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Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course

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Project overview and
location

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Your three project locations

Your trip is split between three main locations, in two neighbouring provinces of South Africa. Starting at **Welgevonden Game Reserve** – the core, Big 5 monitoring and conservation experience. Followed by focused wildlife veterinary on a reserve also in the Waterberg from there you travel back to Gauteng where you will tour South Africa's only faculty of Veterinary Science, Onderstepoort. In **Gauteng** you will also assist with some shelter and community cases, and a K9 conservation unit.

Project locations and duration are as follows:

15–30 June Itinerary

15 – 22 June

Waterberg Biomonitoring Project – Welgevonden Game Reserve – Waterberg – Limpopo Province

22 – 26 June

Waterberg game reserve with Wildlife rehabilitation– Waterberg – Limpopo Province
(Lectures and practicals)

26 – 30 June

Onderstepoort, Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng Province

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Welgevonden Game Reserve – Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free Waterberg Plateau



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Day	Date:		Accommodation
Saturday	14/06/2025	Depart UK	
Sunday	15/06/2025	Arrive JNB – Transfer to Welgevonden	Welgevonden Biomonitoring Camp – share tented camp, communal bathrooms – Food cooked by group in teams
Monday	16/06/2025	Welgevonden Biomonitoring. Big 5 reserve – game viewing, monitoring, research conservation activities. Big 5 Wildlife veterinary intervention Dr Peter Caldwell. EWT wild dog boma.	
Tuesday	17/06/2025		
Wednesday	18/06/2025		
Thursday	19/06/2025		
Friday	20/06/2025		
Saturday	21/06/2025	Optional off day to do horse riding, ziplining etc	Entabeni – Legend Safari Villas – chalets ensuite shared – Food cooked by group in teams (optional restaurant on site own cost)
Sunday	22/06/2025	Transfer to Entabeni with cultural tour in Vaalwater on the way	
Monday	23/06/2025	Dr Zoe Glyphis lectures/talks/discussions. Dart practical and necropsy. The Rhino Orphanage	
Tuesday	24/06/2025		
Wednesday	25/06/2025		
Thursday	26/06/2025	OP – Depart Entabeni – transfer to Onderstepoort Veterinary Campus – tour. Arrive at Fair Glen guest house in later afternoon/evening	Fair Glen guesthouse – Kyalami – all food included and catered including pack-lunches for days out
Friday	27/06/2025	Society for Animals in Distress (SAD) – on site and community work	
Saturday	28/06/2025	AM: Vulpro vulture centre. PM: Pit-track K9 anti-poaching unit	
Sunday	29/06/2025	OFF / Rest day (Monte, malls, horse riding shopping etc) Own account	
Monday	30/06/2025	AM: SAD vet procedures then Johannesburg Wildlife Vet tour. PM: Depart for JNB airport	
Tuesday	31/06/2025	Arrive Home	

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ACCOMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush

ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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Welgevonden Biomonitoring/Research Camp

- Student centre and research camp
- Tents that sleep 2-3 people
- Lighting and electricity supply
- Communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets
- Communal facilities including a lecture room/entertainment area
- Wi-Fi
- Fenced off within the Big 5 Reserve

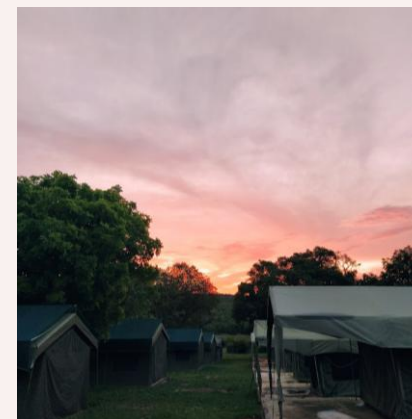


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Welgevonden Biomonitoring/Research Camp

- Communal dining area
- Three meals daily self-cook basis, prepared communally by the group.
- Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy.
- Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.

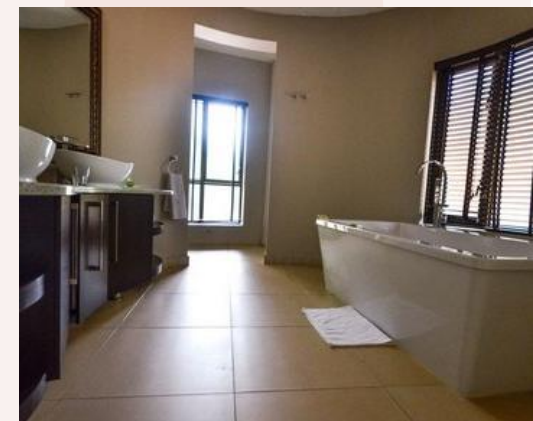
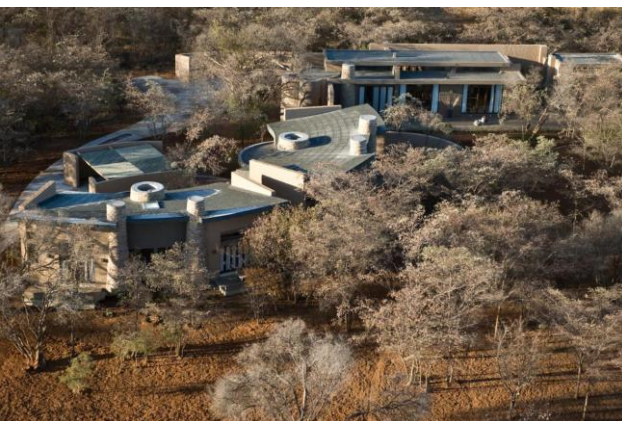


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Entabeni Safari Conservancy

- Twin bedded rooms
- Lounge and dining area
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Three meals daily self-cook basis, prepared communally by the group.
- Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy.



ACCOMMODATION

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Gauteng – Fair Glen Guest House

You will be staying in twin bedded accommodation with en-suite facilities, the guest house offers comfortable areas to relax and unwind and is based in an equestrian-themed suburb.

There is a swimming pool and outdoor seating area and the guest house has WiFi.

Ideally situated for the visits to the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet Practice and Animals in Distress



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Meals

At Welgevonden and Entabeni all meals are provided on a self cook basis prepared communally by the group, students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchens tidy..

Depending on activities some meals may be pre prepared to take into the field.

All meals will be provided at Fair Glen Guest House, a packed lunch will be provided if the group are not returning to the accommodation at lunch time.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the camps and guest house.

Please ensure you advise us of any dietary requirements so we can ensure you are adequately catered for.





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PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Travel details, kit lists and Q&A

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
BA57	14/06/2025	London Heathrow (LHR)	21:25	Johannesburg (JNB)	09:25 + 1 Day

Johannesburg OR Tambo

Clear immigration

Collect baggage and clear customs

Meet and Greet at JNB Arrivals Hall @ Information Desk

Transfer to Welgevonden Game Reserve

Supermarket Stop off

ETA to Welgevonden @ 16:00



Checked Baggage Allowance: 23KG

Hand Baggage Allowance: 23KG not exceeding 56cm x 45cm x 25cm

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Departure from South Africa | Arrival to the United Kingdom

Collect from Gauteng @ TBC

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
BA56	30/06/2025	Johannesburg (JNB)	19:25	London Heathrow (LHR)	05:35 + 1 Day



Checked Baggage Allowance: 23KG

Hand Baggage Allowance: 23KG not exceeding 56cm x 45cm x 25cm

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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Travel Documents

Final Documents Issued
01/06/2025

Emailed to your personal
and/or college email
address

Print and take copies

Boarding passes issued at
the airport

Passports!

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Your e-ticket

Travelport ViewTrip™

This Electronic Ticket Receipt has been brought to you by Travelport ViewTrip and your travel provider.
For the latest information on your travel plans, view your itinerary at ViewTrip.com.

Reservation Number: RS3RGS [View Electronic Ticket Receipt](#)

Traveler		
Passenger Name	Billing Address	Delivery Address
DEBLEY, GEORGE	TRAVEL COUNSELLORS PHENIX TRAVEL HOUSE CHURCHGATE BOLTON BL1 1TH	No Address On Record

Agency Information
TRAVEL COUNSELLORS LTD
Travel House
Bolton L1 1TH
UNITED KINGDOM
Agency Phone: 01204 536 084 TRAVEL COUNSELLORS PLC PHENIX FLTS
Agency IATA Number: 91277992

e-Ticket Receipt - 932394165022 - VS 801 - 28 Jun 2015 - LHR Today's Date: 29 May 2015
Ticket Number: 932394165022 Galileo Reservation Number: RS3RGS Ticket Issue Date: 27 May 2015

Flight Information

28 Jun 2015			
Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd. (VS) 801 Economy (Y) Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd. Confirmation Number: 9H0234			
Depart:	Heathrow (LHR) - Terminal 3	9:05 PM	Fare Basis: 01
Arrive:	London	Not Valid Before: 28 Jun 2015	Not Valid After: 28 Jun 2015

Applies to: LHR - JNB
Baggage Allowance: 1 Piece Plan

This is an important document. Make sure that you take it with you when you travel.

ATOL Certificate

This confirms that your money is protected by the ATOL scheme and that you can get home if your travel company collapses.
This certificate sets out how the ATOL scheme will protect the people named on it for the parts of their trip listed below.

Who is protected? Number of passengers: 42
See page 2 for details

What is protected?
Package holiday to South Africa for 13 days
30/05/2015 04:07 London Heathrow (LHR) Johannesburg (JNB) 21:28:08:15 + 1 Day
15:00 Visa Check in: Duffel (DUF) Johannesburg (JNB) 15:00:00:15 + 1 Day
13/07/2015 04:00 Johannesburg (JNB) London Heathrow (LHR) 19:20:08:30 + 1 Day

You can find more detailed information on your booking, including price, on the confirmation you will receive from Gap Africa Projects Limited

Who is protecting your trip?
Gap Africa Projects Limited ATOL Number 10590

Your protection
You are protected from when you were given this certificate to the end of your trip.
If Gap Africa Projects Limited stops trading, the passengers named above will either:
1 complete their trip and return to the UK; or
2 receive a refund.
Your protection depends on the terms of the ATOL scheme (available at www.atol.org.uk).

If Gap Africa Projects Limited stops trading, you must follow the instructions at www.atol.org.uk (where there will be details of arrangements to bring people back to the UK, and information on how people can claim their money back) or you can call (+44) 20 7453 6350.

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Unique reference number:	Date of issue:	ATOL Certificate issuer:	ATOL number:	Package sale
4490	09/11/2023	Gap Africa Projects Ltd	10590	

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Date	Event	Time
16/07/2017	Check in for your flight at the South African Airways Check in Desk, London Heathrow, Terminal 2	18:00
	Depart London Heathrow	18:27
17/07/2017	Arrive Johannesburg International Airport, Terminal A	09:00
Upon arrival please clear immigration and collect your baggage to pass through Customs		
A member of the Gap Africa Projects ground team will meet you at International Arrivals Hall and take you through to Domestic Departures, terminal B. Please look out for our Meet and Great Board.		
Drop off Baggage at SAA bag drop - Domestic Terminal B		
	Depart Johannesburg	10:45
	Arrive Port Elizabeth Airport	12:30
Upon arrival you will be met by a representative from Blunden Tours and transferred to Shamwari Game Reserve		
Shamwari Group Conservation Experience x 14 DAYS		
31/07/2017	Today is the final day of your placement and you will be transferred to Port Elizabeth Airport	11:00
Check in for your flight at the SAA Check in Desk		
	Depart Port Elizabeth	14:35
	Arrive Johannesburg Terminal B	16:10
Upon arrival please make your way to Terminal A International Departures		
	Depart Johannesburg	18:55
01/08/2017	Arrive London Heathrow, terminal 2	06:25

Important Travel Advice

Under 18 Visa Requirements.
If you are aged under 18, whether travelling alone or within a group you must adhere to the regulations set for minors entering the republic of South Africa. <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/civic-services/travelling-with-children>

Names and spellings.
It is crucial that they match what is printed on your passport. If there is a mistake this will need to be changed, otherwise you may be refused travel.

<https://gapafricaprojects.com/25-4690-abw-wgv-aberystwyth-university/>

TRIP DOCUMENTS

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Group Web Page & Travel Documents



Student Frequently Asked Questions - Click to View



Student Guidelines and House Rules - Click to View



Student - Frequently Asked Questions

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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.

3. Language and Conduct: I recognise that the use of foul language is inappropriate 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 any activities.

6. Substance Use: I understand and agree that the use of narcotic substances is strictly prohibited.

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 travel.

9. Personal Supplies: I commit to bringing any preferred snacks or foods if I know I am a picky/fussy eater.

10. Insurance: I agree to obtain appropriate travel and medical insurance that covers all activities during the trip.

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Risk Assessment Records

WGB/WGV-RA-01

Gap Africa Projects/Global Adventure Projects offsite risk assessment



Project: Welgevonden Research & Biomonitoring Programme (WGB) / Welgevonden Wildlife & Veterinary Programme (WGV) - Main risk assessment
Location: Welgevonden Big 5 Game Reserve (WGR)
Written by: Louise Bell / Megan Antrobus (Biomonitoring Manager) / Dave Druce (Research Ecologist)
Date produced: 17/04/2025
Review date: 01/04/2026

Activity (if for a specific activity) / Generic risk	Hazards identified	Persons / Groups at risk	Initial risk calculation prior to controls			Controls	Amended risk score			Remedial action / further action / comments
			Likelihood (L)	Severity (S)	Risk rating (L x R)		Amended L	Amended S	Residual risk (R2)	
Accommodation & facilities	General hazards including slips, trips & falls and contact with dangerous game	Staff & participants	3	3	9	Tents are located in a game-proof and fully electrified fenced off camp. Participants are asked to follow the rules given at the camp orientation and to not attempt to make physical contact with the electric fence. Participants are not permitted to leave the confines of camp unless on an organised activity and are under supervision of staff or transporter.	3	1	3	Orientation and safety briefing given on arrival.















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 (especially during summer months)
 - Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
 - Buff/neck warmer useful all year round
 - Padded parka jacket/windbreaker – (it can get very cold on an open vehicle – even on a summer evening)
 - Daypack rucksack
 - Socks
 - Hat for sun protection / Warm hat (winter only)
 - Gloves for warmth (winter only)
 - Changes of casual clothes for evenings
 - Underwear
 - Swimming Towel
 - Swimming costume
 - Sunscreen & Sunglasses
 - Sandals/comfy shoes to wear after work hours
 - Toiletries
 - Tick/insect repellent
 - Personal medical items & First Aid Kit
 - Binoculars
 - Torch/headlamp
 - Water bottle
- Other useful items:**
- Stethoscope
 - Surgical gloves
 - Camera
 - Powerbank
 - Mammal/bird book
 - Notebook/diary and pen
 - Watch

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Climate

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						
20° 6°	20° 7°	20° 7°	21° 7°	19° 7°	18° 7°	19° 7°

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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/l/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.

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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

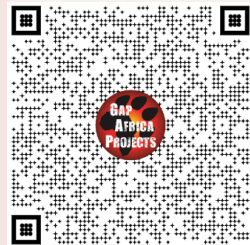
Some Wi-Fi is provided free of charge at the accommodation. Internet speeds are not up to international urban standards but are effective for communication.

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



<https://shorturl.at/sxE29>

-5% discount applied to all plans		
5 Days Unlimited data £22.80 £24.00 GBP 5%	7 Days Unlimited data £32.30 £34.00 GBP 5%	10 Days Unlimited data £35.15 £37.00 GBP 5%
15 Days Unlimited data £37.05 £39.00 GBP 5%	20 Days Unlimited data £46.55 £49.00 GBP 5%	30 Days Unlimited data £63.65 £67.00 GBP 5%

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; 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 Waterberg area of the Limpopo Province where Welgevonden is located is malaria free.

<http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-risk-areas.htm>

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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.true Traveller.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/exempt-countries>

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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	M	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

All garment measurements are shown in centimetres (cm). Garment sizes are approximate and for guidance only.

SIZES	XS	S	M	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



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