

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE PROJECT PRESENTATION

Waterberg Conservation Research

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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 2012



- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with over 50 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa.





Project overview and location

Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live & work in 2 research camps 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

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.

This is not a Safari Holiday!

A full day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the days task and research goals.

- 6 Days spent at SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve
- 6 Days at Welgevonden Game Reserve

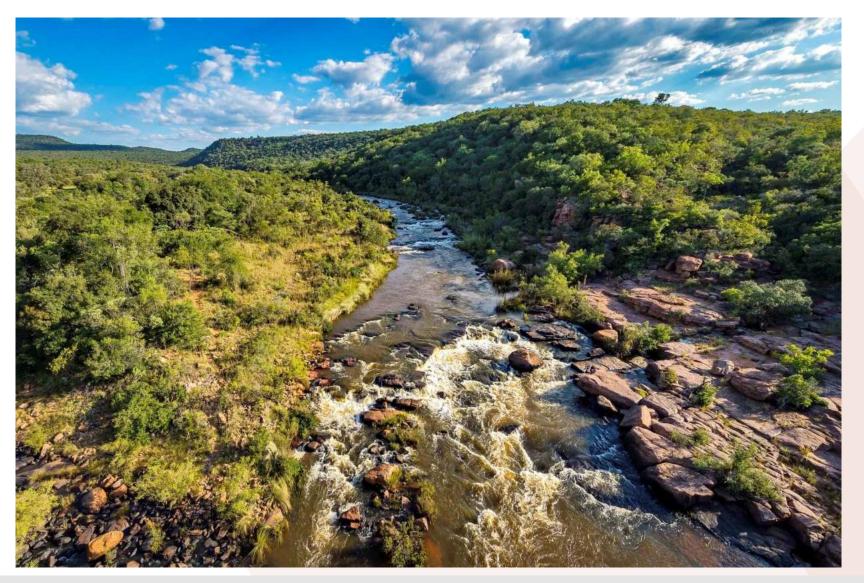


Location



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TRUE WILDERNESS



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work in more detail

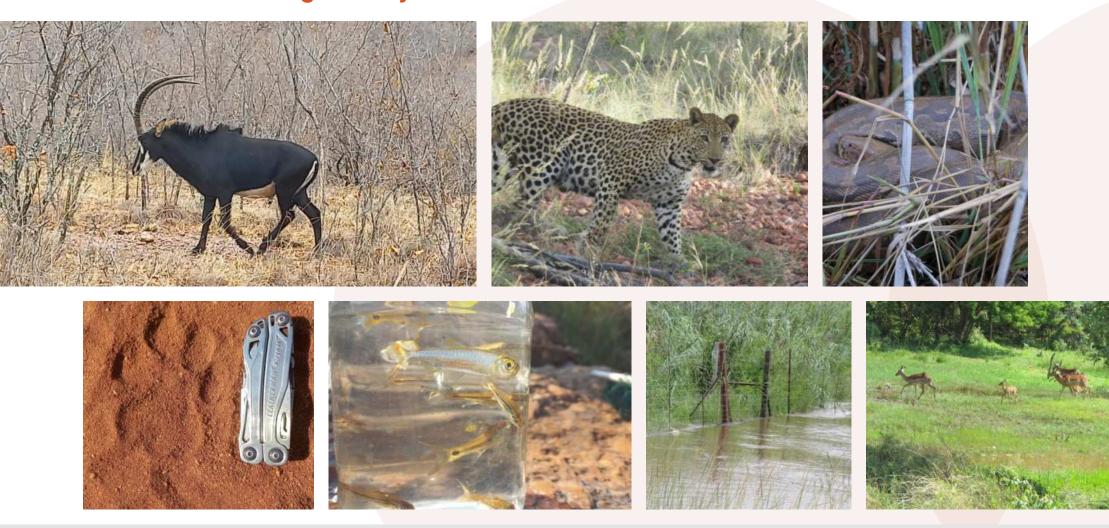
SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

- 2,500 acres Privately Managed Nature Reserve, part of a 15,000-acre reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
 - Conservation Research
 - Cutting Edge Conservation
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Big Game & Predator Free

Vegetation Surveys and Ecological Studies



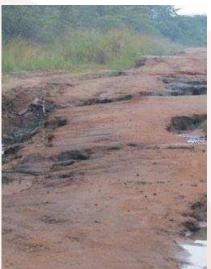
Wildlife and Ecological Projects



Practical Management











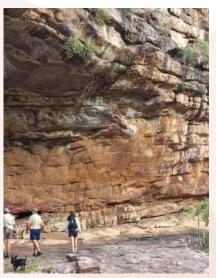




Rural Development and Support











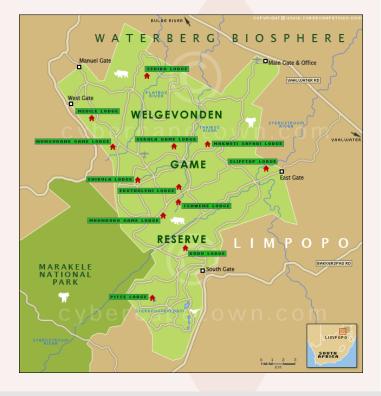




ABOUT WELGEVONDEN

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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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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.





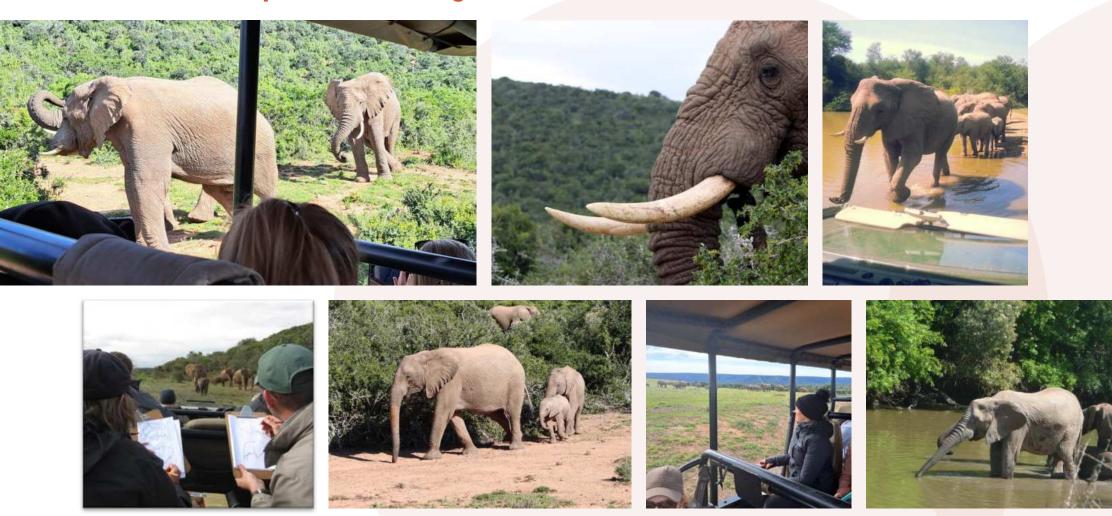








Research – Elephant Monitoring



Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health





Living in the African Bush

Hanover Nature Reserve Accommodation

Students and academic groups will be accommodated at our purposebuilt camp on Hanover Nature Reserve, designed to provide comfort and foster community living. The camp features shared twin and triple rooms with communal ablution facilities. At the heart of the camp is a spacious communal area, equipped with a shared kitchen and dining space, which also serves as a hub for relaxation, lectures, and group activities.

For evening gatherings, there's a cozy firepit/boma area where students can unwind and cook meals over the fire under the stars. On weekends, groups are welcome to enjoy the main farmhouse and pool area for some well-deserved relaxation. Ingredients for meals are provided, and students cook together, creating a vibrant and social camp atmosphere.











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













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
- Visas/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: 12th April 2026 | Arrive SA: 13th April 2026 Depart SA: 25th April | Arrive UK: 26th April 2026

Trip cost:

£2,625 est. (based on a group of 16)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 20/06/2025
- Deposit payment, £300<mark>.00 by 18/07/2025</mark>
- 50% instalment payment of £1162.50 to be paid by 22/12/2025
- Balance payment of £1162.50 to be paid by 16/02/2026
- Payment plans available
- 30/03/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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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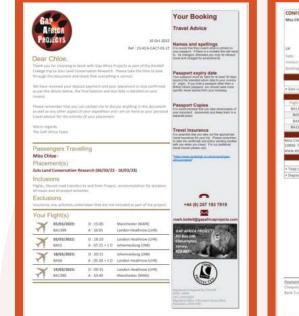
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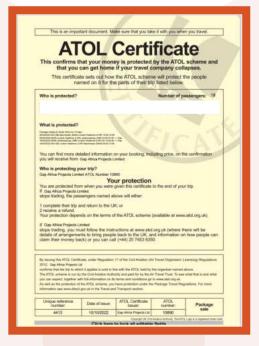
Confirmation Documents

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

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







Group Web Page

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Booking Form

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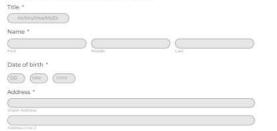
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Your Global Adventure Starts here!

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.

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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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