

# Sparsholt College Q & A Presentation



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# KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Project-Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free KwaZulu Natal

**ANY QUESTIONS?** 



### 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.











# 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 Drives**
- Big Five Bush Walk
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development TBC





# 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.













# Your Conservation Programme - Zingela

Students will be taught and work alongside the field guides and scientific team. The following examples depict the dayto-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
- Camera Trapping and data processing









# ACCOMMODATION



# Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti















# Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti















# Game Reserve Camps - Zingela















# Game Reserve Camps - Zingela















# 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.













# Sample Menu

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
Scrambled eggs, savoury beans or mince or bacon toast (Jam, PButter)	Yoghurts, muesli, cereal, fruit	Pancakes, banana, fruit	Oatmeal porridge, fruit, toast & jam	French toast (Eggy bread)	
Quiche & salad	Macaroni Cheese	Soup & homemade bread	Hotdogs	Braai broodjies (tomato, cheese, onion toasties on open fire)	
Nachos (vegan or mince)	Beef stew & rice	Braai (Barbeque) with salads	Chicken ala King & rice	Chickpea curry mild	

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





# Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

# **London Heathrow Airport – Terminal 3**

Meet to check in at 19:15

Flight No Flight Date

Dept.

**Dept. Time** 

Arr.

Arr. Time

VS449

22/06/25

London Heathrow (LHR) 22:15

Johannesburg (JNB)

10:20 + 1day

## Johannesburg OR Tambo – Terminal A

Clear immigration & collect baggage to clear customs Meet and Greet at JNB Arrivals Hall @ Information Desk Transfer to Nambiti (+- 5 hours)





# Departure from South Africa | Arrival to the United Kingdom

Johannesburg OR Tambo - Terminal A

Check-in at the Virgin Atlantic check-in desk

Flight No Flight Date

VS450 06/07/25 Dept.

Johannesburg (JNB)

Dept. Time

20:40

Arr.

Arr. Time

London Heathrow (LHR) 06:45+ 1 Day



# **Baggage Allowance**



1x checked

Maximum weight 23kg

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



Hand Baggage

Maximum weight is 10Kg Maximum dimensions is 23 x 36 x 56cm

> https://help.virginatlantic.com/bb/e n/baggage/check-in-baggageallowance.html

### **Travel Documents**

Final Documents Issued 2 weeks before departure

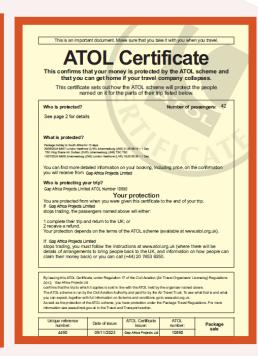
Emailed to your personal and/or college email address

Print and take copies

Boarding passes issued at the airport

Passports!









# **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-Departure What documents should I receive from Gap Africa?... What travel documents are required?. Gap Africa Projects - General Guidelines and House Rules: As a participant in Gap Africa Projects, I understand and agree to adhere to the following guidelines: 1. Timeliness and Curfew. I commit to respecting designated timings, including early mornings and curfew times. 2. Behavioural Expectations: I agree to uphold the behavioural standards set by my institution, maintaining respect for others and the local culture. incidents or issues during the trip?.... 3. Language and Conduct: I recognise that the use of foul language is inappropriate or or hospital?... and will respectfully challenge any instances of it among fellow participants. 4. Smoking and Vaping: I agree not to smoke or vape inside any buildings or vehicles, utilising only designated smoking areas for such activities. 5. Alcohol Policy: I agree to comply with my institution's alcohol policy and ensure that if I choose to drink, I do so responsibly and without becoming intoxicated during 6. Substance Use: I understand and agree that the use of narcotic substances is strictly prohibited. d I bring?.... 7. Community Interaction: I will refrain from giving money or food directly to individuals in the community, as it may perpetuate a culture of dependency. 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 be menstruating during the trip. 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. GLOBAL reach. ADVENTURE for all. PROJECTS to inspire.

# **Suggested kit list**

- Short sleeve shirts
- Long work trousers
- 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
- 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
- Swimming costume
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent

#### Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Head torch
- Water bottle
- Camera
- Sunglasses

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

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



# Nambiti/ Zingela

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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/XZJx9gq





# **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 good 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.

We have partnered with Holafly eSim provider 5% discount use code GAPAFRICAPROJECTS

### **Benefits of an eSIM** Holafly

- Unlimited Data Plans
- Keep your WhatsApp number
- Immediate Delivery
- Uses both Vodacom and MTN the two major networks in South Africa

https://shorturl.at/sxE29



### **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/southafrica

### **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-riskareas.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
- Stationery
- Sports kit (football kit, boots, shirts, balls, netball bibs etc)
- Skipping ropes
- Recyclable pads for Move Africa donation







# **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





SIZES	xs	s	М	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
A - Half Chest	49	51	56	61	65	69	73	78	83
B - Body Length	64	67	70	73	76	79	82	86	90
C - Sleeve Length	57.5	59	60.5	62	63.5	65	66.5	68.5	70.5

SIZES	XS	s	М	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
To Fit Chest Size	34 inch	36 inch	40 inch	44 inch	48 inch	52 inch	56 inch	60 inch	64 inch



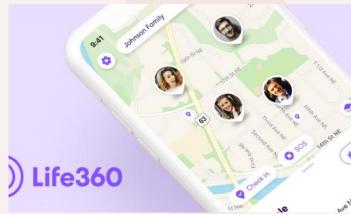
# **Useful Apps for Next of Kin**

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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