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## KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project

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# TRIP OVERVIEW

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## Wirral Metropolitan College – Booking Reference 4734

### Trip Dates:

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
TK1992	25/01/2026	Manchester (MAN)	14:05	Istanbul (IST)	21:15
TK0042	26/01/2026	Istanbul (IST)	02:05	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	13:30
TK0043	08/02/2026	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	16:00	Istanbul (IST)	06:00 + 1 Day
TK1993	09/02/2026	Istanbul (IST)	08:30	Manchester (MAN)	09:50

\*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

**Baggage Allowance** –1 piece of checked baggage @ 20kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs

### Project:

Community Volunteering Project

### Trip Cost:

£595.00 per person

- 50% Instalment due 06/10/2025
- Balance due 01/12/2025





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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location  
of the project

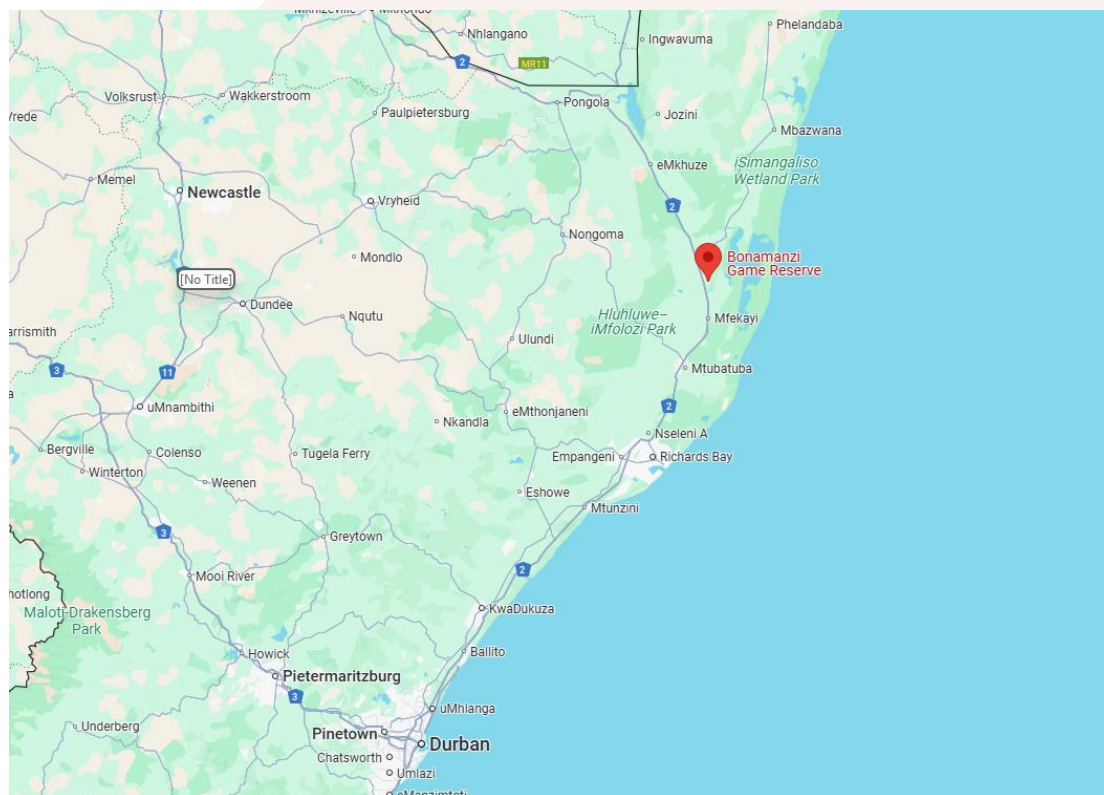


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## Location

- Staying in one location on the Northeastern Coast of South Africa
- Bonamanzi Game Reserve



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## KwaZulu-Natal Community and Volunteering Project

The KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering project is located conveniently close to Durban (3 hours) on the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast in South Africa it is close to the beautiful St Lucia Wetlands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The project location is Bonamanzi and the surrounding community; Bonamanzi is a Zulu word for “look water!” The nearest town is Hluhluwe which has South Africa’s oldest Game Reserve.

KwaZulu-Natal is located in a low to no risk malaria area – Antimalarials are not usually advised.



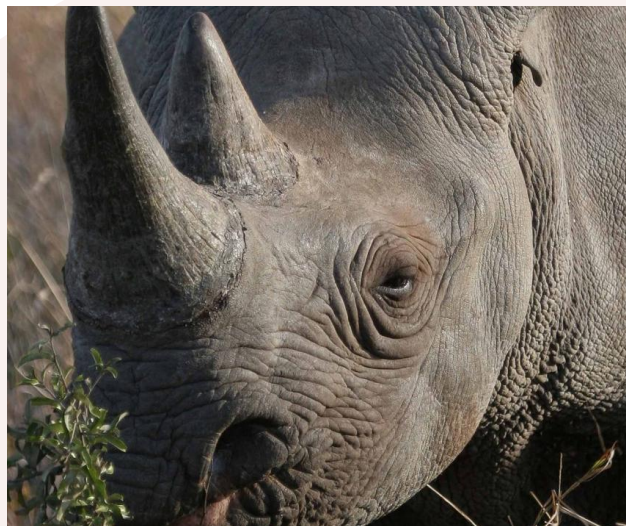


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## Bonamanzi

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve, 4000 hectares 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.





### KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project

Students will be taught and have the opportunity to work alongside several inspiring professionals –

**Project Rhino.** – Project Rhino aims to educate school children on the conservation of Rhinos and the Rhino poaching crisis. It aims to increase relationships with game reserves and the neighboring communities. Project Rhino has reached over 700,000 school children in South Africa, educating these children about the importance of the natural world and the wildlife around them. Children attend presentations and are encouraged to produce artwork in support of the local wildlife. The education links directly to the Zulu culture

**Move Africa** – Champion and encourage girls on how to use menstrual cups as a sustainable solution to period poverty. In Africa 3 out of 10 girls miss out on a week of school every month, due to not being able to afford menstrual products. This has a huge impact on the girl's outlook. Move Africa's aim is to equip young women with sustainable sanitary ware and relevant education about menstrual cycles



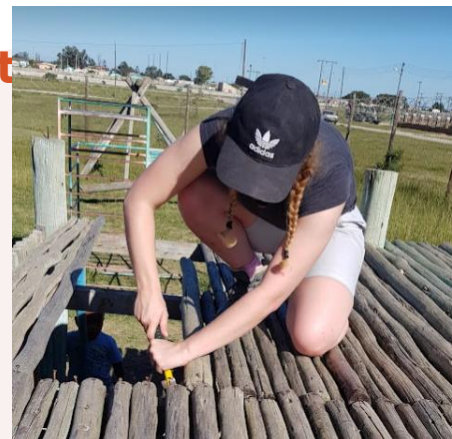


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## KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project

**Ndumu Charitable Foundation** – Focuses primarily on improving early childhood development and education within communities, particularly in the refurbishment of creches and nurseries. Projects include building and improving play equipment, painting the classrooms, digging vegetable gardens and talking to staff about the importance of correct nutrition. Ndumu are also passionate about installing libraries in primary schools.





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## KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project

**Kingsley Holgate Foundation** – has supported conservation efforts and communities bordering wildlife parks throughout Africa for over a decade. Their Early Childhood Development programme works to improve the nutrition and education of over 3000 local children who live in rural communities on the boundaries of wildlife reserves.

**Woza Moya** – This charity aims to reduce poverty through arts and crafts. Woza Moya assists those in need to develop skills and learn how to turn their skills into an income by using local products. Woza Moya provides ongoing business mentorship to ensure the crafting can become a self-sustaining business. Since 2002 over 350 crafters have been supported.





## KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project

**Khula Natural Health Clinic** – A busy community health facility in St Lucia, founded in 2017 focusing on Children's and women's health, through safe and affordable treatments using homeopathic remedies to complement Western medicine.

**Bonamanzi Conservation Foundation** – manages the day-to-day conservation management and research of the Big 4 Game Reserve. The foundation began in 2012 to re-establish land as a game reserve for wildlife. Wildlife conservation and community development are the foundation's main objectives. Bonamanzi has an ongoing relationship with Cumbria's Safari Zoo who are active in helping the reserve with their K9 unit.





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## Community Development Activities



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## Community – GAP Donation Bags



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## Example itinerary

Day 1: Travel overnight from the UK to South Africa.

Day 2: Domestic onward flight to Durban, transfer to Bonamanzi, orientation and dinner.

Day 3: After breakfast undertake a creche refurbishment project for the day. Late afternoon safari drive. After dinner a talk on Zulu Culture by Project Rhino.

Day 4: Community outreach with Project Rhino, then return to the creche refurbishment. Late afternoon reserve management work at Bonamanzi.

Day 5: Early morning game drive. After lunch anti-poaching and K9 demonstration along with a snare sweep. Late afternoon at leisure relaxing by the pool.

Day 6: Morning bush walk with track and signs, after lunch help refurbish and resource a library in a local primary school. After dinner a presentation by Move Africa.

Day 7: Visit a school with Move Africa. After lunch, a Zulu arts and craft workshop with Woza Moya. Dinner and a talk by Woza Moya on empowering local craftsmen.

Day 8: Spend the day at a Community School Eco-Club Project followed by an evening game drive and a braai by the lake.

Day 9: After breakfast anti-poaching boat patrol in search of hippo snares & gill nets on the Hluhluwe River and game safari. After lunch a Zulu cultural experience.

Day 10: After breakfast undertake a ball skills workshop with local children through the Early Childhood Development project. Afternoon safari drive. Make your own Potjie for dinner.

Day 11: After breakfast you will be involved with Right to Sight Outreach in the community supporting Ugogogs. After dinner night drive and animal tracking.

Day 12: Early morning safari drive to Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park – the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. Afternoon at leisure relaxing by the pool.

Day 13: Spend the day with the Ndumu Charitable Foundation on a local project to build and improve play equipment. Afternoon spent in the community with Project Rhino.

Day 14: Bead making at the market and a chance to buy some local handmade crafts. Afternoon packing.

Day 15: Depart Bonamanzi for your flight back to London.

Day 16: Arrive back in the UK for your transfer back to college.





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# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in Africa



# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Bundu Camp

You will be accommodated in twin rooms, 2 rooms share bathroom facilities of shower, toilet and basin.

There is a communal fully equipped kitchen and living area. There isn't a washing machine, but clothes can be hand washed.

Three meals a day are provided by the cook. On one evening a Potjie competition will be held so everyone gets involved! Please remember to advise us of any dietary requirements so we can ensure you are adequately catered for

The camp faces East, with a view over False Bay and the iSimangaliso Wetlands.

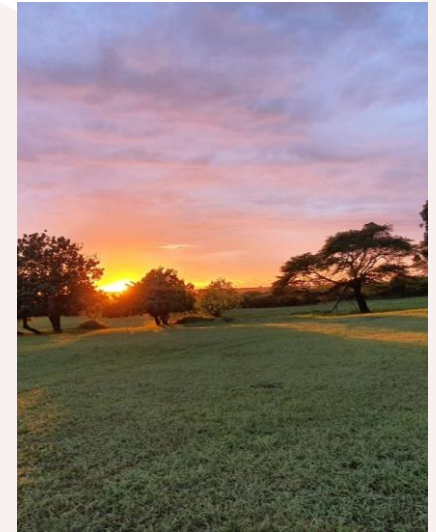




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# USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &  
Recommended Kit List



# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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## What is included?

- Flights
- 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 the project.
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

\* This is provided by the college. Please confirm with your college the details of what is and isn't covered.



# USEFUL INFORMATION

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## 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
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- 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)
- Working gloves
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear

- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Beach towel
- Swimming costume
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent
- Personal medical items & first aid kit
- Binoculars
- Sunscreen & Sunglasses
- Water bottle

### Other useful items:

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| • Good torch      | • Mammal/bird book       |
| • Camera          | • Notebook/diary and pen |
| • Spare batteries | • Power bank             |





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