

### WESTON COLLEGE GROUP PRESENTATION



GLOBAL reach. ADVENTURE for all. PROJECTS to inspire.

### **ABOUT US:**

### **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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# ABOUT THE WATERBERG

Project overview and location

### **ABOUT THE WATERBERG**

#### **Your Conservation Field Trip Explained**

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live in a research camp on a wild African game reserve
- 12 day programme specifically tailored
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
  - Pioneering Conservation Research
  - Conservation Activities
  - Possible Veterinary intervention
- Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff
- All inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

### **ABOUT THE WATERBERG**

#### Waterberg Conservation Project

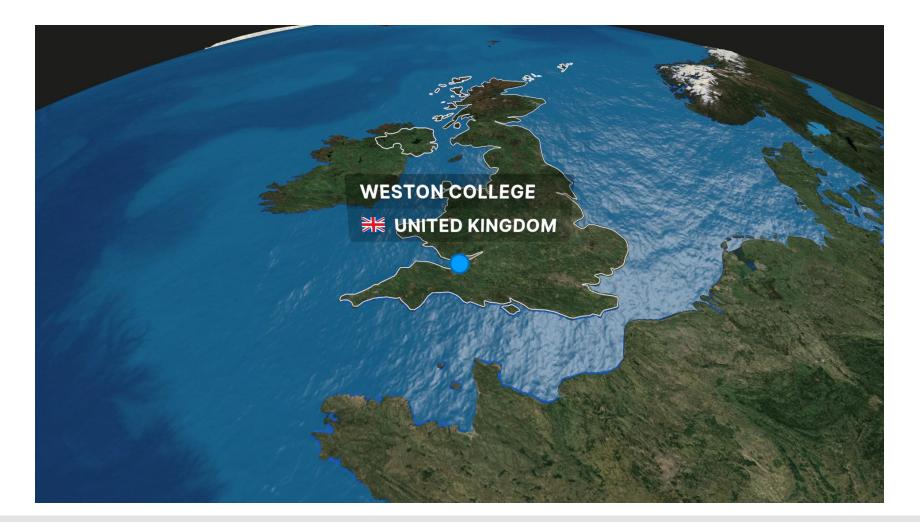
Our academic team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg Conservation Project offer a bespoke course to each institution dependent on their own personal objectives and learning needs. A full day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the days task and research goals.

This is not a Safari Holiday!



## **ABOUT WELGEVONDEN**

Welgevonden Game Reserve - Location

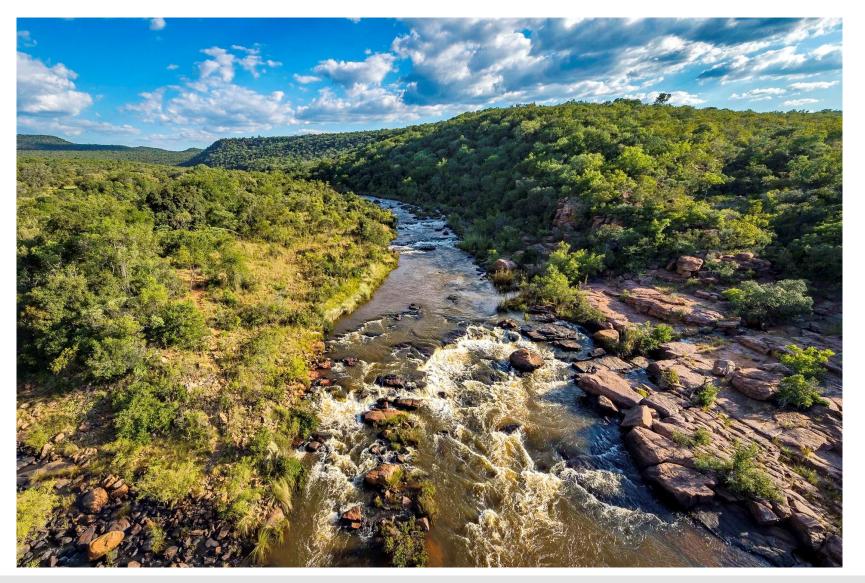


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#### **TRUE WILDERNESS**



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#### **TRUE WILDERNESS**



#### 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.





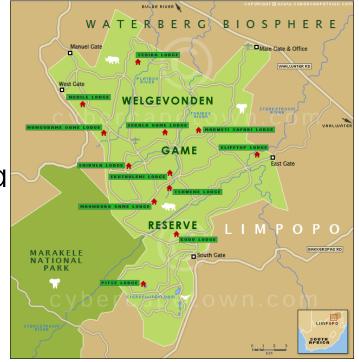


Our conservation work in more detail

### **ABOUT WELGEVONDEN**

#### 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 WELGEVONDEN**

#### Home to the BIG 5











## **ABOUT WELGVONDEN**

### Home to over 60 Species of Mammal







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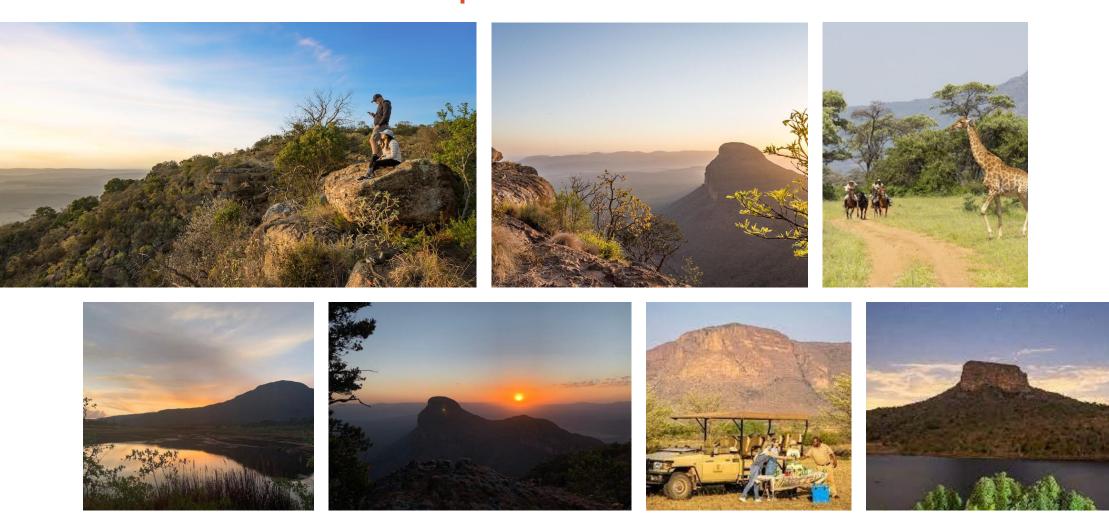
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### Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species

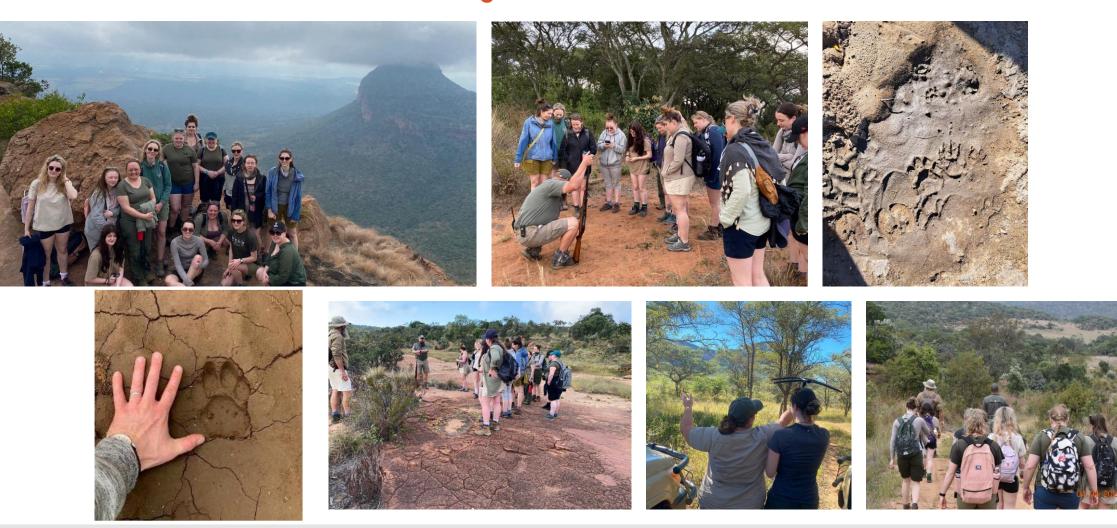


## **ABOUT THE WATERBERG**

### Known for its dramatic landscape



#### Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife



### **Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators**



### Camera Trap - Research and Study



### **Anti-Poaching Unit**



### 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.





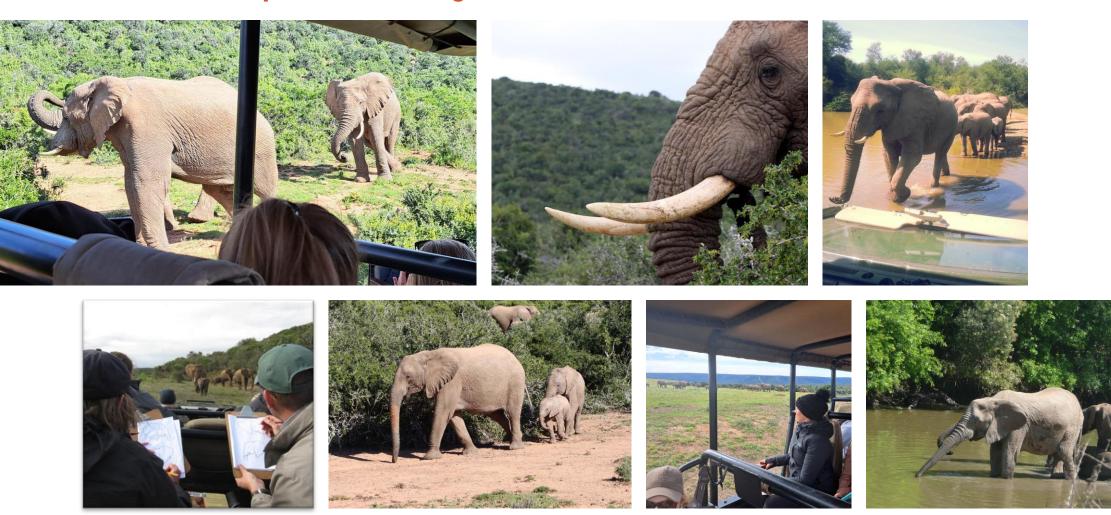








### **Research - Elephant Monitoring**



#### **Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health**



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### Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog - Talks













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













### Cheetah Relocation - Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)















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# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

#### **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.







#### Life on Reserve



### Weekend additional activities (own cost)

- 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





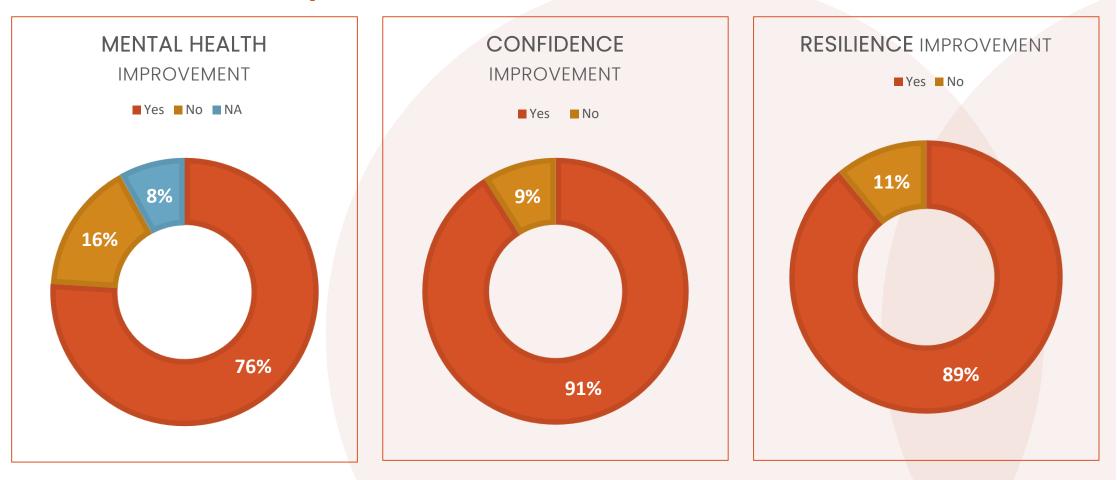






### WHY SHOULD | TRAVEL?

### **Personal Development**



Reference: GAP Africa Projects Post Project Trip Questionnaire 23/24

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# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a lifetime!

#### What is Included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day (self prepared)
- 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.



#### **Dates & key deadlines**

#### Proposed trip dates are:

### Depart UK: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 | Arrive SA: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Depart SA: 28<sup>th</sup> March | Arrive UK: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### Trip cost:

#### £2,295 - £2,455 est. (based on a group of 14)

#### Key deadlines are:

- Return of booking forms or online application by: 14/10/2024
- Deposit of £300 to confirm placement within two weeks of provisional booking to confirm place
- Instalment payment of 50% due 16 weeks before departure
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure
- E tickets will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure and emailed to students

#### **Booking Form**

- Please submit by 14/10/2024
- No deposit required at this stage of booking
- Passport fields not mandatory

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#### BOOKING FORM

(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your pa	issport)
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(**NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will	be sent via Email**)
Passport no.	
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### THE NEXT STEPS

#### **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.





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#### **Group Web Page**



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## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### 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 may 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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