



Warwickshire College Group Presentation



Greece Marine Conservation Project



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- 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.





ABOUT GREECE MARINE CONSERVATION

Project overview and location



Greece Marine Conservation Project

- A unique academic conservation experience based in Greece on the island of Kefalonia
- The opportunity to experience hands on wildlife conservation as a volunteer with the sea turtle project
- Working alongside marine conservationists
- 7 day experience
- Project activities include:
 - Pioneering turtle conservation research
 - Data collection
 - Nest inventories, protection, hatchling rescues, relocations
 - Turtle health checks
 - Posidonia Meadows lecture followed by snorkelling to view the meadows
 - Mountain trip and national park survey



All activities are seasonal and subject to availability

ABOUT GREECE



Location



About Wildlife Sense

- Wildlife Sense is a research and conservation project focused on the study and protection of Kefalonia's threatened loggerhead sea turtles.
- Their research teams monitor the nesting beaches of Kefalonia daily throughout the reproduction period.
- During hatching season, their research teams record and monitor the event.
- Special research is focused on light pollution and other harmful factors.
- Perform studies of the coastal Eco System and how it is influenced by human activities.





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Learning Objectives of the Project

- Gain knowledge, skill and competences from scientific training given
- Interpret sea turtle tracks in sand and be able to ID what activity occurred (nest/fake crawl/abandoned eggs)
- Demonstrate the scientific methodology used in the field
- Perform health examinations and application of tags on sea turtles
- Conduct a coastal research project with the emphasis on erosion (beach profiling) and light pollution
- Improve planning and organisational skills
- Build teamwork and leadership skills



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Programme Details

- Light Pollution Surveys
- Beach Profiling
- Nest Finding and Protecting
- Hatchling Rescue
- Nest Inventories
- Harbour Behaviour Study
- Perform Health Checks and apply tags to sea turtles
- Coastal research project covering erosion and light pollution
- Sand sifting and beach cleaning
- Lecture on the Posidonia Meadows followed by an afternoon snorkelling to observe the meadows

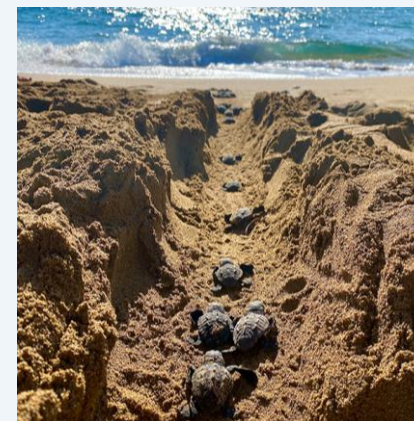


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Protection of Nest Sites

- Surveys of all nesting beaches
- Monitor Population health and behaviour
- Nest inventories (number of eggs, unhatched numbers)
- Nest relocation
- Hatchling watch
- You must be able to walk 5km along a beach



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Data Collection and Research

- Environmental studies to quantify light pollution and determine its source
- Coastal Eco System Research and human impact
- Essential to protect species in the present - increase chances of hatchling survival etc

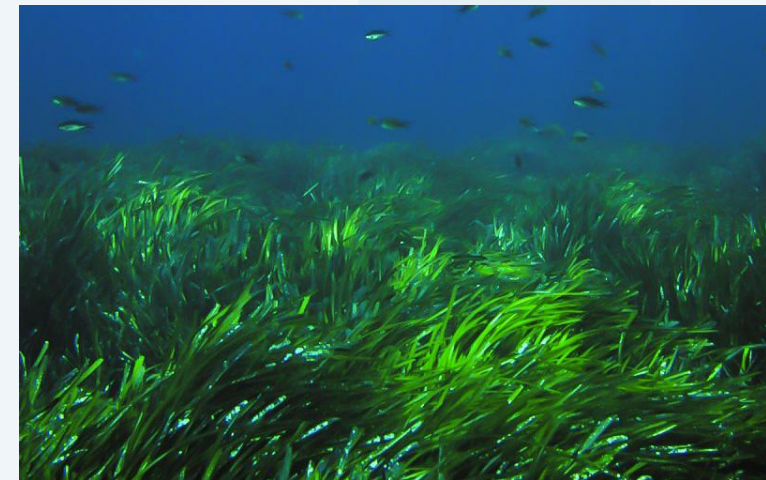


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Posidonia Meadows Study

- Students will spend a morning learning about this ecosystem and then spend the afternoon snorkelling observing them
- The seagrass *Posidonia oceanica* is an endemic marine plant unique to the Mediterranean Sea
- Helps to palliate global warming by acting as an important carbon sink
- Posidonia meadows are vulnerable and fragile habitats that are declining in the Mediterranean Sea
- Paddleboarding



All students must be able swim and familiar with snorkelling (even in a pool)

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Sample Itinerary

- Day 1 – Travel from the UK to Kefalonia, settle into accommodation, and get an introduction to the expedition.
- Day 2 – Orientation followed by an introduction to sea turtle biology. Harbour training and paddleboarding practice prepare us for fieldwork. In the afternoon, we paddle among Posidonia seagrass meadows, vital marine habitats. The evening includes another sea turtle biology presentation.
- Day 3 – A full-day trip to explore Kefalonia's mountainous terrain and national park, conducting biodiversity surveys. In the evening, we learn about seagrass ecology and fish identification, key elements of marine conservation.
- Day 4 – Morning nesting beach surveys to monitor turtle activity, followed by dune monitoring and a beach cleanup to protect coastal ecosystems. The afternoon provides another opportunity to paddle among Posidonia, studying its role in marine life.
- Day 5 – A drone survey of the harbour to assess marine life and environmental conditions. More time is spent paddleboarding, followed by an evening session on the importance of sand dunes and a coastal cleanup.
- Day 6 – A second round of nesting beach surveys, dune monitoring, and beach cleanup efforts. In the afternoon, we explore the use of drone technology in conservation efforts, learning how it enhances research and monitoring.
- Day 7 – A final morning paddling with Posidonia, followed by another drone survey in the harbour. The evening concludes with a presentation on climate change and its impact on marine ecosystems.
- Day 8 – Wrap up the expedition and prepare for the return flight to the UK.



ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in Greece



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Accommodation

Staying in a friendly, family run hotel located close to the sea turtle conservation centre. Rooms are shared 2-3 people per room with a shared bathroom.

The hotel has free internet access and a swimming pool for you to enjoy during any free time.

Meals will be provided by the hotel, breakfast and dinner will be taken in the restaurant and a packed lunch will be provided daily.





BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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lifetime



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What is Included?

- Flights from Manchester or London
- 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 the 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: 24/06/2026 Arrive Kefalonia : 24/06/2026

Depart Kefalonia : 01/07/2026 | Arrive UK: 01/07/2026

Trip cost:

£1249.00 Based on a group of a minimum of 20 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 24th February 2025
- Deposit of £60.00 to be paid by 4th March 2025 to secure your place
- Deposit payment £300.00 by 20th June 2025
- 50% instalment payment of £467.50 to be paid by 15th January 2026
- Balance payment of £467.50 to be paid by 27th April 2026
- 10/06/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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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.



10 Oct 2022
Ref: 23-KCA-CAK7-01-LT

Your Booking
Travel Advice

Names and spellings
It is crucial that the details are correct on your passport. If there is a mistake this will need to be changed, otherwise you may be refused travel and charged for amendments.

Passport expiry date
Your passport must be valid for at least 30 days beyond the planned return date to your country of origin. If you hold a passport other than a British citizen passport, you should seek more specific travel advice from your embassy.

Passport Copies
It is recommended that you take photographs of your passport documents and keep them in a separate place.

Travel insurance
It is essential that you take out the appropriate travel insurance for your trip. Please remember to take the certificate and copy sending booklet with you when you travel. For our preferred travel insurance please see:

<https://www.earthlink.co.uk/insurance/af-af-secure/>

Warm regards,
The GAP Africa Team

Passengers Travelling
Miss Chloe
Placement(s)
Zulu Land Conservation Research (06/03/23 - 18/03/23)

Inclusions
Flights, Shared 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)

05/03/2023	D : 15:00	Manchester (MAN)
BA1399	A : 16:05	London Heathrow (LHR)
05/03/2023	D : 18:20	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA55	A : 07:25 + 1 D	Johannesburg (JNB)
18/03/2023	D : 05:15	Johannesburg (JNB)
BA56	A : 05:30 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)
19/03/2023	D : 09:35	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA1390	A : 10:40	Manchester (MAN)

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Date: 10/10/2022
Invoice No: 23-KCA-CAK7-02-N
Booking Ref: 4413

Projects, Placement, Extra Activities					
Description	Qty	Arrival	Departure		
Zulu Land Conservation Research	1	06/03/2023	18/03/2023		

Flights					
Flight No.	Date	Dept. Time	Arrival Time	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport
BA1399	05/03/2023	15:00	16:05	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA55	05/03/2023	18:20	07:25 + 1 Day	London Heathrow (LHR)	Johannesburg (JNB)
BA56	18/03/2023	20:15	05:30 + 1 Day	Johannesburg (JNB)	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA1390	19/03/2023	09:35	10:40	London Heathrow (LHR)	Manchester (MAN)

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Description	Date	Amount
Total cost of the arrangements as specified above	28/09/2022	£ 2,195.00
Deposit Payment	09/03/2023	£ 1,395.00
Total balance due by	28/09/2022	£ 300.00
Of which is due by	14/11/2022	£ 947.50

Payment Methods
Cheques: Payable to GAP AFRICA PROJECTS LTD
Bank Transfer: Account No: 53602758
Sort Code: 20-46-73
Swift: BARC022
IBAN: GB408377BARC20467363620758

For all bank transfers, please use your surname and booking number 4413 as reference. For transfers outside of the UK, please ensure that international transfer charges are covered when making transaction.

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