

# BATH COLLEGE PROJECT PRESENTATION



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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





#### **Your Conservation Field Trip Explained**

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live in a research camp on a wild African game reserve
- 12 night programme specifically tailored for VN students
- Two project locations
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
  - Pioneering Conservation Research
  - Conservation Activities
  - Veterinary interventions and activities
- Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

#### Your two project locations

Your trip is split between two locations, in two neighbouring provinces of South Africa. You will first observe a focused wildlife veterinary practice on a reserve in the Waterberg (Entabeni Safari Conservancy) before travelling to Gauteng to attend: some guest lectures, a tour of Johannesburg Wildlife Vet - the only small animal practice in the country that only works on wildlife, assist with some shelter and community cases and a K9 conservation unit. Project locations and duration are as follows:

#### **Itinerary**

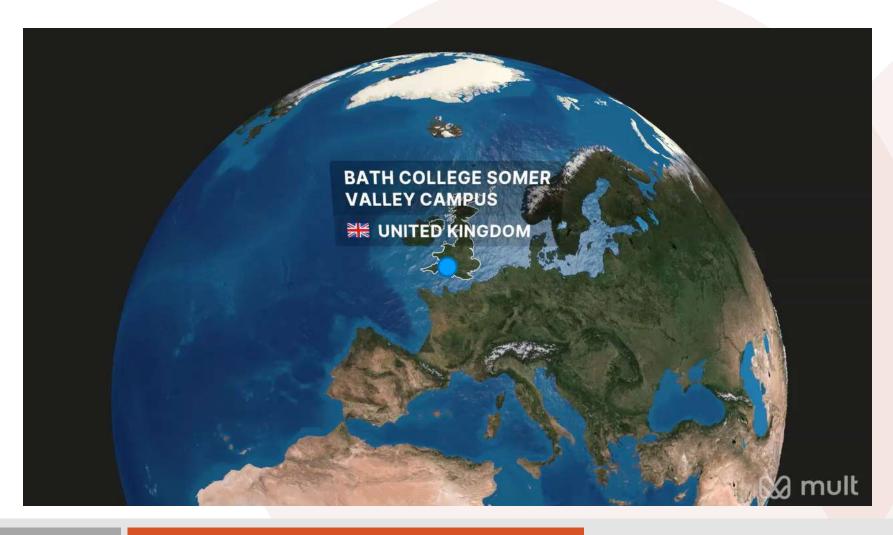
#### 8 Nights

Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Waterberg – Limpopo Province

#### 4 Nights

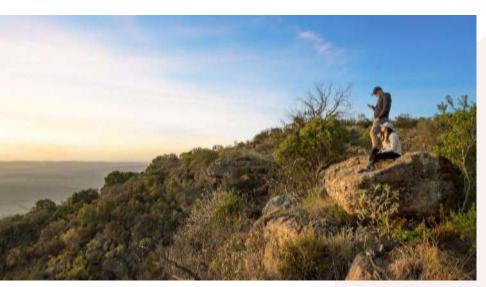
Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng Province

#### **Entabeni Safari Conservancy - Location**

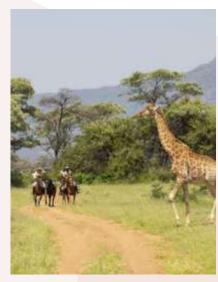




#### Known for its dramatic landscape

















#### Home to the BIG 5













#### Home to over 60 Species of Mammal















#### Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species















#### 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

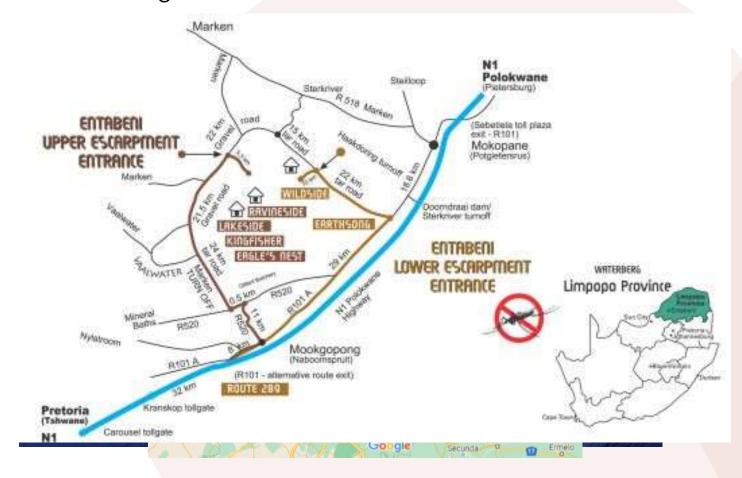






#### **Entabeni Safari Conservancy - Location**

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free Waterberg Plateau



### **ABOUT ENTABENI**

#### **Entabeni Safari Conservancy**

- 22 000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere (662 059 ha)
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
  - Wildlife Vets
  - Conservation Researchers
  - Ecologists
  - Anti Poaching Unit
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Student Camp Accommodation



#### **Entabeni Safari Conservancy (8 Nights)**

- Introduction to Entabeni Safari Conservancy and Research Projects
- Rhino orphanage assist with orphaned rhino calves
- Time spent with the research team conducting conservation activities
- Wildlife Veterinary work and intervention (Dr Pierre Bester)
- Build up to possible intervention and planning
- Lectures

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











#### Dr Pierre Bester - Wildlife Veterinarian - Rhino Expert

He has a mixed animal practice (small and large domestic as well as wild) where the scope of his work includes the immobilisation, treatment, and translocation of African wildlife; specialising in rhino.

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













#### Learning about a Veterinarians role in the field















#### **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.













#### The Rhino Orphanage

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

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













#### **Introduction to Pharmacology**

















#### Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators















#### Research - Elephant Monitoring & Fertility Study













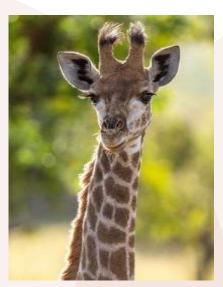




#### **Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health**

















#### Camera Trap – Research and Study

















#### **Anti-Poaching Unit**

















#### **Night Game Drives**













#### Rhino – Fitting of Prosthetics















#### **Rhino - Sinus Infection**















#### Lion immobilisation & collaring/removal















#### Cheetah Relocation – Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)















#### Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog - Talks

















#### Community – GAP Donation Bags



















#### Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng (4 Nights)

- Introduction to Wildlife Veterinary work in the Context of African Wildlife (Dr Zoe Glyphis Local Wildlife Vet)
- Visit to Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary hospital.
- Assist with some animal shelter and community cases
- Assist with a K9 conservation unit.

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#### 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 is helping and assisting several NGO groups and organizations with their efforts to increase predator ranges and to establish safe and genetically viable populations in new conservation areas.













#### **Practical Sessions**

- Dart shooting practice
- The kit and clinic of a mobile wildlife vet
- Q & A













#### **Possible Lectures & Debate**

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







## Kyalami – Johannesburg Wildlife Vet

Johannesburg Wildlife Vet is a registered wildlife veterinary hospital and a rehabilitation centre that rescues, rehabilitates and releases indigenous wildlife in South Africa.

Specialising in treating sick, injured and orphaned animals, this non-profit company provides expert care while promoting conservation through education and research.

Johannesburg Wildlife Vet exclusively treats, rehabilitates, releases and protects small to medium indigenous wildlife, free of charge. The species treated range from the most common to the highly endangered and include all mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and even arachnids.

It is lead by Dr Karin Lourens who has been a practicing veterinarian for 22 years with a specific interest in wildlife veterinary medicine and wildlife rehabilitation of South African species.

Watch this NETFLIX documentary, about a baby pangolin embarking on a journey back to the wild, featuring Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary Hospital.











### **Kyalami - Society for Animals in Distress**

Vet care is provided by Vets, Vet Nurses, Animal Health Technicians and Animal Welfare Assistants.

The organisation's focus is to provide access to veterinary care for all, to serve vulnerable communities and animal care organisations.

Students will assist professional Masterton method practitioner and veterinarians at the rescue centre with horses, dogs, cats and other small animals.

The animals have been rescued from impoverished circumstances and are rehabilitated to be rehomed.













## Kyalami -Pit-Track K9 antipoaching unit

Pit-Track is a registered NPC Non-Profit Company specialising in K9 Conservation and Anti-Poaching, made up of highly skilled, and dedicated operators,, who have devoted their lives to the protection of wildlife.

Pit-Track has operated extensively on anti-poaching operations and has continued to remain in the field on the frontline of the war against poaching.

Students will meet the K9 antipoaching team. A talk about the poaching crisis will be delivered as well as a K9 demo. Students then have the opportunity to assist these working dogs with any physio needs.











## Activities/Excursions (own cost and optional)

There will be free time/days off, where you'll be able to do some additional activities at your own cost. These are optional.

All activities are booked and paid for (cash or, sometimes, card) at the project.

More information will be given closer to the time. N.B Your travel insurance must cover you for any additional activites you choose to do.

Any activities booked and paid for locally are not covered under GAPAfrica Project's personal liability insurance.















#### **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.













## Gauteng – Fair Glen Guest House

You will be staying in twin bedded accommodation with ensuite facilities.

There is a swimming pool and outdoor seating area and the guest house has WiFi.

The guest house offers comfortable areas to relax and unwind and is based in an equestrian-themed suburb.

Ideally situated for the visits to the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet Practice and Animals in Distress.







#### Meals

All meals will be provided at Fair Glen Guest House. A packed lunch will be provided if the group are not returning to the accommodation at lunch time.

At Entabeni all meals are included. The students 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.







# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



#### **Life on Reserve**





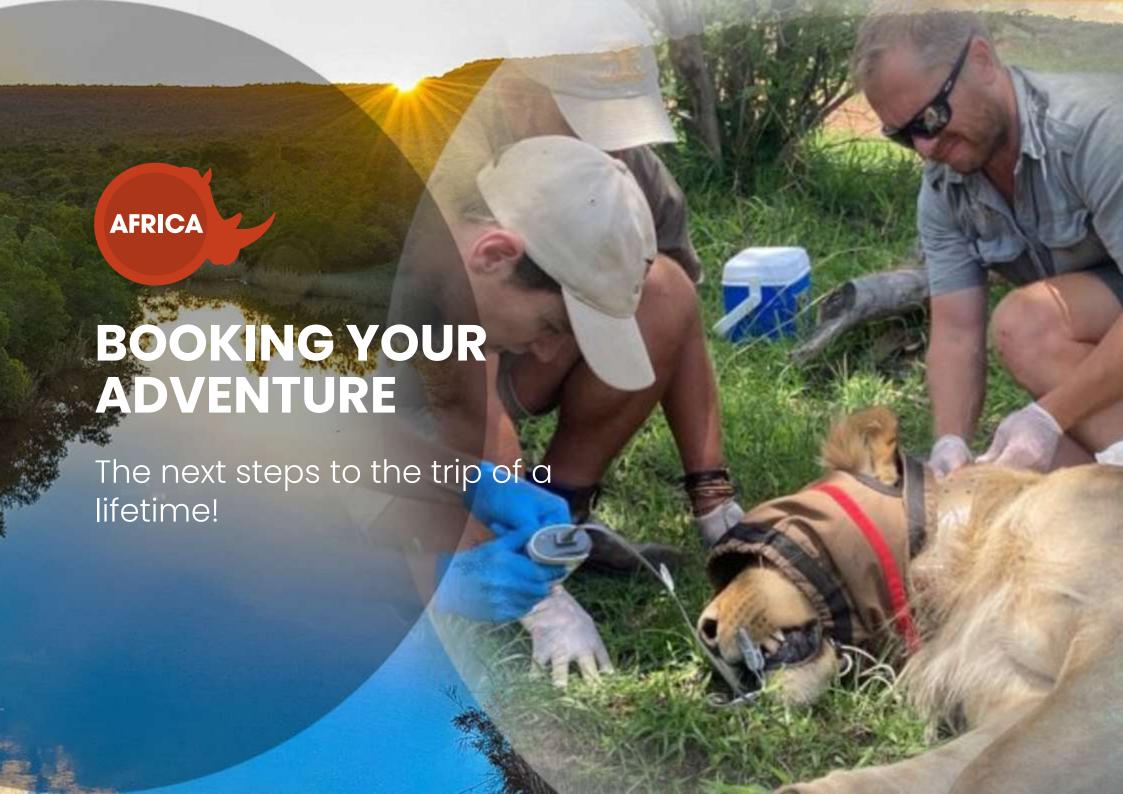








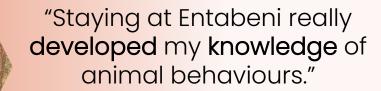




# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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

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> "Assisting in the field was a phenomenal experience."

> > "I have returned home feeling more confident about my practical skills, it was brilliant."

> > > 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

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

#### 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 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



#### **Confirmed travel dates:**

Depart UK: 5th July 2026 | Arrive SA: 6th July 2026

Depart SA: 18th July 2026 | Arrive UK: 19th July 2026

#### Trip cost:

£2795.00\* Based on a group of 9 (confirmed once flights have been held)

## **Key deadlines are:**

- Return online booking form by 17/01/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 18/02/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1247.50 to be paid by 16/03/2026
- Balance payment of £1247.50 to be paid by 11/05/2026
- 22/06/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

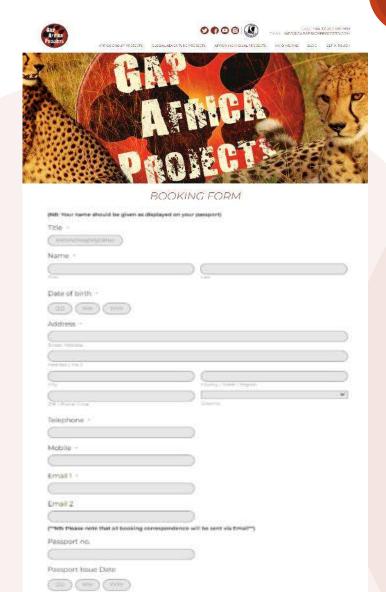


## **Booking Form**

- Please submit by 17/01/2025
- 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





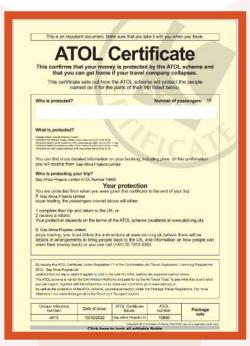
#### **Confirmation Documents**

Confirmation documents will be issued and sent directly to you via email.

Please communicate with us with any questions relating to the field trip.







## **Group Web Page**

https://gapafricaprojects.com/ 25-4678-bna-esc-bath-college/



## **Booking Form**

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## BOOKING FORM You have the option to pay your initial deposit with the submission of your booking If you'd like to contact us to ask any initial questions or find out more about what project you'd like to go on and whon, you can get also get in touch using our short. anguiry form, or by calling +44 (0) 207 793 7819. Date of birth " **(2) (2) (3)**

## 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 may 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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