

Warwickshire College and University Centre

Project Presentation



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.





Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique academic conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live and work in the wild of Africa
- The opportunity to experience hands on wildlife conservation
- Bespoke, tailor made projects to suit research requirements
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Cultural Fnrichment
- Full 12 nights in South Africa
- 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.







KwaZulu Wildlife Community

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu Wildlife & Community Project offer a bespoke course to each institution dependent on their own personal objectives and learning needs.

We set out the basis of the trip, comprising of a 12-nights academic module split between the conservation reserve and the surrounding community with 2 nights at St Lucia Coastal Unit



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

The project split and duration are as follows:

12-Night Itinerary

10 nights

Bonamanzi Game Reserve and Hluhluwe surrounds

2 nights St Lucia Costal Project



Location

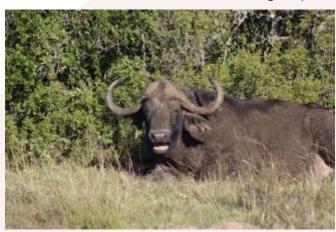




Bonamanzi Game Reserve – 10 nights

Bonamanzi Game Reserve is a magnificent 10,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 4 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.









Bonamanzi

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve, 10,000 acres in size with the Hluhluwe River on its Eastern border. Proclaimed a Natural Heritage Site in 1995 in recognition of the biodiversity of the Reserve it offers sand forests, savanna and wetland areas. This diversity is why Bonamanzi is recognized as one of the best birding destinations in Southern Africa.















Home to over 40 Species of Mammal

















Birds/Reptiles















AFRICA

Your Conservation Programme

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.

- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- **Elephant Monitoring**
- Rhino Monitoring Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera Trapping
- **Night Drive**
- Alien Vegetation Control Reserve Maintenance
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development







Use of Telemetry Tracking













Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors

















Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching

















Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!















Night Game Drives









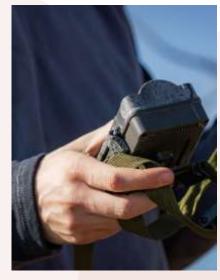




Bird Ringing















Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park

Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park - is the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. It consists of 96,000 ha of wilderness and has the Big 5 as well as cheetah, hyena, African wild dog among many other mammals, reptiles and birds.

Students will have an inciteful game drives in open game viewers.













Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for long-term conservation

Positive impact supporting not-forprofit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Project Rhino















Community - GAP Donation Bags

















St Lucia Wetlands (2 nights)

St. Lucia is situated on the northern side of the estuary, the largest in Southern Africa and is totally surrounded by the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands Park and World Heritage Site. The area is famous for its wetlands and is a fantastic opportunity to witness Crocodiles and Hippos in their natural environment. Snorkelling at Cape Vidal is tide and current dependent.





AFRICA

Your Conservation Programme – St Lucia

Whilst at St Lucia you will get the opportunity to take part in some amazing activities but also time to relax in the beautiful coastal resort of St Lucia.

- Hippo and Crocodile tour in the Estuary
- Visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and beach
- Bird walk (over 400 species in prime habitat)
- Whale Watching Tour (Seasonal and additional cost)















Estuary Hippo and Crocodile Tour

















Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and Snorkeling

















Bird Tracking and Identification















Whale Watching (Additional Cost) Mid June - October

















Bundu Camp









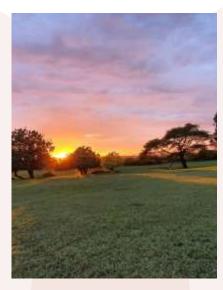




Bundu Camp















St Lucia Coastal Accommodation

Guest House style accommodation is provided during your time in St Lucia. Rooms are shared and have communal ablutions.

The guest house is located in the heart of St Lucia's Main Street and is the ideal location to explore the surrounding areas.













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.



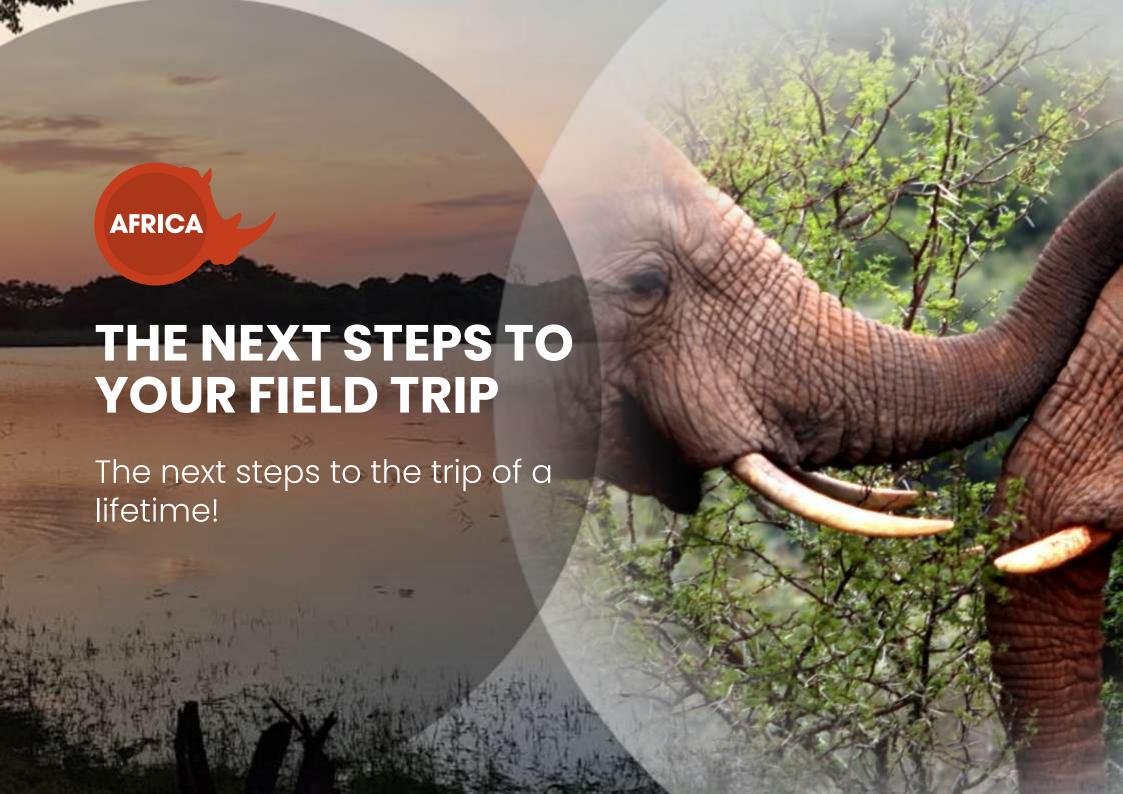














Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 15/06/2026 Arrive SA: 16/06/2026

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Trip cost:

£2,750.00 Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return the online booking form by 25/04/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 12/05/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1225.00 to be paid by 23/02/2026
- Balance payment of £ 1225.00 to be paid by 20/04/2026
- Payment plans available
- Two weeks before departure e-Tickets & final documents will be issued



What is Included?

- Flights from London Heathrow
- 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 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.

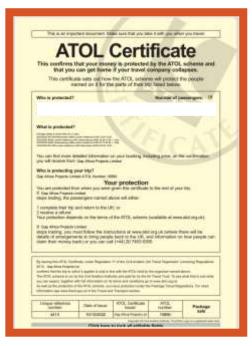
Confirmation Documents

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

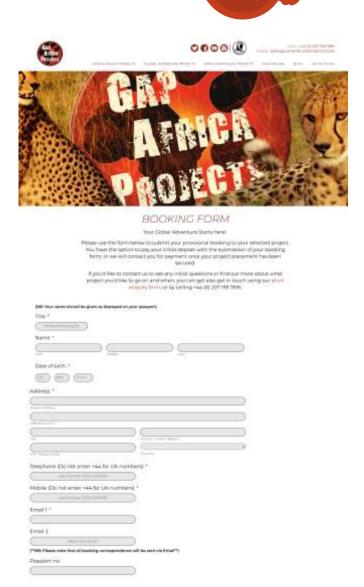
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Sustainability & Social, Economic Responsibility

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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