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## KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research

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# ABOUT US:

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## 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 55 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa.







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# KWAZULU-NATAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location  
of the project

# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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## 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 Enrichment
- Full 11 nights in South Africa
- All-inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have



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## 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.



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## KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research – Location







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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work  
in more detail

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## KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research 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 11-night academic module split between the two conservation reserves.

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.

The project split and duration are as follows:

### 11 Night Itinerary

#### 6 Nights

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

#### 5 Nights

Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities







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# 6 Nights at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve



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## Nambiti Game Reserve

**Nambiti Game Reserve** is a magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.





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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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**Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species**



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## Your Conservation Programme – Nambiti

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.

- Alien Vegetation Control / Reserve Maintenance
- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Elephant Monitoring / Population Study
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera Trapping
- Night Drive
- Big Five Bush Walk
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development





# NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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## Nambiti Research Team



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## Use of Telemetry Tracking



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## Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors



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## Big Five Bush Walk



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## Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

Focus on Lion and Cheetah populations:

GPS coordinates from tracking collars

Can be used for movement/spatial/home range analysis





## Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Impact Assessment

Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

Matriarch collared so GPS range data available

Herd population data

Elephant impact assessments from February '23

Long term ongoing project looking at elephant impact on vegetation





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## Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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## Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!



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## Night Game Drives



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# NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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## Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for long term conservation

Positive impact supporting not for profit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats & Rhino Art





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## Community – GAP Donation Bags



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# 5 Nights at Zingela Wildlife Reserve

River Research and Adventure



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## Zingela River Safari

**Zingela Wildlife Reserve** covers 12,500 acres of predator free, pristine African bushveld. You will have the opportunity to be involved with the research that takes place at the property.



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## Your Conservation Programme – Zingela

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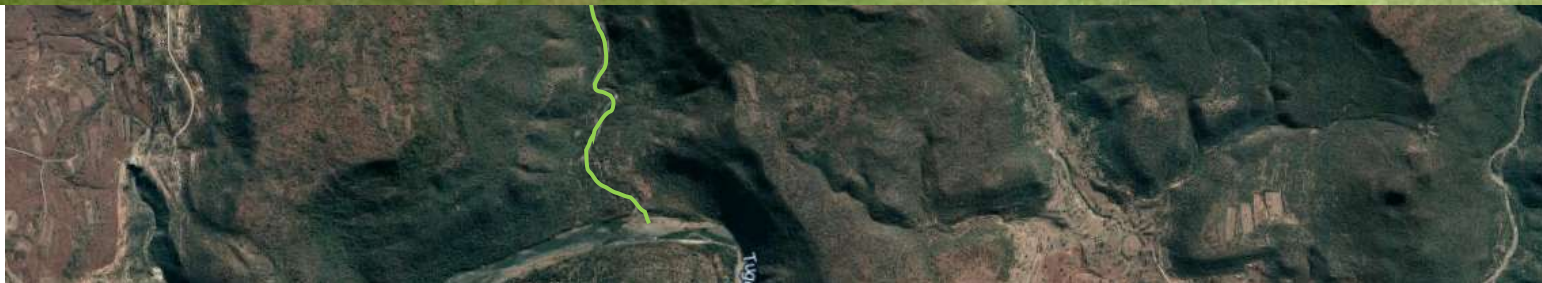
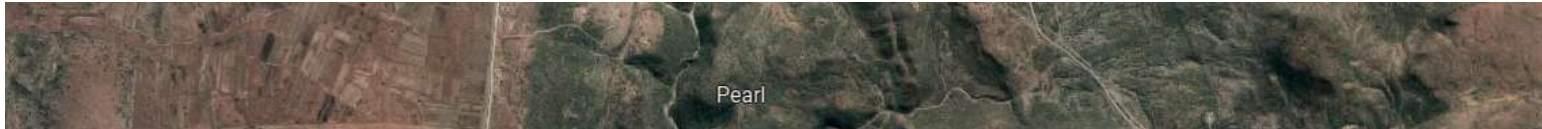
- Spatial Distribution and Habitat use of species
- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Giraffe migration and Conservation Project
- Reptile pit fall traps
- Freshwater Ecology
- Mini SASS
- Fish Tagging
- Bird Ringing
- Educational Bush Walks – Ecology & Botany
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development
- Camera Trapping and data processing





# NAMBITI TO ZINGELA

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## Potjie Cooking Competition

A traditional South African experience, the Potjie competition involves cooking a stew in three-legged pots over an open fire..

The winning dish, judged by our expert cooks, will be served for dinner, allowing everyone to enjoy the fruits of their labor.





# ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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## Giraffe Migration and Research Project

Population data and database for individuals

Migration and range data through unfenced territories

Diet and vegetation impact assessment

Genetic diversity



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# ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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## River Assessments

Fresh water eel project –  
understanding life cycle using GPS  
data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System





# ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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## Reptile Research and Trapping

Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned

Species frequency

Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation

Comparing herpetological diversity





# ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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## Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany



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## Animal Welfare Outreach Program

Participants will join the camp's in-house veterinarian to assist local Zulu farmers in caring for their livestock, primarily goats, but also including dogs, cats, sheep, and cattle, depending on the participants' qualifications and experience.

Working with Various Animals at the Homestead

Animal Welfare Education at Local Schools





# ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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## River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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# **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**

Life in the African Bush



# ACCOMMODATION

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## Game Reserve Camps – Nambiti

In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room.





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## Game Reserve Camps – Nambiti



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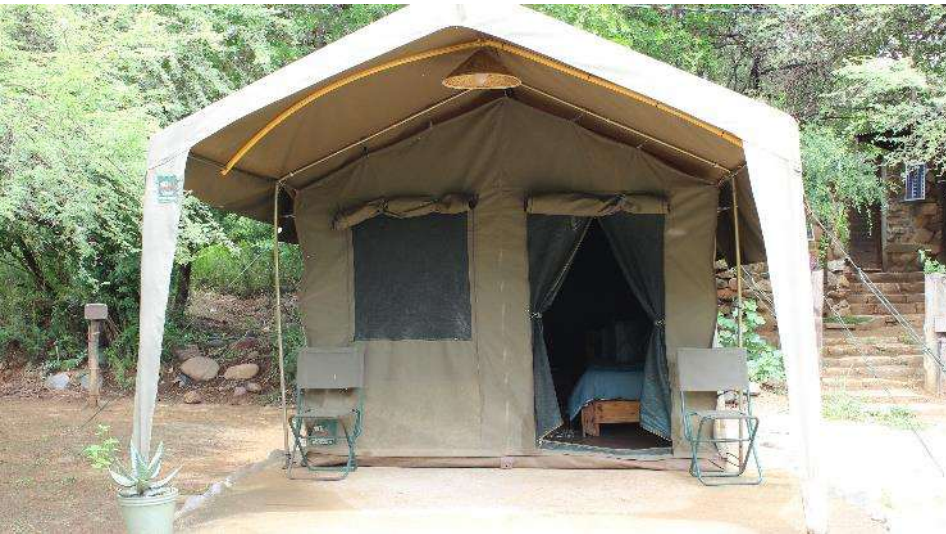
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## Game Reserve Camps – Zingela



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## Game Reserve Camps – Zingela



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# ACCOMMODATION

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## 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.





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## Food at the project



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# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Life on project – Life long memories



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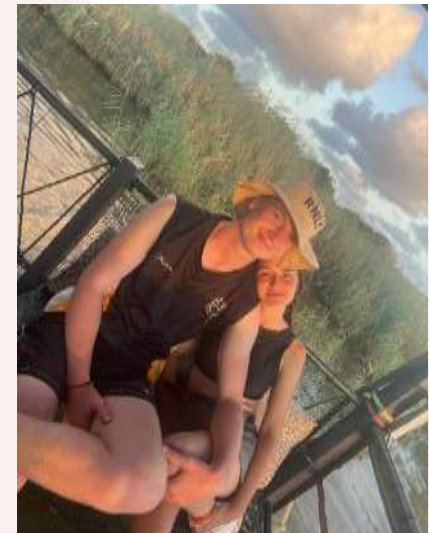
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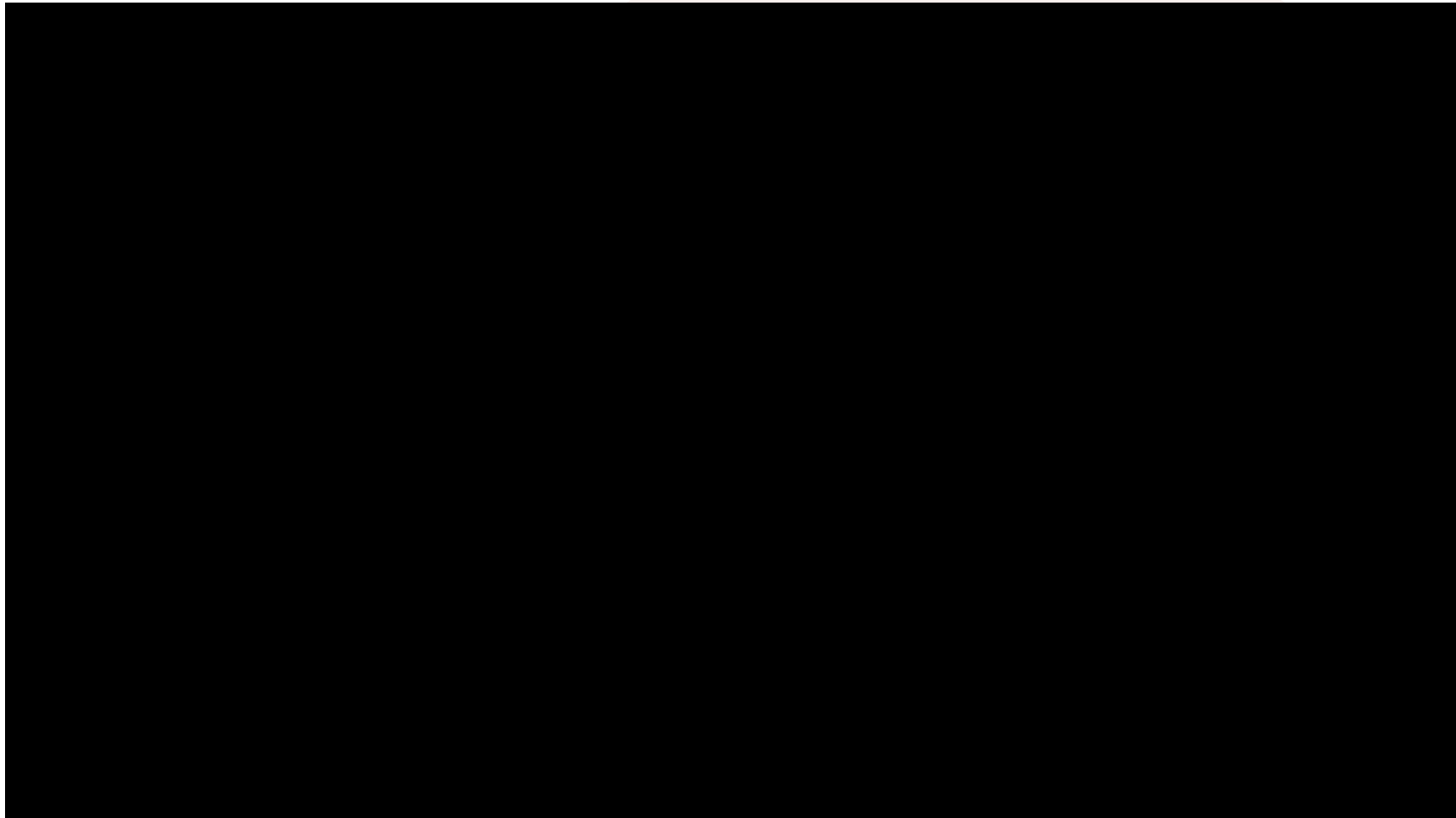
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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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## KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Video







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# **THE NEXT STEPS TO YOUR FIELD TRIP**

The next steps to the trip of a  
lifetime!



# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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## What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research?



"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 I TRAVEL?

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## What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research?



"Being at Nambiti really developed my knowledge of animal behaviours."



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



"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



# 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
- 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
- Tips

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



# THE NEXT STEPS

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## Project dates & key deadlines

### Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 | Arrive SA: 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Depart SA: 05<sup>th</sup> June 2026 | Arrive UK: 06<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Trip cost:

£2455.00\* Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

### Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by TBC
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by TBC
- 50% instalment payment of £1077.50 to be paid by 02/02/2026
- Balance payment of £1077.50 to be paid by 30/03/2026
- Payment plans available
- 11/05/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued



# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

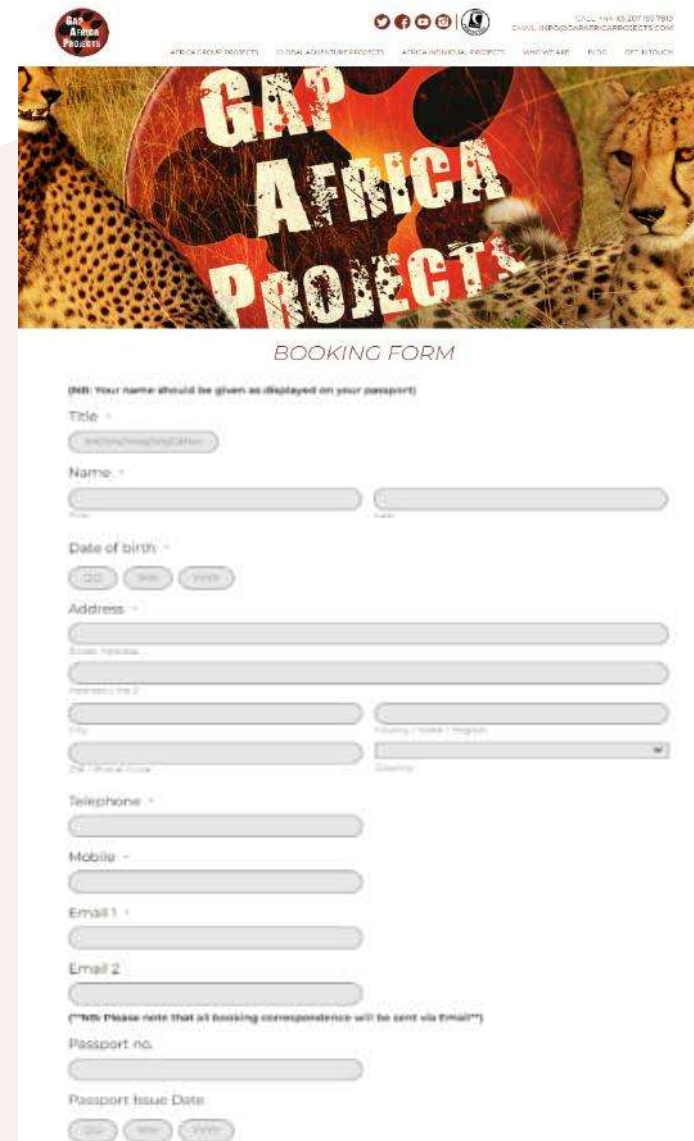
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## Booking Form

- Please submit by TBC
- 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



The screenshot shows the 'GAP Africa Projects' website header with a sunset background and a cheetah image. The main heading is 'BOOKING FORM'. Below it, a note states: '(NB) Your name should be given as displayed on your passport'. The form fields include: Title (dropdown), Name (first and last name), Date of birth (DD, MM, YYYY), Address (street, postal code, town, country), Telephone (home and mobile), Email (two addresses), Passport no., and Passport Issue Date. A note at the bottom states: '(NB) Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email\*\*'. The website footer includes contact information: 'GAP Africa Projects', 'AFRICA TOUR PROJECTS', 'GLOBAL ADVENTURE PROJECTS', 'AFRICA INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS', 'WHAT'S NEW', 'FAQ', 'CONTACT US', 'CALL: +44 (0)207 1937819', and 'EMAIL: INFO@GAPAFRICAPROJECTS.COM'.



# 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: 23-ACA-LAL-1212

Dear Chloe,

Thank you for agreeing to book with Gap Africa Projects as part of the Kambel Challenge 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 payment to now confirm your place on the trip. 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 am on hand as your personal travel advisor for the entirety of your placement.

Warm regards,  
The GAP Africa Team

**Passengers Travelling**  
Miss Chloe  
Placement(s)  
Zulu Land Conservation Research (06/03/23 – 18/03/23)

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

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

**Your Flight(s)**

Flight	Class	Time	From	To
05/03/2023	D	15:00	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)
06/03/2023	A	10:00	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
07/03/2023	D	18:20	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
08/03/2023	A	10:00 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
10/03/2023	D	18:15	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
11/03/2023	A	10:00 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
13/03/2023	D	18:15	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
14/03/2023	A	10:00	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)

**Your Booking**  
Travel Advice

**Names and spellings**  
It is essential that you check and confirm all names and spellings on your booking. If there is a mistake, this will impact on your passport and visa applications. Please ensure you check this carefully and if you have any queries, please contact us.

**Passport expiry date**  
Your passport must be valid for at least 10 days before the start of your trip and you must have at least 6 months validity remaining at the end of your trip. If you have a passport that is close to expiry, please contact us to discuss your options.

**Passport Copies**  
It is essential that you have a copy of your passport with you at all times. Please ensure you have a copy of your passport with you at all times. Please ensure you have a copy of your passport with you at all times.

**Travel Insurance**  
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**Invoice Details**

Invoice No.	Invoice Date	Invoice Amount	Due Date
23-ACA-LAL-1212	10/10/2022	£1,200.00	10/10/2022

**Passenger Details**

Passenger	First Name	Last Name	DOB	Gender	Passport No.	Passport Expiry	Flight Class	Flight Date	Flight Time	From	To	Amount
1	Chloe	Smith	15/03/2000	F	123456789	15/03/2025	D	05/03/2023	15:00	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)	£1,200.00

**Total Invoice Amount**  
£1,200.00

**Payment Details**

Payment Method	Amount	Due Date
Bank Transfer	£1,200.00	10/10/2022

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## Group Web Page

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## Booking Form

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

Title \*

Name \*

Date of birth \*

Address \*



## 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 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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