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### Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course Entabeni



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# **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The conservation work  
in more detail

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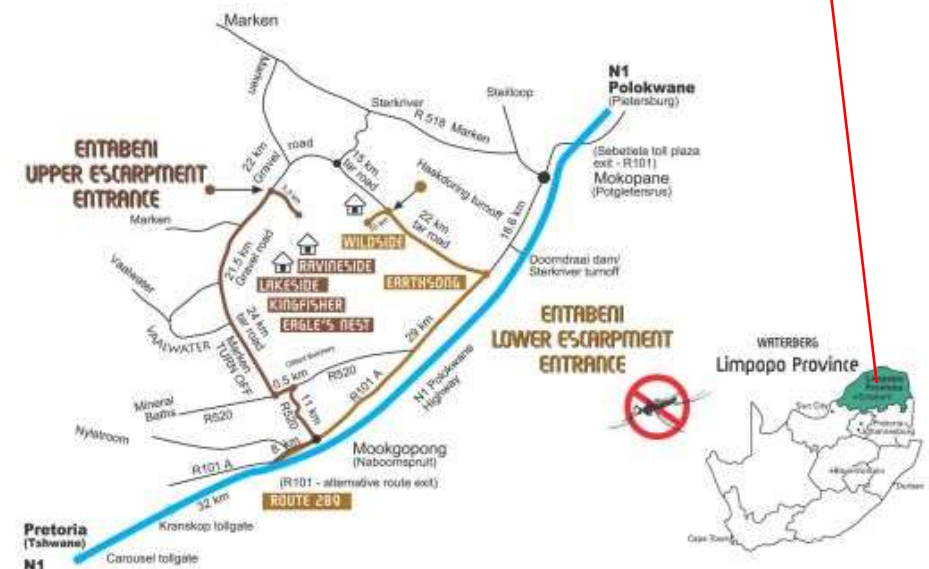
## Entabeni Safari Conservancy

### Location

The Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course – Entabeni is based on the Upper Escarpment of the 22,000-hectare Entabeni Safari Conservancy in the Limpopo Province of South Africa.

Located a pleasant 3.5 hour drive from Johannesburg; in the **malaria-free** area of the Waterberg, Limpopo Province.

Entabeni is set within a tranquil, natural setting boasting changing vistas, diverse eco-systems and a breath-taking mountainous backdrop. Entabeni is the integration of a 22,000 hectare Big 5 Game Reserve, a resort and luxurious lodges.





## A place that promotes the connection between people and nature

The Waterberg contains pristine habitats, abundant bird and wildlife and has a natural unspoilt beauty. The Waterberg is an escarpment of massive sandstone buttresses and outcrops, incorporating many rivers, streams and wetlands, stretching for 150 km in a long arc.

The Waterberg has many special and unique characteristics which is why UNESCO approved the area for biosphere reserve status in 2001.

The Waterberg is a critical conservation area for; African wild dogs, with the last free-roaming pack in South Africa; black and white rhino, with the third largest population within South Africa; and the Cape vulture, with the largest colony of 800 breeding pairs.



## Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course – Entabeni

This course provides the opportunity for hands-on practical wildlife experience for pre-vet, vet nurses, technicians or those studying in the veterinary field.

Based at the reserve's research camp working directly with the wildlife monitoring team; this department runs and manages the day-to-day decisions and monitoring of the wildlife and ecosystem of the reserve.

The team and their work are crucial to the management and welfare of all wildlife on the reserve, as they monitor the animals' conditions, herd structures, locations and behaviours.

Time will be spent working with the reserve's veterinarian and other local wildlife vets with whom the team work.



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## Course fundamentals and structure

- Gain an understanding of wildlife research and management that govern veterinary practices on reserve
- Expose participants to behind-the-scenes wildlife conservation and veterinary work
- Wildlife management and conservation challenges
- Gain experience in a variety of veterinary wildlife and conservation working environments
- Assess vegetation types suitable for wildlife
- Take part in conservation research
- Tracks and tracking of 'Big Five'
- Learn about the 'Waterberg Wild Dog Project'
- Experience rhino rehabilitation and protection through veterinary management
- Learn about a wildlife vet's role and responsibilities
  - Immobilisation and capture techniques used for various wildlife species
- Appreciate the importance of herd health and intensive wildlife breeding
- Observe APU activities
- Equine management



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## Course fundamentals and structure – Example itinerary

### Week 1

Introduction to Entabeni Safari Conservancy and various research projects

Introduction to wildlife veterinary work in the context of African wildlife (*Dr Zoe Glyphis – Local wildlife vet*) – 1 day

Rhino orphanage – assist with orphaned rhino calves

Time spent with wildlife team conducting conservation activities – 4 days

Assisting with horse care

### Week 2

Time spent with wildlife team conducting conservation activities – 3 days

Further insight into wildlife veterinary work (*TBC – Dr Pierre Bester*) – 1 day

Build up to possible intervention and planning

Specialist wildlife vet to conduct intervention with group\*\* (*TBC – Dr Pierre Bester*) – 1 day

*\*\*dependant on veterinary needs of the reserve at the time*



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## Possible lectures & debate

- Drugs used in wildlife medicine & calculating doses
- Parasite control
- Darting wildlife
- Orphaned rhino rehabilitation
- Boma management and rehabilitation
- Logistics of wildlife transportation: customised vehicles, crates and equipment
- Managing game reserves and 'Land capacity model'
- Species control – predator pits
- Game capture systems
- The '*Game Trade-Auction*' and value of livestock
- State veterinary disease control in practice
- Documentation required: Red Cross Permits





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## A veterinarian's role in the field



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## The vets: Dr Zoe Glyphis – Wildlife veterinarian – Predator specialist

Dr Zoe Glyphis has become one of South Africa's leading predator specialists and is on the forefront with veterinary medicine and veterinary assistance of wild dog, hyena and cheetah conservation all over South Africa.

She helps and assists several NGO groups and organisations with their efforts to increase predator ranges and to establish safe and genetically viable populations in new conservation areas.





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## The vets: Dr Pierre Bester – Wildlife veterinarian – Rhino specialist

'Rhino Orphanage' veterinarian, Dr Pierre Bester has a mixed animal practice treating large and small domestic animals as well as wildlife. The main scope of his work includes the immobilisation, treatment and translocation of African wildlife, including megaherbivore; rhinos and elephants.

He has been involved with the immobilisation and translocation of thousands of rhinos, as well as countless other species.





## The 'Rhino Orphanage'

The 'Rhino Orphanage' was the first-ever specialised, non-commercial centre dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, raising and release of orphaned rhinos back into the wild.

Although newborn rhinos can weigh up to 50 kgs, they are essentially "helpless" and require protection so that they may survive and ultimately thrive.

Rhino calves and rhino mothers are closely bonded. Rhino young are fiercely protected by their mothers in the wild, so when a rhino mother is killed, the rhino orphan becomes particularly vulnerable, and their longevity is endangered. Under normal circumstances, rhino calves will stay with their mothers for around 3 years. For this reason, the rhino orphans in their care typically require the same intensity and timeframe of nurturing from the carers.

All rhino orphans arrive particularly traumatised, so a lot of care and veterinary support is often needed to help them recover and to keep them thriving.





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## The 'Rhino Orphanage'





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## Introduction to darting techniques

Learn the basic principles for darting wildlife.

Each participant will have the opportunity to use the gas-powered dart gun at the range.





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## Introduction to pharmacology



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## Observable species veterinary necropsies



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## Bush skills – Bush walks, tracking wildlife



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## Anti-Poaching Unit (APU) activities



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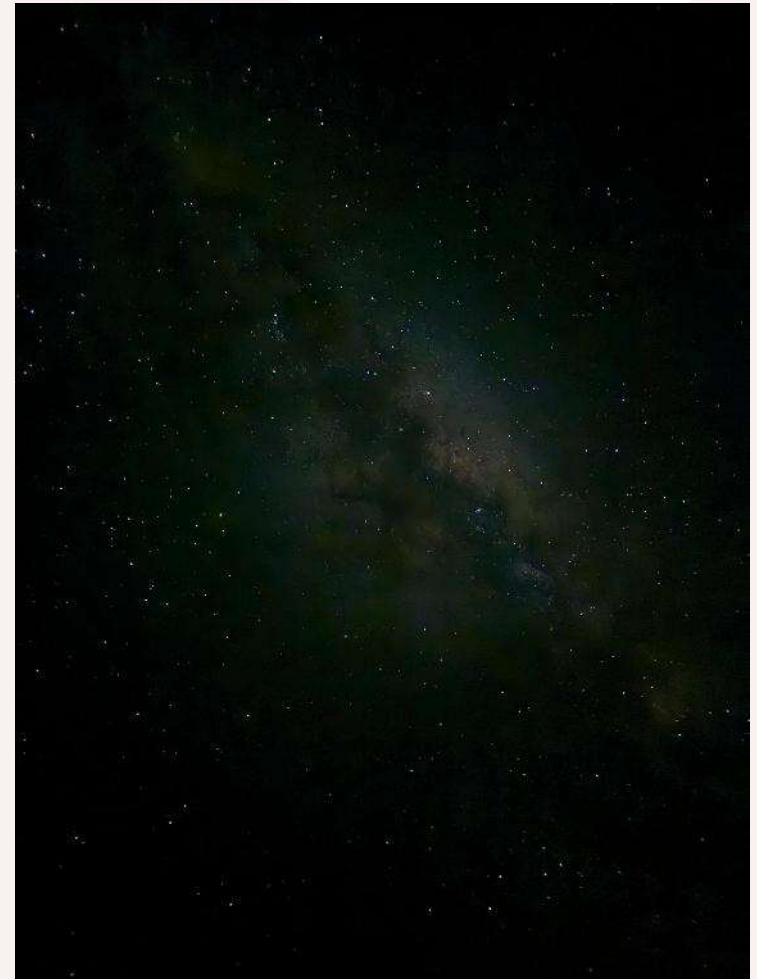
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## Night game drives



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## Reserve research projects – Camera trap: research study



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## Reserve research projects – Monitoring the Entabeni rhino population

Behavioural observations, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are occurring; keeping tabs on the localities and activities of white and black rhino on the reserve.

Importantly also monitor body condition, injuries, mating, calving, behaviour, herd structure etc.





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## Reserve research projects – Habitat and prey selection: predators





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## Reserve research projects – Elephant monitoring & fertility study



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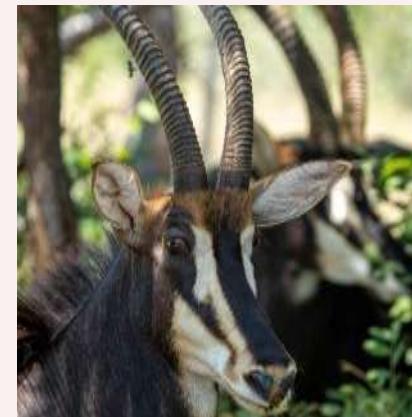
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**Reserve research projects – Monitoring herbivore condition and health**



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**Veterinary intervention – dependant on wildlife & veterinary circumstances**

*Previous intervention – Rhino: fitting of prosthetics*



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*Previous intervention – Rhino: sinus infection*



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*Previous intervention – Lion: immobilisation for collaring & removal*



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*Previous intervention – Cheetah: relocation as part of Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) management plan*



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**Veterinary interventions – dependant on wildlife & veterinary circumstances**

*Previous intervention – African wild dog: free-roaming wild dog project collaring – **all will have a lecture***



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# Entabeni Safari Conservancy

Accommodation & lifestyle



# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Entabeni Villas

Each Villa offers a spacious and open plan layout, with a lounge and dining area as well as a fully equipped kitchen for self-catering getaways. The luxurious African-inspired interior with its natural palette contributes to the luxury that accompanies the relaxing atmosphere at every Legend Safari Villa.

The Villas have a variety of 3, 4, 5, and 6 Bedroom Self-Catering Units.



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## Meals

At Entabeni all meals are included. Guests will self prepare meals as a group in one of the kitchens.

Some days lunch will be had back at camp, other days lunch will be brought into the field to be had as a picnic.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the campfire.

Only Sunday will be an off day to 'chill' in camp or do extra activities.







# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Inclusions/exclusions &  
recommended kit list



## Suggested kit list

- Short sleeve shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (or work trousers with zip-off longs)
- T-shirts & shorts (not hotpants)
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (winter months pack plenty)
- Hiking Boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Trainers & sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Rain jacket
- Padded parka jacket/windbreaker – warm  
(*it can get very cold on an open vehicle – even on a summer evening*)
- Socks & underwear
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Beach towel
- Swimming costume
- Hat for sun protection / Warm hat (in winter only)
- Gloves for warmth (in winter only)

- Toiletries
- Daypack rucksack
- Tick / insect repellent
- Binoculars
- Torch/headlamp
- Water bottle
- Personal medical items/First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen

### Other useful items:

- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Cards/music
- Mammal/bird book
- Power bank
- Notebook/diary and pen



# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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## What do previous travellers say about the Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course – Entabeni?



"Everything **exceeded** my expectations, and the trip was **life-changing**."



"I have returned home feeling more **confident** and staying at Entabeni really developed my **practical skills**."



We got the **opportunity** to take part in practicals and interventions too, it was **incredible**."

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





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# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

Your next steps to the trip of a  
lifetime!



# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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## What is included?

- Flights (*can book own if not travelling from the UK*)
- In country transfers to/from project\*
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day (self prepared at Entabeni)
- All activities as part of the project inc. lectures
- 1 planned veterinary intervention
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In-country support

*\* For those with own flights: If flights arrive/depart in time for scheduled group transfers*

## NOT included

- Personal travel insurance \*\*
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Weekend activities
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

*\*\* We recommend you take out insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed*



# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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## Dates for veterinary professional 2026 trips

Trip	Travel dates	Reserve dates	Days at reserve	Cost
1 – 4718	Depart 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	6 <sup>th</sup> –18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	12	£2,795
	Return 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr			
2 – 4719	Depart 10 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> –23 <sup>rd</sup> May	12	TBC
	Return 24 <sup>th</sup> May			
3 – 4720	Depart 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	3 <sup>rd</sup> –15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	12	TBC
	Return 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug			

### Trip cost:

£2,795 – £3,195 est.

Price dependent on flight prices  
& based on a group of 14

### Key booking deadlines are:

1. Return of booking forms or online application by: **Flexible deadline**
2. Deposit of £300 to confirm placement (within two – four weeks of provisional booking submission)
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment payment of **50% – due 16 weeks** before departure: Trip 1: 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 25 ; Trip 2: 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 25 & Trip 3: 12<sup>th</sup> Apr 26
4. Balance payment **due 8 weeks** before departure: Trip 1: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 26; Trip 2: 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 26 & Trip 3: 7<sup>th</sup> Jun 26
5. E tickets will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure and emailed to participants



# THE NEXT STEPS

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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.

**Gap Africa Projects**

10 Oct 2022  
Ref: ZS-ACA-CAL7-021-07

Dear Chloe,

Thank you for choosing to book with Gap Africa Projects as part of the Zulu Land College trip to Zulu Land Conservation Research. Please take the time to look through this document and check that everything is correct.

We have received your deposit payment and your placement is now confirmed. As per the details below, the final balance and due date is detailed on your invoice.

Please remember that you can contact me to discuss anything in this document, as well as any other aspect of your experience and I can act as your personal travel advisor for the entirety of your placement.

Warm regards,  
The GAP Africa Team

**Passengers Travelling**  
Capstick

**Placement(s)**  
Zulu Land Conservation Research [05/03/23 - 15/03/23]

**Inclusions**  
Flights, shared road transfers to and from Project, accommodation for duration of trip and all project activities.

**Exclusions**  
Insurance, any activities undertaken that are not included as part of the project.

**Your Flight(s)**

Flight	Class	From	To	Time	Notes
04/03/2023	D	13:00	Manchester (MAN)		
04/03/2023	A	10:00	London Heathrow (LHR)		
05/03/2023	D	18:00	London Heathrow (LHR)		
05/03/2023	A	07:35 + 1 D	Johannesburg (JNB)		
16/03/2023	D	10:15	Johannesburg (JNB)		
16/03/2023	A	05:30 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)		
19/03/2023	D	09:35	London Heathrow (LHR)		
19/03/2023	A	10:00	Manchester (MAN)		

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**CONFIRMATION INVOICE**

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Invoice No: ZS-ACA-CAL7-021-07  
Booking Ref: 0000000000

**Passenger Details**

Name	Age	Gender	Passport No.	Passport Expiry	Passport Issued	Passport Validity	Passport Status
CHLOE	20	F	123456789	15/03/23	10/03/22	15/03/23	Valid

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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: 18

**What is protected?**

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 10890

**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:

- complete their trip and return to the UK; or
- receive a refund.

Your protection depends on the terms of the ATOL scheme (available at [www.atol.org.uk](http://www.atol.org.uk)).

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Unique reference number	Date of issue	ATOL Certificate number	ATOL holder	Package sale
4413	10/10/2022	Gap Africa Projects Ltd	10890	

Click here to link all available fields



# BOOKING FORM

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Scan the QR code or use the url to access the trip booking form

Trip 1 - 4718 booking form:



Trip 2 - 4719 booking form:



Trip 3 - 4720 booking form:





## Gap's '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 must ensure our wildlife is protected for many generations to come. They ensure they can reach and educate as many 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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