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area and storage fridge.













### Welgevonden

All meals are provided in the communal dining room, there is an outside area for dining as well.

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.

Meals will either be served at the facility or in the field 'picnic' style, this depends on activities either planned or unscheduled.

The research team often work 6 days a week so time off is often limited to Sundays only.

Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.











### Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

### **Glasgow Airport**

| Flight No | Flight Date | Dept.         | Dept. Time | Arr.               | Arr. Time     |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|
| EK028     | 27/07/2025  | Glasgow (GLA) | 14.35      | Dubai (DXB)        | 01.05 + 1 Day |
| EK761     | 28/07/2025  | Dubai (DXB)   | 04.05      | Johannesburg (JNB) | 10.15         |

### **Johannesburg OR Tambo**

Pass through immigration | Collect baggage | Clear customs Connection Terminal A – Terminal B. GAP Team member to assist

| Flight No | Flight Date | Dept.              | Dept. Time | Arr.                 | Arr. Time |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|
| FA534     | 28/07/2025  | Johannesburg (JNB) | 13.05      | Port Elizabeth (PLZ) | 14:50     |

#### **Port Elizabeth**

Meet and Greet at PLZ Arrivals Hall Transfer to Sibuya Game Reserve & supermarket stop off

## **Baggage Allowance**



1x checked

Maximum weight 20kg

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



Hand Baggage

Maximum weight is 7Kg Maximum dimensions is 23 x 36 x 56cm



### Internal Flight from Port Elizabeth to Johannesburg

### **Port Elizabeth Airport**

Check in at the FlySafair desk

Flight No Flight Date Dept. Time Arr. Time Dept. Arr.

11/08/2025 Port Elizabeth (PLZ) 10.20 Johannesburg (JNB) 12.00 FA633

### **Johannesburg OR Tambo**

Collect baggage | Terminal B. GAP Team member to meet you and direct you to your transfer.

Transfer to your placement

Checked Baggage Allowance: 20KG\*

Hand Baggage Allowance: 7KG 56cm x 36cm x 23cm



### Departure from South Africa | Arrival to the United Kingdom

# **Johannesburg Internation (JNB)**

Check in at the Emirates desk, Terminal A

Arr. Time Flight No Flight Date Dept. Dept. Time Arr.

Johannesburg (JNB) EK764 26/08/2025 18.50 Dubai (DXB) 05.05 + 1 Day

### **Dubai International Airport**

Bags checked through. Check for the next departure and go to the gate.

Flight No Flight Date Arr. Time Dept. Dept. Time Arr.

Dubai (DXB) EK027 27/08/2025 07.50 Glasgow (GLA) 12.45

Checked Baggage Allowance: 20KG\*

Hand Baggage Allowance: 7KG 56cm x 36cm x 23cm



### **Travel Documents**

Balance due 02/06/2025

Final Documents Issued 14/07/2025

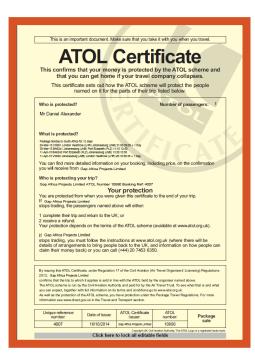
Emailed to your personal and/or college email address

Print and take copies

Boarding passes issued at airport

Passports!







https://gapafricaprojects.com/25-4662/



### **Group Web Page & Travel Documents**

### FAQs and House Rules

- Student Frequently Asked Questions Click to Download
- Student Guidelines and House Rules Click to Download

#### Student - Frequently Asked Questions

| Contents   |  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Pre  | 2  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.   | 1. What documents should   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.   | What travel documents ar   | e required?2             |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.   | What vaccinations are rec  | ommended?2               |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.   | Do we require Travel Insure  | ance?2                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5,   | Where can I find the kit list  | 3                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.   | What Luggage allowance   | do I have?3              |  |  |  |  |  |
| One Africa Projects Consent Cuidelines and I   |  | 3                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gap Africa Projects - General Guidelines and H   | louse kules:   | with me?                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| As a participant in Gap Africa Projects, I understand and agree to following guidelines:   | adhere to the  | procedures and contacts? |  |  |  |  |  |
| Timeliness and Curfew. I commit to respecting designated timir<br>mornings and curfew times.   | or reporting incidents or issues during the trip?4 uire a doctor or hospital?4 4 |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Behavioural Expectations: I agree to uphold the behavioural stainstitution, maintaining respect for others and the local culture.                           | or swimming?4  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Language and Conduct: I recognise that the use of foul language and will respectfully challenge any instances of it among fellow p                          | ultural considerations for the trip?4  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4. Smoking and Vaping: I agree not to smoke or vape inside any butilising only designated smoking areas for such activities.                                   | od will there be?5 arranged?5  |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Alcohol Policy: I agree to comply with my institution's alcohol p<br>that if I choose to drink, I do so responsibly and without becoming<br>any activities. | ney should I bring?5   |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Substance Use: I understand and agree that the use of narcoti strictly prohibited.  | ed?7 who may be menstruating during the trip7                                    |                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Community interaction: I will refrain from giving money or food individuals in the community, as it may perpetuate a culture of d                           |  | 10                       |  |  |  |  |  |

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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 9. Personal Supplies: I commit to bringing any preferred snacks or foods if I know I am 10. Insurance: I agree to obtain appropriate travel and medical insurance that covers

all activities during the trip.

https://gapafricaprojects.com/25-4662/

### **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 warm (it can get very cold on an open vehicle - even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Walking socks
- Warm Hat (in winter only) /Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Working gloves
- Gloves for warmth (in 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

#### Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Good torch
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Sunglasses

- Personal medical items
- Cards/Games
- Sunscreen
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen

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



### Climate

### **Kenton on Sea**

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### Climate

### **Vaalwater**

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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.prf.hn/I/XZJx9qq





### **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.

#### **Phones & Internet**

Mobile phone coverage is varies 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 if 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

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- Uses both Vodacom and MTN the two major networks in South Africa

https://shorturl.at/sxE29



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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

#### 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.truetraveller.com/?tag=4480



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

### **Load Shedding**

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.

### 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

## **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

### **Community GAP Donation Bags**

- Magazines
- Books for school library
- Educational posters
- Stationary
- Sports kit (football kit, boots, shirts, balls, netball bibs etc)
- Skipping ropes







# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

# **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





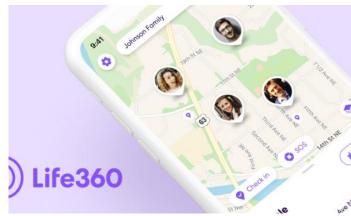
### **Useful Apps for Next of Kin**

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!

Flightrader24 – very useful for tracking flights, showing departure times, any delays and flight location in travel.

Life360 – is great for following them on their journey.







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