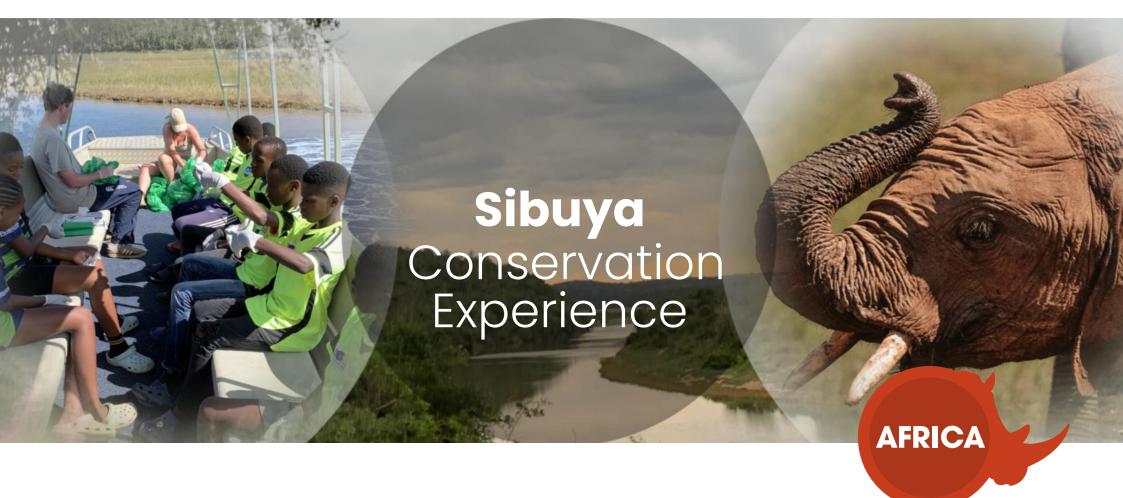


## SPARSHOLT COLLEGE PROJECT PRESENTATION



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 SIBUA GAME RESERVE

Project overview and location

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

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live on a Wild African Game Reserve
- 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
  - Adventure and Excitement
- All inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

### 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.







### Sibuya Game Reserve Location



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work in more detail

## **YOUR PROJECT**

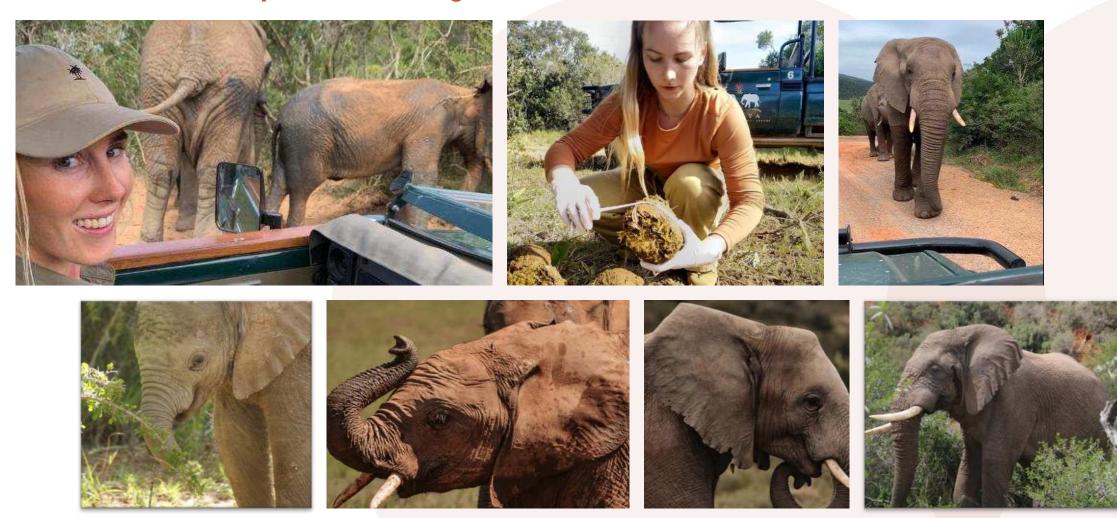
### **Your Conservation Programme**

- Lion monitoring
- Elephant monitoring
- Rhino monitoring
- Ocean Research Institute fish tagging
- Fencing and Alien Plant clearing
- Community Outreach
- Coastal Dunes and Rocky Shores
- Kayak Expedition 15km
- Pitfall trap insect collection and Identification
- Starry Night Constellation Observation
- SANCCOB visit
- Possible veterinary interactions

Presentations and Talks on:

- Lion Conservation
- Elephant Ecology
- Rhino Conservation
- Ornithology (Birds)

### **Research - Elephant Monitoring**



### **Research – Rhino Tracking**



### Anti-Poaching



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







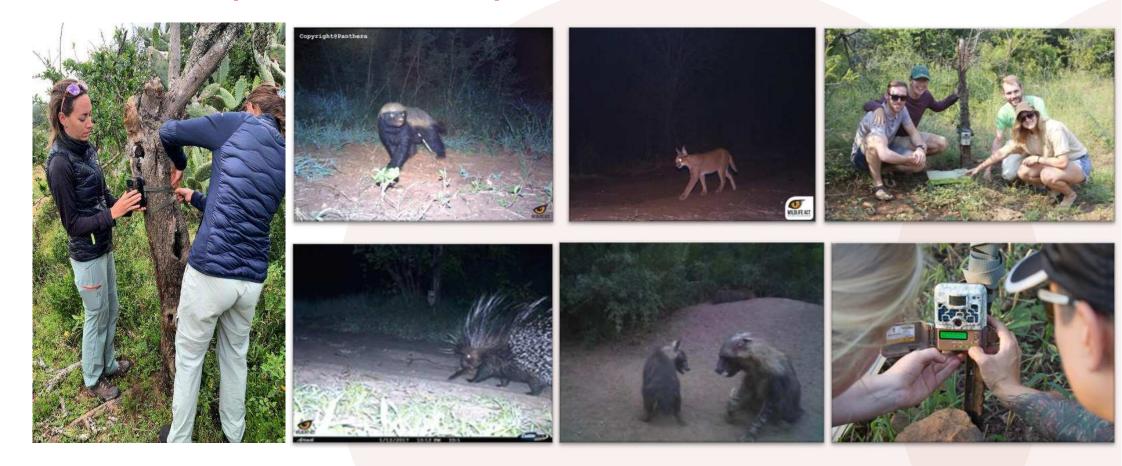




### **Reserve Maintenance**



### Camera Trap - Research and Study



### Night Game Drives



### **Possible Veterinary Interactions**







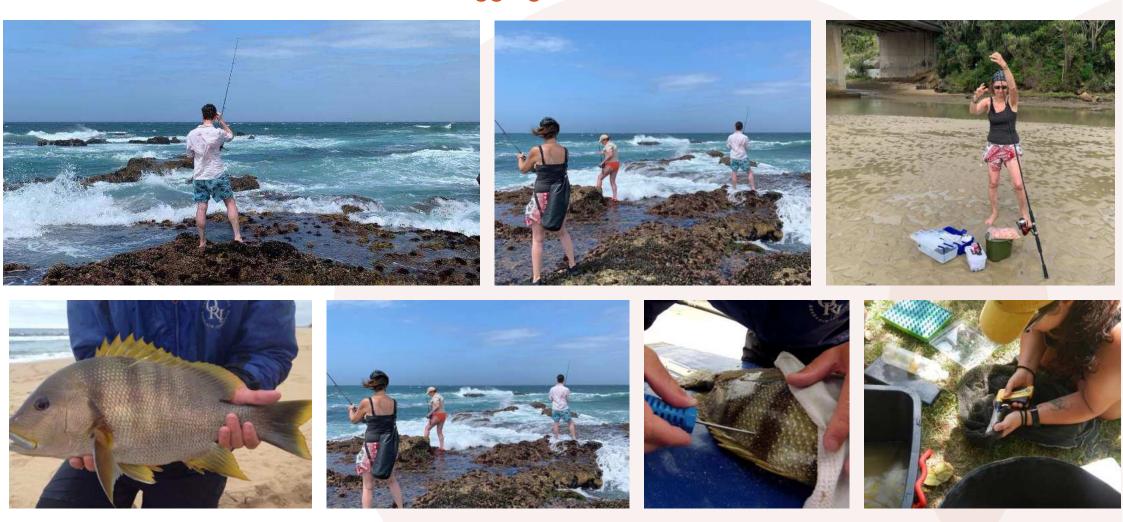




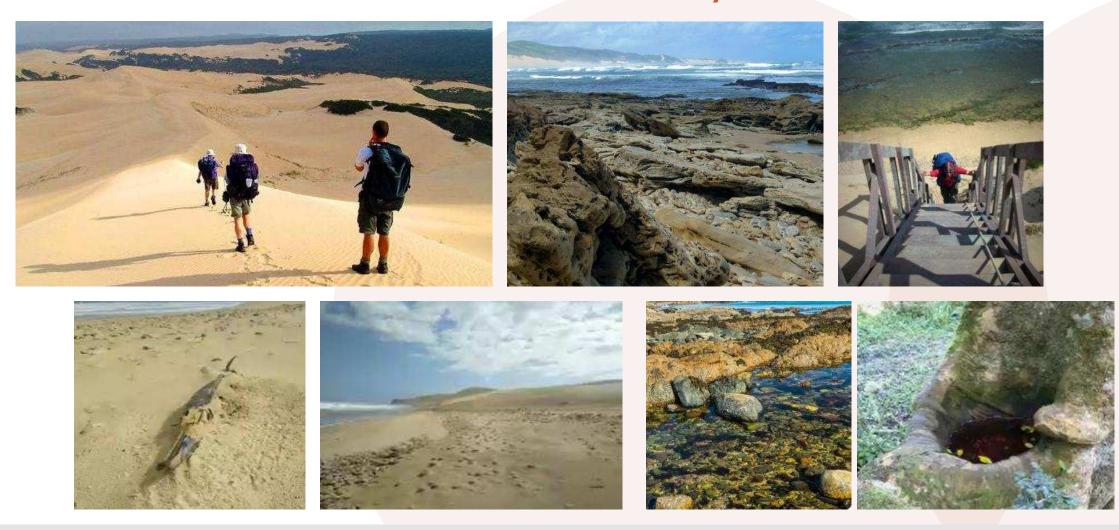




### **Ocean Research Institute Fish Tagging**



### Alexandria Dune Trail 7km & Coastal Dunes and Rocky Shores



## **YOUR PROJECT**

### **Veterinary Interactions**

As part of the program, students will have the unique opportunity to interact with a local wildlife veterinarian who plays an integral role in the overall management of the game reserve.

The highlight of this experience will be the potential for a planned wildlife intervention, where students can observe and, where appropriate, assist in the treatment or management of an animal.













### **River Activities**



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**ANY QUESTIONS?** 

### **Community Engagement Days**



## **YOUR PROJECT**

### **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**



#### 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

## **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**

### Sibuya – 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).





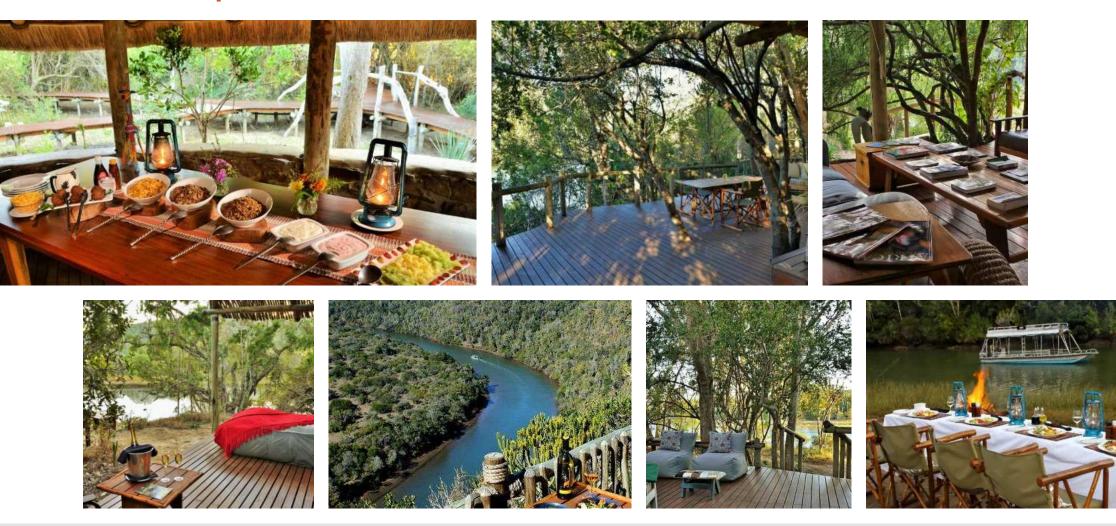






## **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**

### **River Camp**



## WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

What do previous travellers say about the Sibuya Conservation Expedition?

"It was the most amazing experience I've ever had."

> "I learnt so many new things that have educated me beyond classroom curriculum"



"There wasn't a single experience that didn't amaze me and make me feel enriched."

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

## WHY SHOULD | TRAVEL?

What do previous travellers say about the Sibuya Conservation **Expedition?** 

> "Being able to learn more about the animals on the game reserve and understand more about the risks that the animals face"

> > "Tagging a rhino was the most engaging as I got to actually engage, the talks about poaching were very insightful"



Our guide was amazing, we got the opportunity to take part in talks and demonstrations by APU

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

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**ANY OUESTIONS?** 

## **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**

#### Life on the Reserve



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# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a lifetime!

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

### What is included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- 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
- Visas/travel documents

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



## THE NEXT STEPS

### **Project dates & key deadlines**

#### **Confirmed trip dates:**

Depart UK: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 | Arrive SA: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Depart SA: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 | Arrive UK: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### Trip cost:

£2835.00\* Based on a group of 10 (confirmed once flights have been held)

#### Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 20/06/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 18/07/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1267.50 to be paid by 22/12/2025
- Balance payment of £1267.50 to be paid by 16/02/2026
- Payment plans available
- 30/03/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued



## **BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE**

### **Booking Form**

- Please submit by 20/06/2025
- 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



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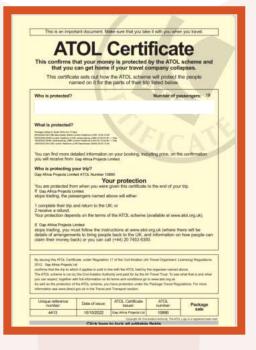
### **Confirmation Documents**

Confirmation documents will be issued and sent directly to you via email.

Please communicate with us with any questions relating to the field trip.







## **BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE**

### **Group Web Page**

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### **Booking Form**

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#### BOOKING FORM

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#### Your Global Adventure Starts here!

Please use the form below to submit your provisional booking to your selected project. You have the option to pay your initial deposit with the submission of your booking form, or we will contact you for payment once your project placement has been secured.

If you'd like to contact us to ask any initial questions or find out more about what project you'd like to go on and when, you can get also get in touch using our short enquity form, or by calling +44 (0) 207 193 7819.

#### (NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)

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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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