



SRUC Oatridge Group Presentation



Sibuya Conservation Experience

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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 2012
- 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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Our conservation work
in more detail

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Sibuya and the Waterberg Conservation Research Project

This unique project will allow you to experience up to three different projects starting with a 14-day project in the Eastern Cape, with the option of extending your stay to 28 days and travelling to the north of the country staying at two different reserves in the Waterberg Biosphere

A full day will be planned but will vary daily depending on the day's task and research goals. – **please note this is not a Safari Holiday**

The project split and duration are as follows:

14 Day Itinerary

Module 1 - Days 1 – 14

Sibuya Conservation Experience

Optional add-on (Greater Waterberg Biosphere)

Module 2 - Days 14 – 21

Waterberg Biomonitoring Research

Days 21- 28

Swebe Swebe Wildlife Conservation Project

ABOUT SIBUYA GAME RESERVE

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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live on three unique Wild African Game Reserves
- The opportunity to experience hands-on wildlife conservation
- Working behind the scenes on a Game Reserve in Africa
- Tailor-made projects to suit your needs and interests
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Coastal and River Activities
 - Adventure and Excitement
- All-inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

ABOUT SIBUYA GAME RESERVE

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What is a Game Reserve?

- A game reserve is a large area of protected land where wild animals can live safely.
- Wildlife is free roaming throughout the reserve allowing them to thrive in their natural habitat.
- Reserves are either Government Owned (National Parks) or Privately Owned/Managed.
- Most reserves will have physical boundaries i.e. electrified fence line.
- Due to physical boundaries, wildlife must be managed due to restraints on population growth, migration and resources.
- Wildlife is protected but also utilised as a tourist attraction (Eco Tourism) which creates funding for conservation efforts and research.





Module One:

Sibuya Conservation
Experience



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Sibuya Game Reserve Location



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Stunning River Reserve



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ABOUT SIBUYA GAME RESERVE

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Home to the **BIG 5**



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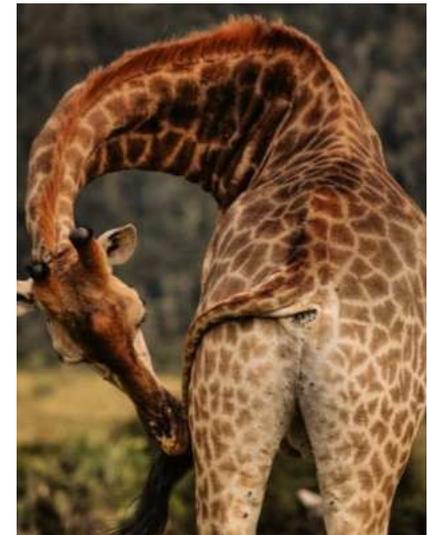
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Home to over 45 Species of Mammal



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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species





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Our conservation work in more detail

Your Conservation Programme

- 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)

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Research – Elephant Monitoring



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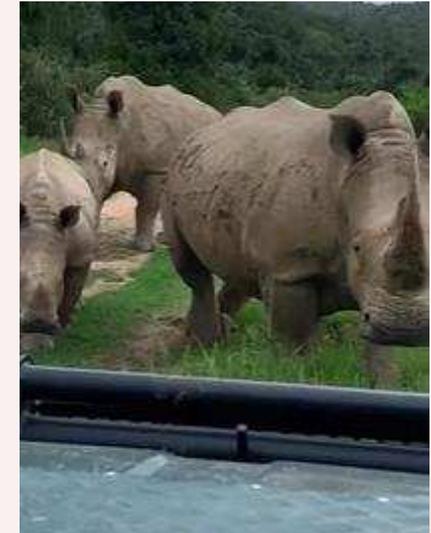
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Research – Rhino Tracking



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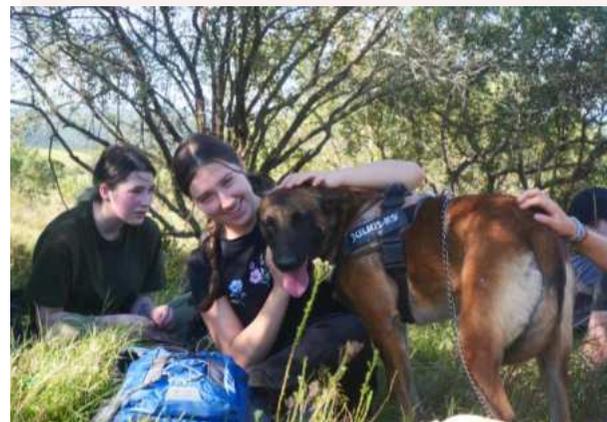
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Anti - Poaching



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Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators



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Reserve Maintenance



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Camera Trap – Research and Study



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Night Game Drives



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Possible Veterinary Interactions



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Ocean Research Institute Fish Tagging



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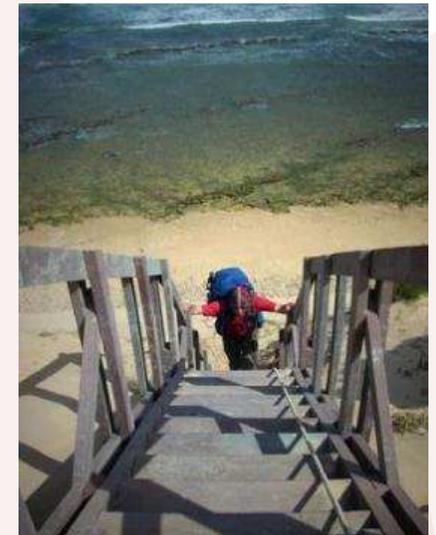
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Alexandria Dune Trail 7km & Coastal Dunes and Rocky Shores



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River Activities



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Community Engagement Days



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Community – GAP Donation Bags



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YOUR PROJECT

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Sample Itinerary

Week 1

Day 1 : Arrival and settling into accommodation

Day 2: Welcome presentation, elephant monitoring, elephant conservation talk, camera trap set up

Day 3: Rhino conservation talk, rhino monitoring

Day 4: Fence management, alien plant removal, Bird count, ornithology presentation

Day 5: Community outreach (delivering dog food), town trip

Day 6-7: Leisure time/adventure activities

Week 2:

Day 8 Lion conservation presentation, lion monitoring, buffalo management

Day 9: Alexandria Dune Trail, rocky shore practical

Day 10: Fish Tagging, Boat cruise

Day 11: Wildlife monitoring drive and picnic

Day 12: Camera trap collections and farewell dinner

Day 13: Team breakfast and depart



OPTIONAL WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

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Weekend Options
will be sent in
advance of your
departure.

Pre-Booked or
Paid Locally





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

Intaka Bird Lodge

Together with the team, the group will be accommodated and hosted at the beautiful Intaka Bird Lodge (situated close to the Reserve). Happy family vibes, expansive grounds to explore and a large swimming pool with braai (BBQ) area make it the perfect spot to relax and unwind from the adventures of the day. Participants will share comfortable twin-bedded rooms with en-suite bathrooms, including full board (3 meals a day).



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Intaka Bird Lodge



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Life on the Reserve



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Life on the Reserve



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Module Two: Greater Waterberg Biosphere

Days 14 - 28

ABOUT GREATER WATERBERG BIOSPHERE

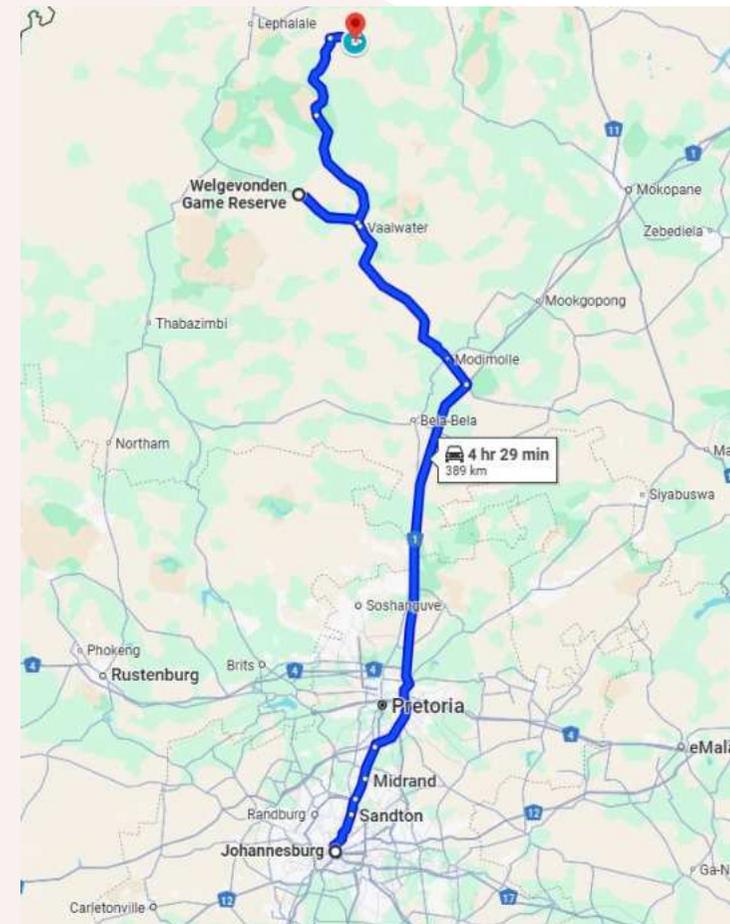
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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

After 14 days in the Eastern Cape you will have two options

Option 1: Return Home

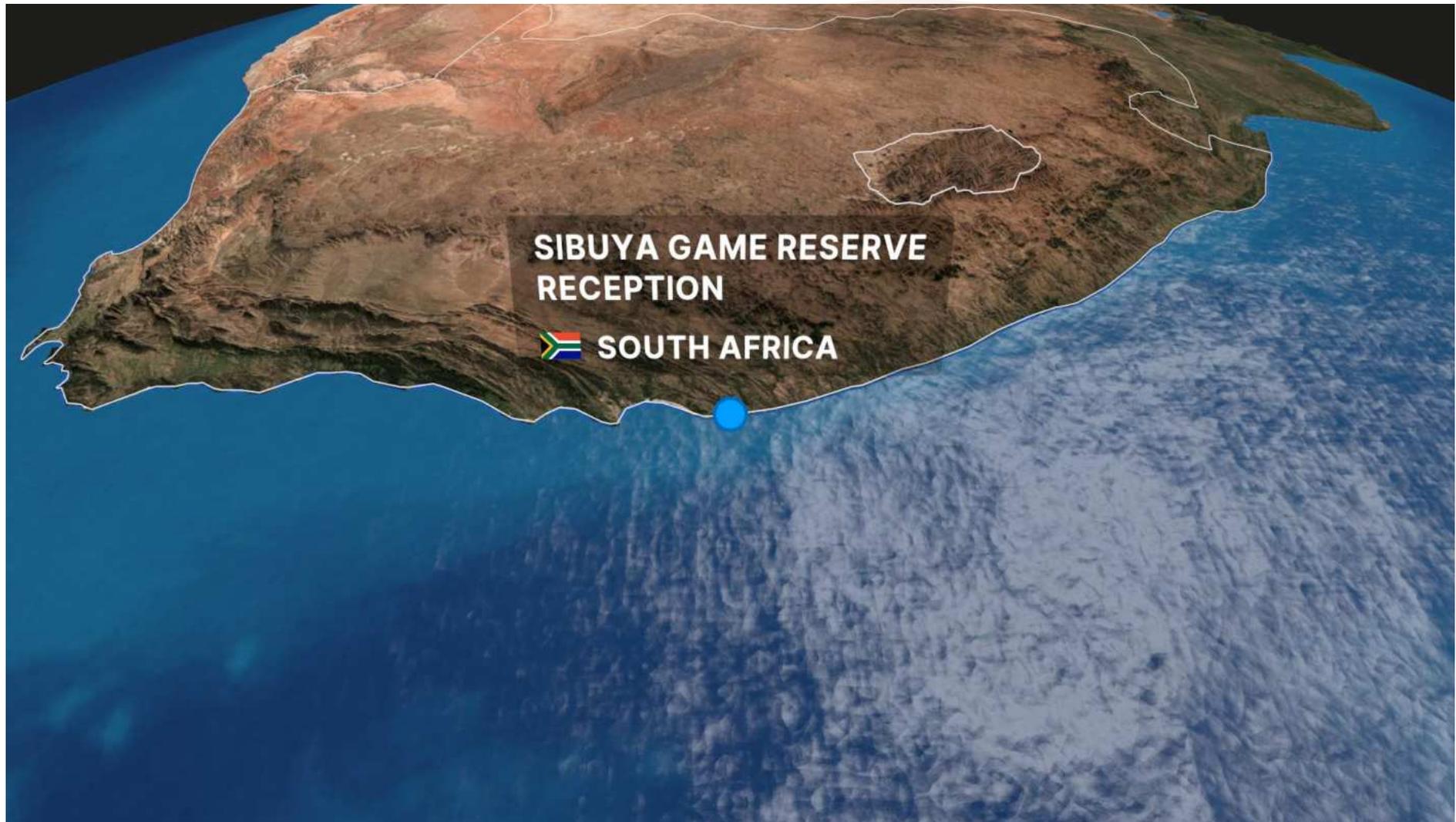
Option 2: Travel to the Greater Waterberg Biosphere to continue your project spending a week in two uniquely different reserves

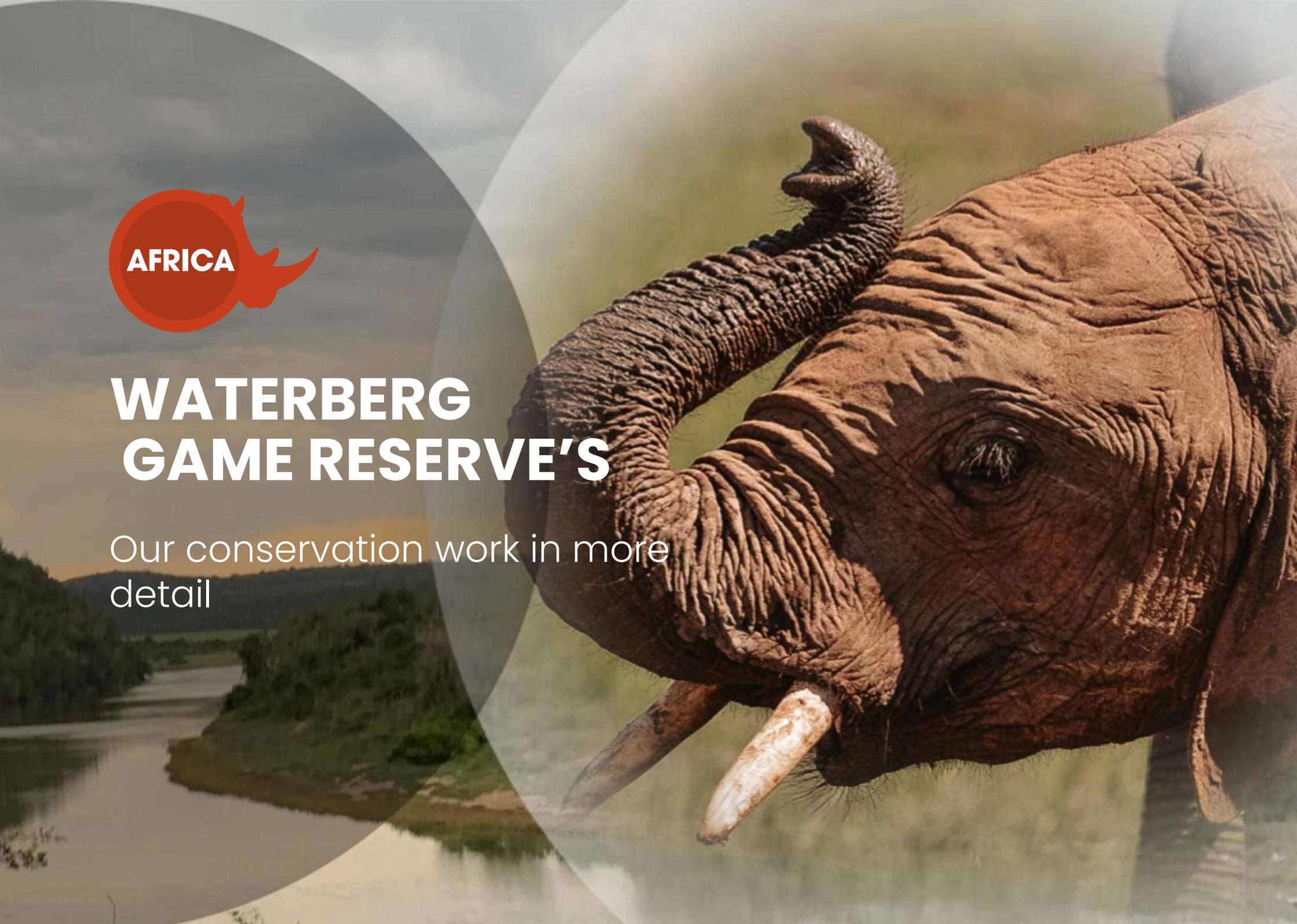


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Project Location





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WATERBERG GAME RESERVE'S

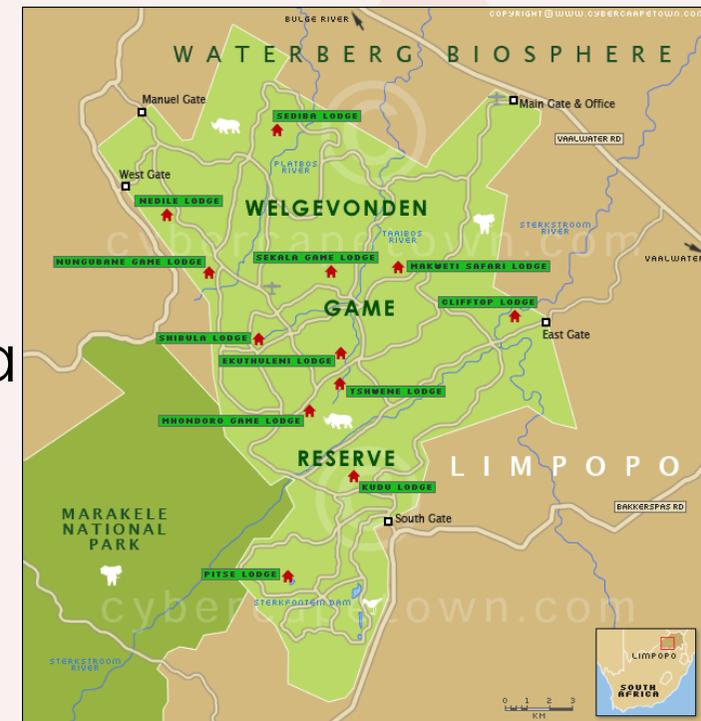
Our conservation work in more
detail

ABOUT WELGEVONDEN

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Welgevonden Game Reserve

- 36,000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
 - Wildlife Vets
 - Conservation Researchers
 - Ecologists
 - Anti Poaching Unit
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Research Camp Accommodation



ABOUT SWEBESWEBE

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Swebeswebe Game Reserve

- 9,000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Unique to GAP Africa Projects
- No tourist lodges
- One of the newest reserves in South Africa
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
 - Conservation Researchers
 - Ecologists
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Research Camp Accommodation

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Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife



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Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population

Behavioural observations, body condition, herd structure, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are occurring; keeping tabs on the localities and activities of Black and White Rhino on Welgevonden.



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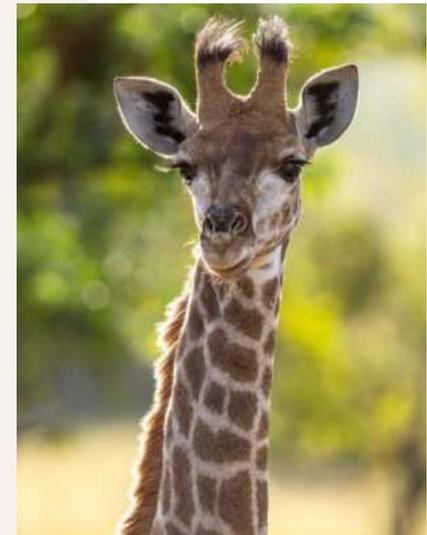
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Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog – Talks



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Rhino – DNA Collection, ID and Ear Notching (Rhodis) or injuries



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Cheetah Relocation – Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)



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ACCOMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush

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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.



Meals

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.

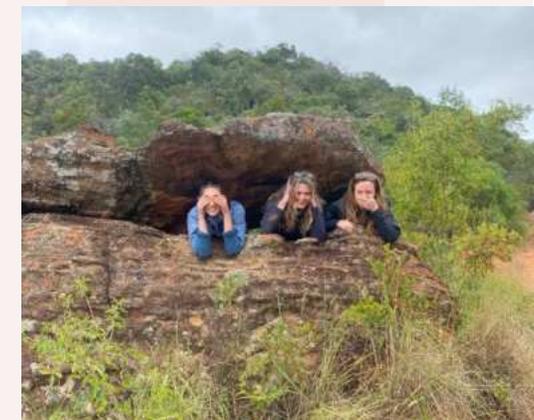
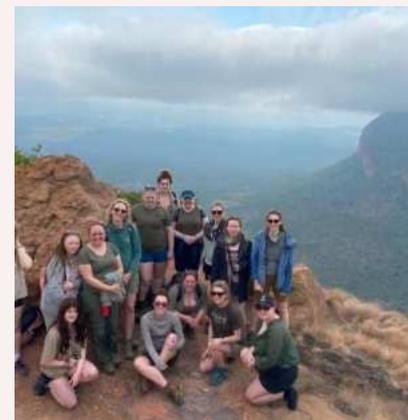
Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.



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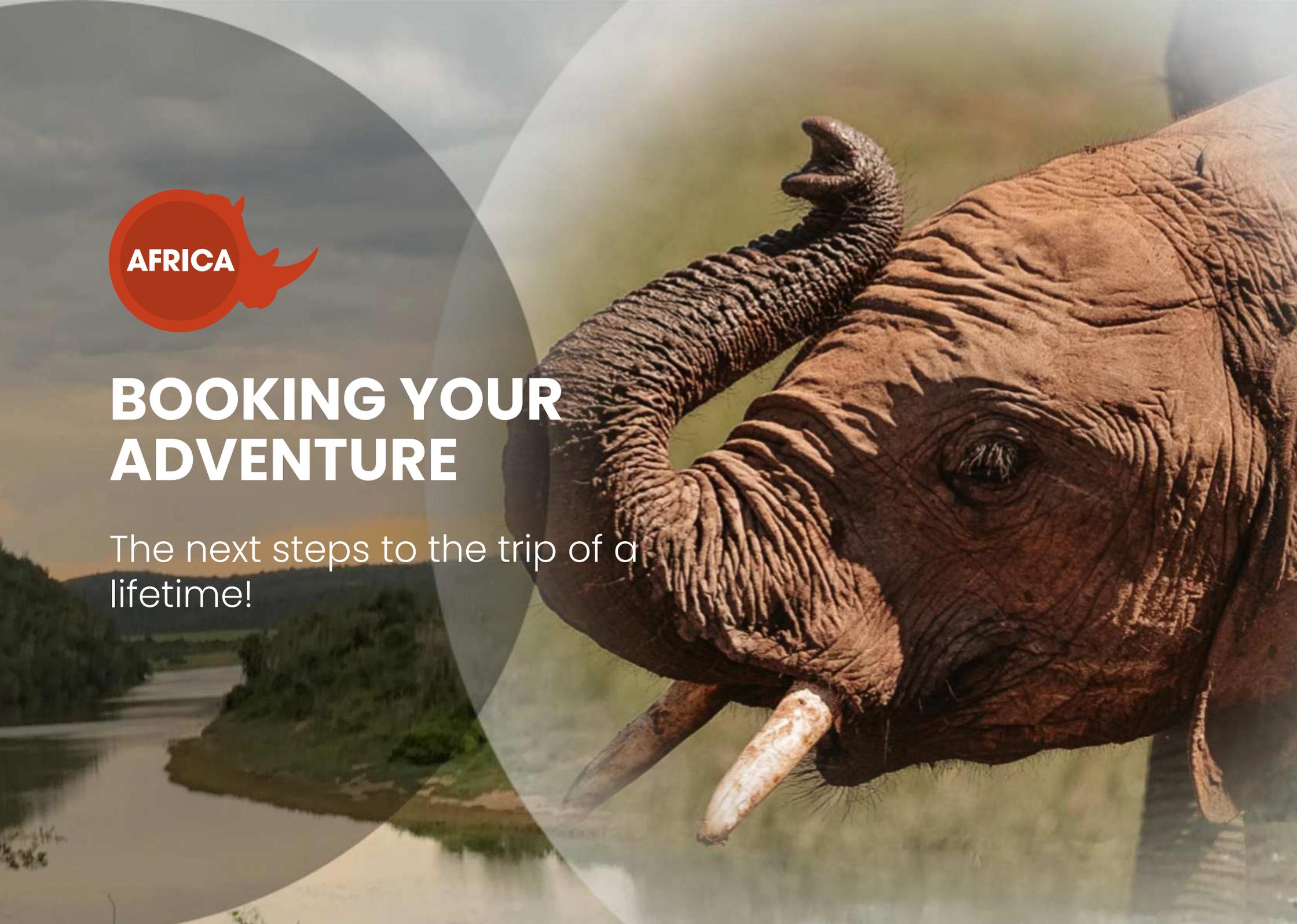
Life on Reserve



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BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a
lifetime!

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
- Visa's/travel documents
- Tips

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



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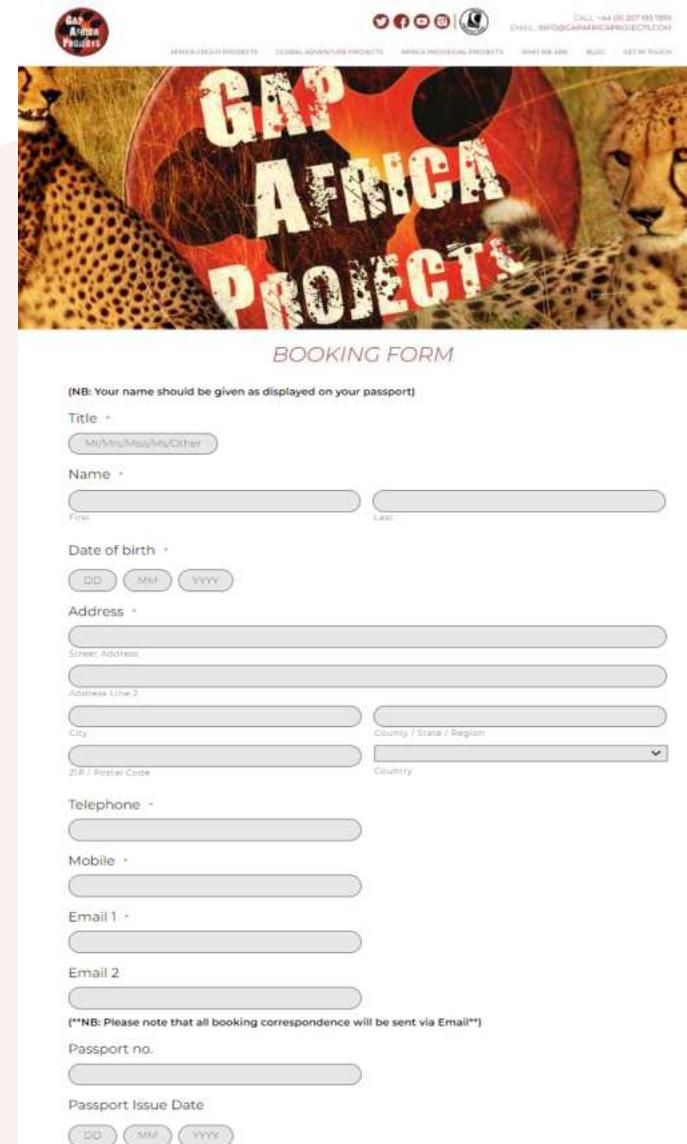
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Booking Form

- Please submit by 18/11/2024
- No deposit required at this stage of booking
- Passport fields not mandatory

Key deadlines are:

- Deposit of £300 to confirm placement
- Instalment payment of 50% due 16 weeks before departure
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure



The image shows a screenshot of the GAP Africa Projects website's booking form. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GAP Africa Projects logo, social media icons, and contact information: "CALL: +44 (0)207 937 819" and "EMAIL: INFO@GAPAFRICAPROJECTS.COM". Below the navigation bar is a banner image featuring two cheetahs and a red circular graphic with the text "GAP AFRICA PROJECTS". The main heading of the form is "BOOKING FORM". A note in red text states: "(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)". The form fields include: "Title" (dropdown menu with options: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Ms/Other), "Name" (First and Last name input fields), "Date of birth" (DD, MM, YYYY dropdown menus), "Address" (Street Address, Address Line 2, City, County / State / Region, ZIP / Postal Code, and Country dropdown menu), "Telephone" (input field), "Mobile" (input field), "Email 1" (input field), "Email 2" (input field), "Passport no." (input field), and "Passport Issue Date" (DD, MM, YYYY dropdown menus). A note in red text at the bottom of the form states: "(**NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email**)".

Turing Scheme

The Turing Scheme is a UK government scheme

SRUC has been successful in securing some funding for overseas projects

The scheme provides some funding to students to be able to travel overseas

- You must be over 18 at time of departure
- The project must be at least 28 days in length
- Funding is split in to living costs and travel costs
- Extra funding is available for those students coming from a disadvantaged background

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Turing Scheme Funding

- All students are entitled to living costs of £17.00 per day
- 17.00 x 28 days £476
- Students from a disadvantaged background are entitled to travel costs of £905.00
- Living cost of £21.00 per day
- £21.00 x 28 = £588.00
- £588 + £905 = £1493.00

Extra funding for students from disadvantaged backgrounds

Generally define these students as people who meet any of the following criteria:

- someone with an annual household income of £25,000 or less
- someone who receives Universal Credit or income-related benefits because they are financially supporting: themselves / themselves and someone who is dependent on them, such as a child or partner
- someone with experience of being in care or who is a care leaver – including anyone who is or has been in care, or from a looked after background, at any stage of their life
- a carer, meaning anyone who both:
 - looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, and cannot cope without their support
 - is not paid for this care
- someone who is estranged – including anyone who has had no contact with their biological or adoptive parents for 12 months or more, or the relationship with their parents has broken down within the last 12 months
- a refugee or an asylum seeker

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Module one: – Sibuya

Dates & key deadlines

2025 trip dates are:

Depart UK: Sunday 27th July 18th | Arrive SA: 28th July 2025

Depart SA: Monday 11th August | Arrive UK: Tuesday 12th August 2025

Trip cost:

£2825– £2995 est. depending on group sizes

Key deadlines are:

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- Payment schedule available to help manage finances
- E tickets will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure and emailed to students



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Module one and two: – Sibuya and Greater Waterberg Biosphere

Dates & key deadlines

2025 trip dates are:

Depart UK: Sunday 27th July 18th | Arrive SA: 28th July 2025

Depart SA: Monday 25th August | Arrive UK: Tuesday 26th August 2025

Trip cost:

£3850 – £3950 est. depending on group sizes

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Module 2: 28 days

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