



# Riseholme College Project Presentation



## Waterberg Equine and Wildlife Project

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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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# EQUINE PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location  
of the project



# ABOUT WATERBERG HORSE TRAILS



## Your Equine Project Explained

- A unique equine and wildlife project based in South Africa
- Live and work on a Game Reserve that specialises in Horseback safaris
- Tailor-made projects to suit your needs and interests
- Project activities include
  - Equine Welfare
  - Equine Management
  - Conservation activities
  - Community Development
- Dedicated horses, staff, and vehicles
- 10-day all-inclusive experience
- The most incredible mix of equine and wildlife experience you will ever have

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## Waterberg Equine Project

Our team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg Equine 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 10- day project staying at amazing Waterberg Cottages

A full day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the day's task and research goals.



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## Your Project Location







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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our Equine and Wildlife work in  
more detail



# ABOUT WATERBERG HORSE TRAILS

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## Waterberg Horse Trail – History, Horses and Wildlife

Waterberg Cottages is just 3 hours from Johannesburg, set on a 6000-acre game reserve, with the opportunity to ride amongst large herds of game including giraffe, zebra and wildebeest





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## Horse activities

- Outrides (game monitoring on horseback)
- Herding (bringing horses in and moving camps)
- Basic farriery and trimming of hooves
- Lunging
- Horse desensitising
- Poisonous plant removal
- Collecting wire and dangerous objects in bush
- Filling dangerous holes
- Lecture from an Equine Vet Nurse
- Grooming
- Feeding
- Basic veterinary care:
  - wound treatments
  - preventative treatments
  - injections
  - deworming
  - weekly tick spraying of horses



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## Outrides (game monitoring on horseback)



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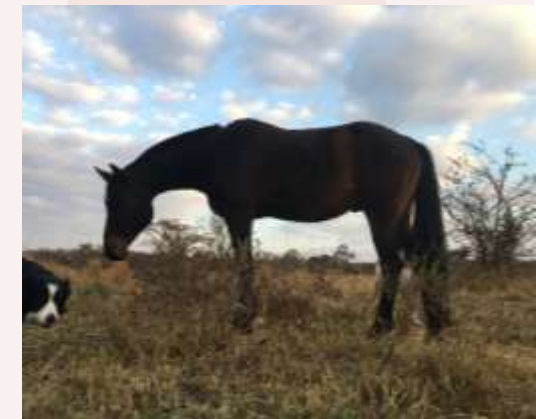
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## Outrides – Game Counts



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## Waterberg Equine and Wildlife





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## Bush Clearing, Natural Horsemanship



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## Community Development



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## Wildlife Conservation Activities

- Interpretive bush walks and tracking
- Game (wildlife) drives
- Full Day Big 5 Game Drive
- Aardvark Safari
- Telemetry Skills
- Bush Walks
- Spoor and Dung Tracking

## Other Activities

- Astronomy show
- Evening Sundowners





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## Wildlife Conservation Activities



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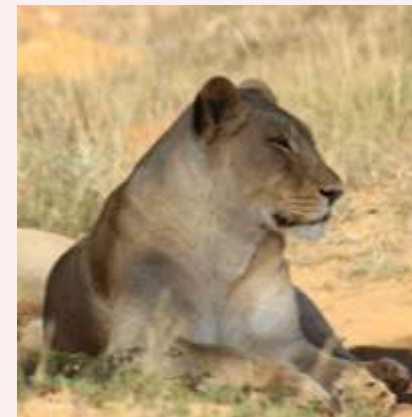
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## Big Five Game Reserve



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## Sample Itinerary

- Day 1: Upon arrival in Johannesburg, you will be met by a road transfer company that will take you to your destination in the bush. Once you arrive, you'll have time to check into your cottage and unpack. Afterwards, you'll enjoy an introductory lunch where you will meet your guides and hosts, followed by an orientation of the cottages and horses. In the evening, you can relax with sundowners under a large fig tree before enjoying a catered Braai dinner at the cottages.
- Day 2: In the morning, the group will split into two. One group will take a rural village tour to Boschdraai, a village on the property, where they will have the opportunity to visit modest homes, meet local people, and see animals and donkeys. The second group will take a guided walk through the bush, learning to track animals through spoor and dung. After lunch, the groups will switch activities in the afternoon, with one group going on a game drive and the other group taking their first horse safari. In the evening, everyone will gather for a memorable astronomy show with Dr. Phil Calcott, where you'll gaze at the stars while relaxing in the bush with blankets, pillows, and hot water bottles.
- Day 3: The morning will again see the group divided into two. One group will go on a guided bush walk, while the other will take the rural village tour to Boschdraai. In the afternoon, the groups will switch again, with one group enjoying another horse safari and the other heading out for a game drive. The day will end with sundowners at the Bush Deck, followed by a catered dinner.
- Day 4: On this day, one group will engage in community work, either helping to paint the community center or building kennels for the local animal shelter, while the other group will go on a longer horse safari to search for larger herds of game. After a picnic lunch in the gardens, all students will participate in bush clearing, where they will remove any wire or dangerous objects from the bush. In the evening, a catered dinner will be served.
- Day 5: You will begin the day with a packed breakfast before heading out for a full-day excursion to Entabeni Game Reserve, where you'll go on a series of Big 5 game drives. A packed lunch will be provided by the pool, and the day will conclude with a catered dinner back at the cottages.

## Sample Itinerary

- Day 6: The morning will start with herding, feeding, and tacking up the horses. Afterward, the group will split again, with one group going on a longer horse safari while the other participates in community work. In the afternoon, everyone will meet for donkey welfare work in the town of Vaalwater, where they will assess the condition of donkeys, treat wounds, and fit new harnesses and bridles. The day will finish with dinner at a restaurant in Vaalwater.
- Day 7: On Sunday, you will begin by herding and manually dipping horses to prevent ticks. Later, Vet Nurse Kirsty will give a lecture covering equine diseases in South Africa, tick prevention and treatment, and basic horse first aid. After lunch, the group will split again, with some continuing community work and others doing bush clearing. The day will conclude with a catered Braai dinner.
- Day 8: This will be your day off, with options such as the Lekhalo zipline, massages, an extra horse safari, relaxing by the pool, or a tour of Leorna. A catered lunch and dinner will be provided.
- Day 9: In the morning, one group will engage in bush clearing work, while the other goes on a third horse safari. After lunch at the Bush Deck, all students will participate in an Aardvark safari. This will begin with a presentation on Aardvarks, followed by a game drive to track and observe these unique animals.
- Day 10: The morning will begin with a walking trail through the bush, followed by a hands-on session learning basic farriery, including trimming horse hooves. In the afternoon, the group will split, with one group taking a final horse safari and the other continuing community work. The evening will feature sundowners at the pool and a catered dinner.
- Day 11: On your final day, your transfer will take you to Horizon Horseback, where you will see a large herd of over 110 horses and watch a demonstration based on Monty Roberts' horse training methods. On the way back, you'll visit Prime Crew Animal Shelter to deliver the dog kennels you helped build. Afterward, you will be taken to OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg for your evening flight home.



The background image is a composite of three distinct African savanna scenes. On the left, a body of water reflects the surrounding trees and sky. In the center, a tall giraffe stands in a grassy field with other trees in the background. On the right, another giraffe is visible further away. In the foreground, the heads and backs of two donkeys are visible, one on the left and one on the right, suggesting a safari or travel context.

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# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Accommodation

The group will be accommodated in the beautiful historic thatch cottages surrounded by gardens, horses, animals and views of the bushveld.

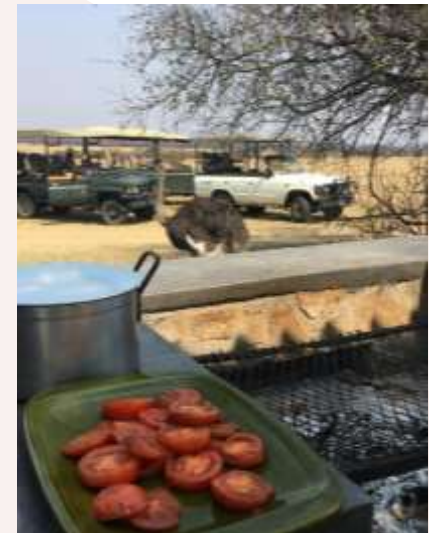




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## Food and Meals



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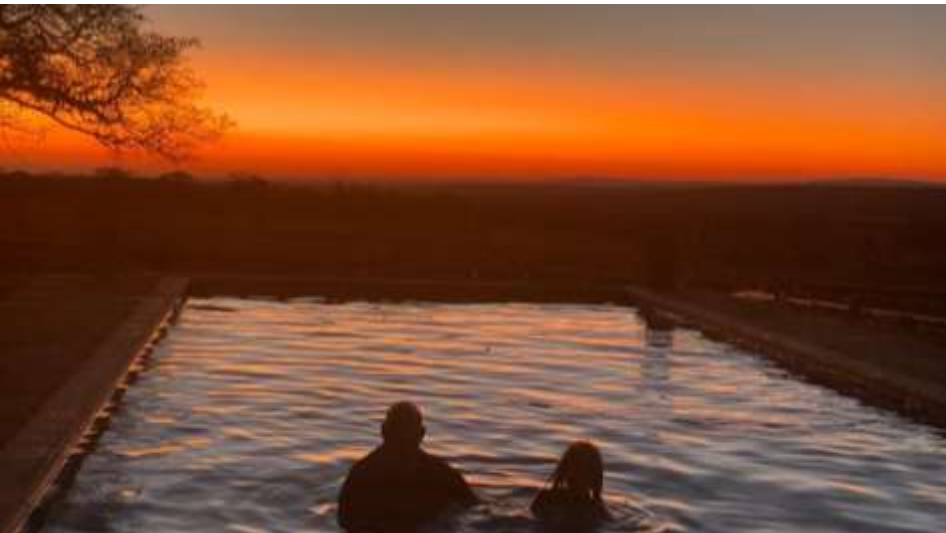
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## Life on the farm



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## Life on the farm



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# WATERBERG EQUINE & WILDLIFE

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## Photo gallery



# WHY SHOULD YOU TRAVEL?

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## Quotes from this students

- “We were busy with the most amazing activities, whilst being looked after exceptionally well and having the most amazing time.”
- “Everyone was so happy and relaxed all the time, helped even more by the stunning scenery!”
- “While being over there I noticed how little we all used social media. On the nights we would sit in groups by the fire. Me and my friends would sit by the fire near the kitchen area for hours with hot chocolate just talking and having fun without any phone. It was refreshing”
- ‘ Everything! Best trip I’ve ever been on the staff were welcoming and so kind and really made us feel like home. “
- “All the different activities we did like game drives riding and community work was so amazing and the activities we did outside of the cottage were so fun and the staff there were just as amazing. “





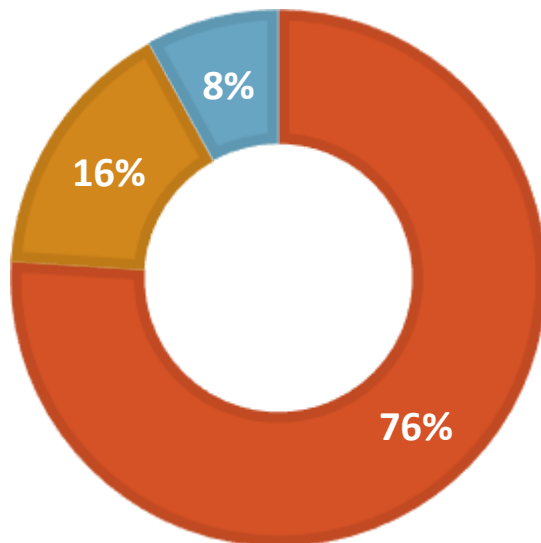
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## Personal Development

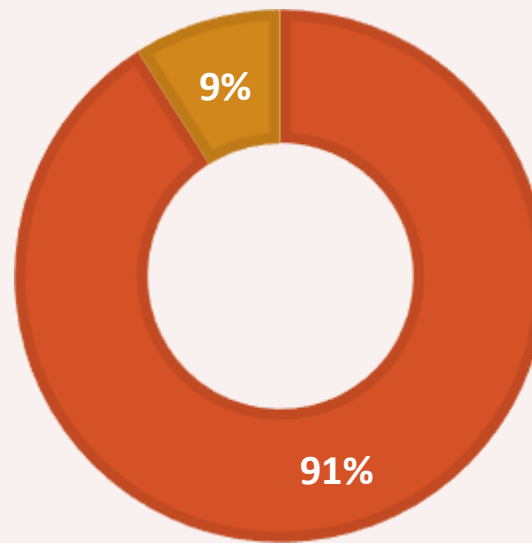
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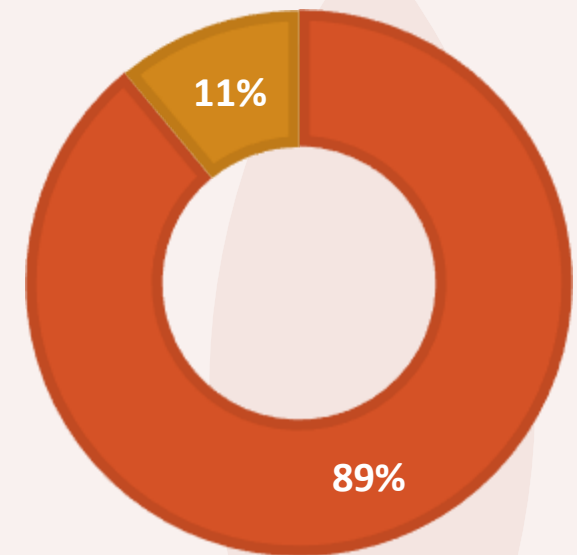
### CONFIDENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No



### RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT

■ Yes ■ No



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





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# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a  
lifetime!



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## Proposed dates and key deadlines

### 2026 Proposed trip dates are:

**Depart UK: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 | Arrive SA: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**Depart SA: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 | Arrive UK: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

### Trip cost:

**£3095.00** est. (to be confirmed once flights are arranged)

### Key deadlines are:

- Return of booking form 30/05/2025
- Deposit of £300 to then be paid 20/06/2025
- Instalment payment of 50% due 16 weeks before departure – 09/02/2026
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure – 06/04/2026
- Payment schedule available to help manage finances
- E tickets will be issued 2 weeks prior to departure and emailed to students



# WHAT'S INCLUDED



## What is included?

- Flights
- Transfer to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24 hour 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
- Riding hat, boots, gloves, body protector. See kit list (as required by your college)

\* We recommend you take out insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed



# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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## Booking Form

- Please submit by 30/05/2025
- 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



The screenshot shows the 'GAP Africa Projects' website header with a cheetah and a red circular logo. Below the header is a 'BOOKING FORM' section. The form includes fields for Title, Name (First and Last), Date of birth (DD, MM, YYYY), Address (Address Line 1, Address Line 2, City, Country, Postcode), Telephone, Mobile, Email 1, Email 2, Passport no., and Passport issue Date (DD, MM, YYYY). A note at the bottom states: '(\*NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email\*)'.

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

(Tel: 020 3283 1818)  
 No. 16A, OCHILY RD

Dear Chloé,

Thank you for choosing to visit with us. We are pleased to be part of the fantastic holidaymakers' lives (and destinations) around the world. Please allow this time to take a moment to introduce ourselves and share what we do best at.

We have selected your Special payment plan for this apartment as it was confirmed to you by the estate Agent, and they advised that you plan to travel on credit.

Please remember that you can cancel this to change anything on the trip until you are well into your holiday and your departure and return flights are confirmed (usually only 30 days before departure for your convenience).

Best regards,  
 The DAP Africa Team

## Passengers Travelling

(Miss Chloé)

Payment[s]

Safe Land Compensation Research (SLUR/2/21 - SLUR/2/22)

## Inclusions

Flight, Shared airport transfers and from airport, accommodation for 4 adults, breakfast and all airport services

## Exclusions

Insurance, and additional on-arrival hire will be included for part of this cost.

## Your Flight(s)

**INCLUSIVE:**  
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11 - 13:00 Monmouth (5496)  
 01 - 18:00 London-Heathrow (2,495)

**INCLUSIVE:**  
 SLUR/22

12 - 18:00 London-Heathrow (4,495)  
 02 - 18:00/21 + 0.00 Paris/Montpellier (2,495)

**INCLUSIVE:**  
 SLUR/23

13 - 20:15 Paris/Montpellier (2,495)  
 03 - 18:00/21 + 0.00 London-Heathrow (2,495)

**INCLUSIVE:**  
 SLUR/22/23

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## Your Booking

### Travel Advice

#### Names and spellings

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#### Travel Insurance

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## Group Web Page and Booking Form

Booking Form



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Webpage



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## Suggested Kit List

- Short and long sleeve T-shirts \*
- Long work trousers and shorts \*  
(Or work trousers with zip-off longs)
- Hiking Boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Rain jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Riding hat
- Jodhpurs
- Riding boots
- Gloves
- Daypack rucksack
- Socks
- Hat for sun protection (all year round)
- Gloves for warmth (winter only)
- Water bottle (filtered rainwater provided)

\* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones for working in the bush. No skimpy or bright-colored clothing to be worn

- 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
- Sunscreen and sunglasses

### Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Good torch
- Camera
- Spare batteries
- Cards/music
- Mammal/bird book
- Notebook/diary and pen





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