



# HULL COLLEGE PROJECT INFORMATION PACK



## Waterberg Construction and Conservation Project

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# TRIP OVERVIEW

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## Hull College – Booking Reference 4755

### Trip Dates:

14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

### Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
QR28	14/03/2026	Manchester (MAN)	14:05	Doha (DOH)	23:55
QR1363	15/03/2026	Doha (DOH)	02:25	Johannesburg (JNB)	09:45
QR1378	30/03/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:40	Doha (DOH)	06:00 + 1 Day
QR27	33/03/2026	Doha (DOH)	07:55	Manchester (MAN)	13:15

\*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

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

### Project:

Waterberg Construction and Conservation Project





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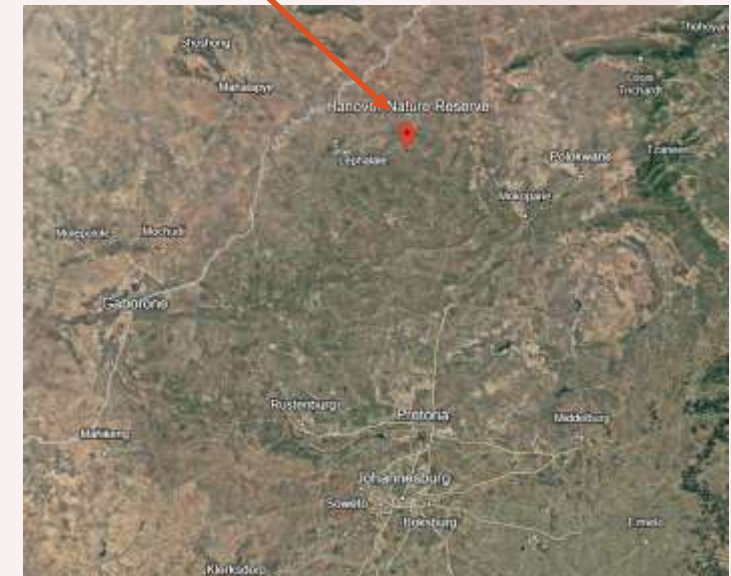
# PROJECT LOCATION

The Waterberg  
overview



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The Waterberg region is famed for its mountainous terrain that is dissected by deep valleys and kloofs while flat plateaus characterise most hilltops.





# ABOUT THE WATERBERG

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## Hanover & SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

### A Hub for Conservation, and Education

Nestled in the heart of the Waterberg region, the Waterberg construction and conservation project is a pioneering initiative dedicated to preserving South Africa's rich biodiversity while fostering conservation research and community engagement. Covering over 2,000 acres of pristine wilderness, this collaborative project works in unison with the neighboring SwebeSwebe Wildlife Reserve. Together, these areas form a unified conservation space of 15,000 acres, removing barriers to wildlife movement and creating an uninterrupted haven for flora and fauna.

Our mission extends beyond preservation. We believe in taking direct action to safeguard natural ecosystems, which is why we've invested in integrating cutting-edge conservation technologies, enhancing infrastructure, and building strong partnerships with local and international stakeholders. The reserve is a hub for international academic research and student engagement, offering participants the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to conservation while gaining hands-on experience in a diverse ecological setting.





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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work  
in more detail





# YOUR PROJECT

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## Project Overview – SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

The Waterberg construction and conservation project serves as a living laboratory for conservation research, offering students a chance to work alongside experts in the field.

Participants will play an active role in a variety of immersive construction (build, repairs and maintenance) and conservation activities. Each project offers a unique opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the reserve's ecological goals while developing valuable skills in construction and conservation management.

Beyond conservation, the programme fosters community empowerment and sustainable practices, inspiring future generations to protect this remarkable landscape while equipping participants with valuable skills for careers in construction and conservation.



# YOUR PROJECT

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## Your Programme – SwebeSwebe

Students will be taught and work alongside the reserve staff and field guides. The following examples depict the day-to-day activities that may be undertaken as part of the construction and conservation project.

- Repairs at overnight huts, Hanover House and the lookout tower
- Building a new outdoor toilet block
- Fence maintenance and road repairs
- New borehole and borehole maintenance
- Converting bow hunting hides into bird and vulture hides
- Game Drive and Bush walks
- Anti-poaching talks and fence walk
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Vegetation Management
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness





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## Reserve Management – SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

### Objective:

To develop essential skills for reserve management, focusing on infrastructure maintenance and sustainable building practices.

### Activity Descriptions:

#### 1. Construction and Conversion:

- Assist in the construction and maintenance of a new toilet block within the reserve.
- Use local tools to convert bow hunting hides into bird hides.

#### 2. Repairs and Maintenance:

- Complete repairs to the 100 year old Hanover House.
- Repair and maintain the overnight huts and lookout tower.



## Reserve Management – SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

### 3. Water System Maintenance:

- Inspect and repair water systems, ensuring a reliable supply for wildlife and reserve operations.
- Create a new borehole and undertake borehole maintenance .
- Develop strategies to reduce water waste and optimise usage.

### 4. Brick making:

- Develop knowledge and learn techniques for brick making.
- Application of knowledge for brick making to use for building repairs and maintenance on the reserve.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Acquire practical skills and new techniques in infrastructure and resource management.
- Learn sustainable construction practices and their benefits to a reserve.





## Eco System: Practical Management – SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

### Objective:

To develop essential skills for reserve management, focusing on infrastructure maintenance and sustainable living practices.

### Activity Descriptions:

#### 1. Road Building:

- Construct and maintain roads to improve accessibility within the reserve.
- Use environmentally friendly materials and methods to minimize habitat disruption.

#### 2. Repairs and Maintenance:

- Repair and maintain the reserve fences to ensure effective wildlife management.
- Identify and address and local repairs that would assist in the practical management of the reserve.



## Eco System: Practical Management – SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

### 3. Bird and Vulture hide:

- Use local tools to convert bow hunting hides into bird hides.
- Assist in the completion of the vulture hide.

### 4. Gardening (Vegetable Garden and Orchard):

- Construct raised beds and drainage channels to support sustainable food production.
- Assist in the maintenance of the vegetable gardens and orchards, using tools to assist in pruning and weeding.

### Learning Outcomes:

- Acquire practical skills in infrastructure and resource management.
- Learn sustainable agricultural practices and their ecological benefits.
- Contribute to maintaining essential reserve operations.





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## Conservation Research

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.

- Game Drives
- Bush Walks
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Vegetation Management
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness



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## Other Possible Activities: Non-Research

Beyond research, students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in unique and enriching experiences :

### San Rock Art Talk and Trail:

Learn about the fascinating history and cultural significance of ancient San rock art, followed by a guided trail to a rock painting site for an up-close exploration.

### Stargazing:

Experience the breathtaking clarity of the southern hemisphere's night sky, free from light pollution, and discover the stories and science behind its constellations.

### Fresh Water Swimming:

Enjoy the serenity of our 20 km stretch of pristine riverine habitat, with scenic swimming spots perfect for relaxation and connection with nature.

### Potjie Cooking Competition:

Embrace South African tradition with a lively potjie (cast-iron pot stew) cooking competition. Students will team up to prepare their own creations over open fires.







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# ACCOMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush





# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Hanover Nature Reserve Accommodation

Students and academic groups will be accommodated at our purpose-built camp on Hanover Nature Reserve, designed to provide comfort and foster community living. The camp features shared twin and triple rooms with communal ablution facilities. At the heart of the camp is a spacious communal area, equipped with a shared kitchen and dining space, which also serves as a hub for relaxation, lectures, and group activities.

For evening gatherings, there's a cozy firepit/boma area where students can unwind and cook meals over the fire under the stars. On weekends, groups are welcome to enjoy the main farmhouse and pool area for some well-deserved relaxation. Ingredients for meals are provided, and students cook together, creating a vibrant and social camp atmosphere.





# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Meals

All meals are provided in the communal dining room, there is an outside area for dining as well.

Three meals are provided daily on a self cook basis, prepared communally by the group. Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy.

Meals will either be served at the facility or in the field 'picnic' style, this depends on activities either planned or unscheduled.

The research team often work 6 days a week so time off is often limited to Sundays only.

Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.





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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
- 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

\* 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
- Construction shoes/boots to work in every day
- Hiking Boots/comfortable walking shoes
- Rain jacket (especially during summer months)
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Buff/neck warmer useful all year round
- Windbreaker - (it can get very cold on an open vehicle - even on a summer evening)
- Daypack rucksack
- Walking socks
- Hat for sun protection / Warm hat (winter only)
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Work gloves
- Changes of casual clothes for evenings
- Underwear
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Toiletries
- Tick / insect repellent
- Personal medical items & First Aid Kit
- Binoculars
- Torch/headlamp
- Water bottle

### Other useful items:

- Camera
- Power Bank
- Cards/Music
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook and pen
- Mosquito net in summer





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