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KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project



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Wilberforce 6th Form College – Booking Reference 4749

Travel Dates:

17th March 2026 – 2nd April 2026

International Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
QR28	17/03/2026	Manchester (MAN)	14:05	Doha (DOH)	23:55
QR1363	18/03/2026	Doha (DOH)	01:10	Johannesburg (JNB)	08:40
TBC	18/03/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	TBC
TBC	02/04/2026	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	TBC	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC
QR1378	02/04/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:40	Doha (DOH)	06:00 + 1 Day
QR27	03/04/2026	Doha (DOH)	07:55	Manchester (MAN)	13:15

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece of checked baggage @ 23kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 8kgs

Project:

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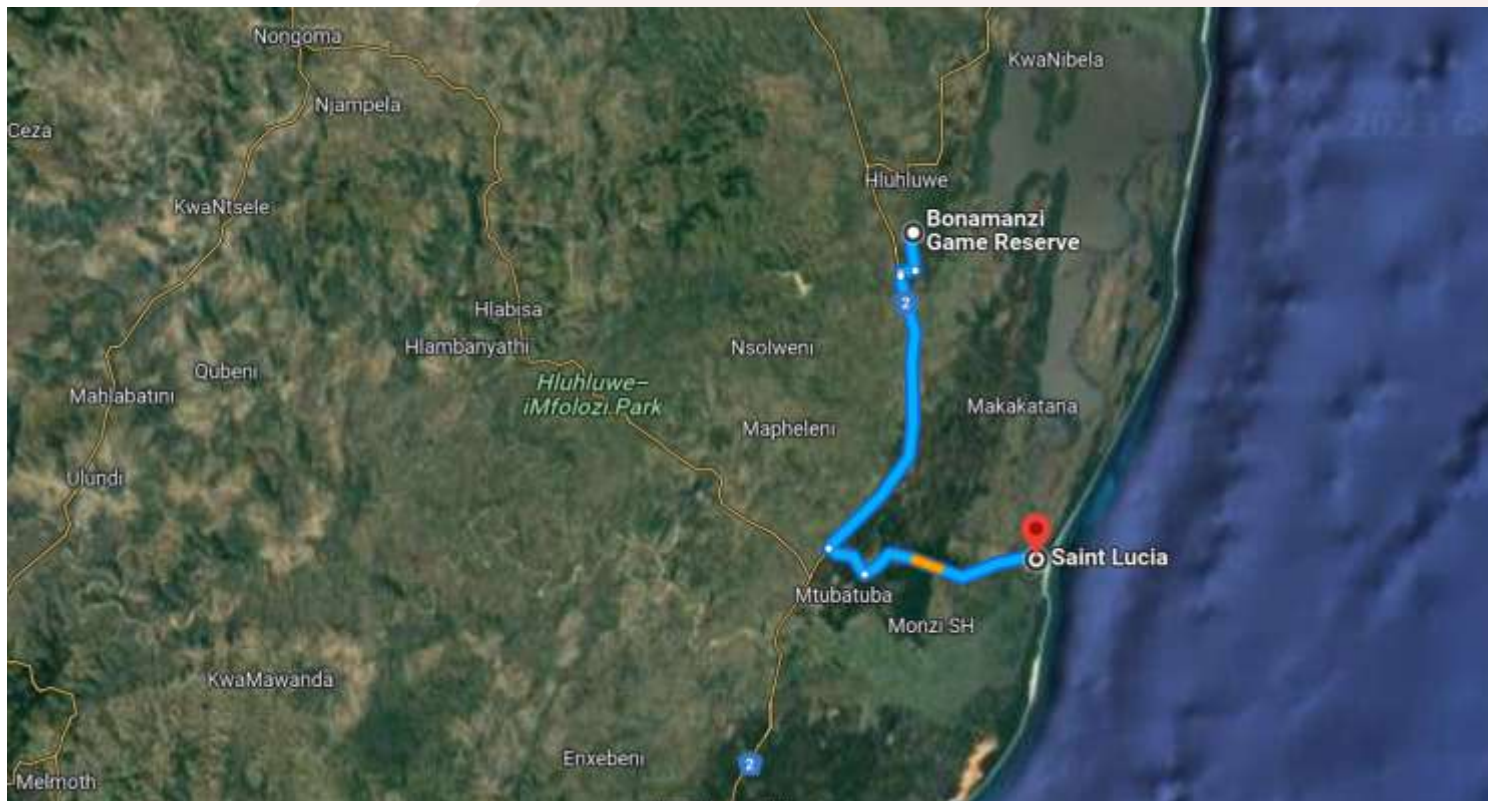
Overview and location
of the project

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Location

- Staying in two locations on the Northeastern Coast
- Bonamanzi Game Reserve and St Lucia



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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 main 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.

The second module of the project is located in St Lucia this is a small but quaint village that is becoming a top tourist destination, St Lucia is famous for its huge population of wild hippos.

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



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Bonamanzi (12 Nights)

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.



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St Lucia Wetlands (3 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.



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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 wear and relevant education about menstrual cycles



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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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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



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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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St Lucia Estuary is the largest estuarine system in southern Africa it is home to one of the largest free-roaming Hippo populations in South Africa, there are also around 1200 Nile Crocodiles in the area.

Estuary Hippo and Crocodile Tour

A boat tour of the estuary includes the opportunity to witness hippos, Nile crocodiles and many birds of prey. On the banks of the estuary, you can often see buffalo, zebra and antelope.



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Community Development Activities



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Example itinerary

Day 1: Travel from the UK to Doha.

Day 2: Onward international flight to Durban, transfer to Bonamanzi, orientation and dinner.

Day 3: Early morning game drive, after breakfast, depart for a creche refurbishment project for the day. After dinner a talk on Zulu Culture by Project Rhino.

Day 4: Community outreach with Project Rhino, then return to the creche to continue with the project. After lunch reserve management work at Bonamanzi.

Day 5: Early morning bush walk with track and signs, after breakfast head out to the creche refurbishment. After dinner a presentation by Move Africa

Day 6: 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 7: Anti-Poaching and K9 demonstration. Afternoon at leisure relaxing by the pool followed by a braai by the lake.

Day 8: Anti-poaching snare sweep and anti-poaching boat trip with safari drive.

Day 9: Work with Right to Sight Outreach in the community supporting Ugogos. After dinner night drive and animal tracking.

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

Day 11: Early morning safari drive to Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park – the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. Afternoon at leisure relaxing by the pool.

Day 12: Spend the morning undertaking reserve management work at Bonamanzi before an afternoon bush walk.

Day 13: Spend the day at a Community School Eco-Club Project followed by an afternoon to relax and pack.

Day 14: Transfer to St Lucia (45min), with a tour of the craft markets and town in the afternoon, followed by a Hippo and Crocodile estuary sunset boat tour

Day 15: After breakfast spend the day at a local orphanage.

Day 16: Explore the local natural health clinic with a talk and tour of the facility, the afternoon is time to relax at the beach.

Day 17: Depart St Lucia to Durban for your flight to Johannesburg and your onward return flight to Doha and then Manchester.

Day 18: Arrive back in the UK For your transfer back to college.

It's important to remember that wildlife does not work to an agenda, therefore activities may change at short notice!



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Life in Africa

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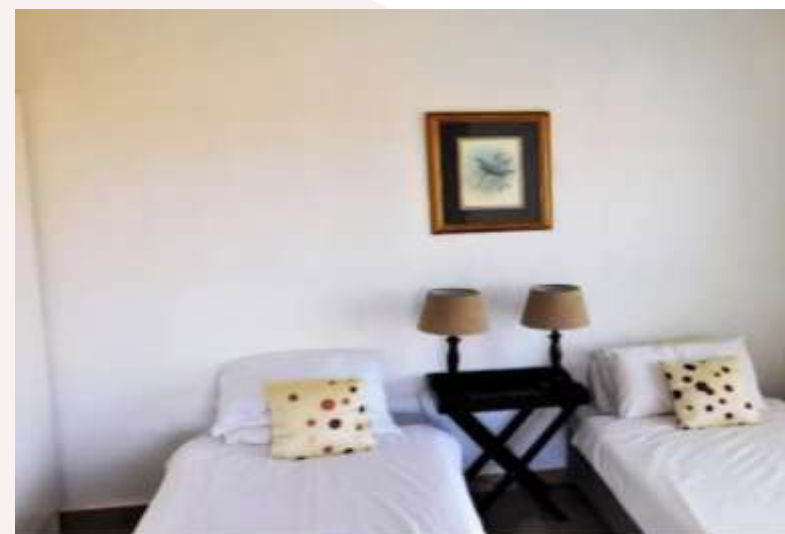
Bundu Camp, Bonamanzi

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

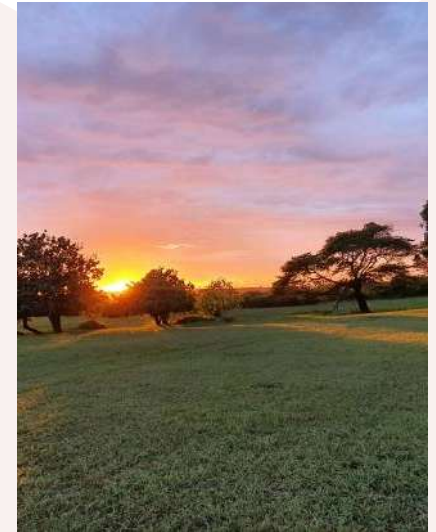
The camp faces East, with a view over False Bay and the iSimangaliso Wetlands.



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Bundu Camp, Bonamanzi



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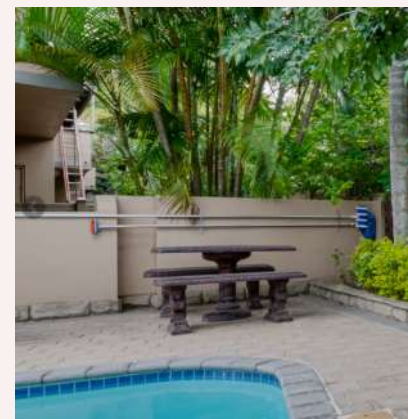
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St Lucia

You will be accommodated in twin rooms with ensuite facilities at St Lucia.

Three meals per day will be provided at the accommodation. Please remember to advise us of any dietary requirements so we can ensure you are adequately catered for.

There are no facilities for washing clothes at the accommodation but there are launderettes nearby which are not expensive



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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 unless specified
- 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

*Provided by the college – please confirm with your college the details of the insurance provided.

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 (especially during summer months)
- 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)
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear
- Swimming Towel
- Swimwear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Sandals/comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Toiletries
- Tick/insect repellent
- Personal medical items and First Aid Kit
- Water bottle

Other useful items:

- Camera
- Power Bank
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen
- Binoculars

* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones. **No** skimpy/revealing or brightly-coloured clothing.



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