

SCOTLAND'S RURAL COLLEGE PROJECT INFORMATION PACK



AFRICA



Scotland's Rural College – Booking Reference 4767

Travel Dates:

20th July 2026 - 5th August 2026

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
TBC	20/07/2026	Edinburgh (EDI)	TBC	Dubai (DXB)	TBC + 1 Day
TBC	21/07/2026	Dubai (DXB)	TBC	Durban (DUR)	TBC
TBC	05/08/2026	Durban (DUR)	TBC	Dubai (DXB)	TBC
TBC	05/08/2026	Dubai (DXB)	TBC	Edinburgh (EDI)	TBC + 1 Day

^{*}Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – TBC

Project:

KwaZulu Wildlife & Community Project – Bonamanzi and St Lucia

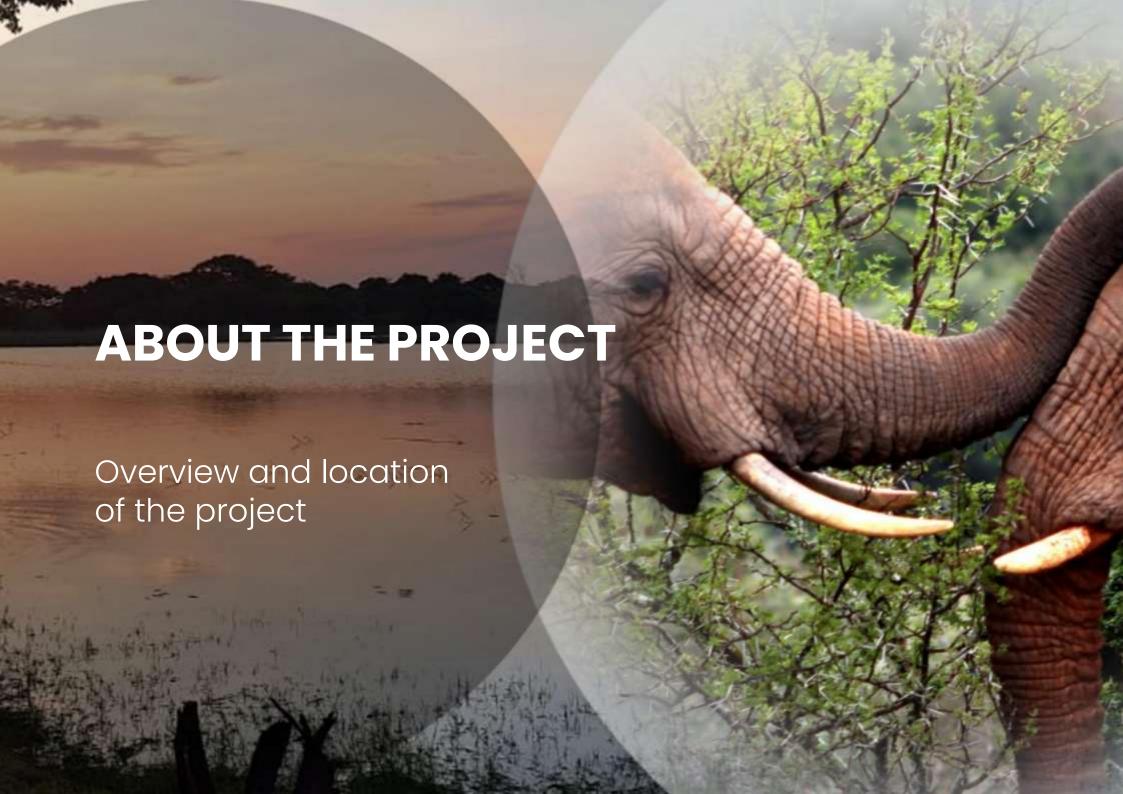
Trip Cost:

£2825.00 per person (based on a group of 27).

£300.00 deposit

£1262.50 Instalment due 31/03/2026

£1262.50 Balance due 26/05/2026



KwaZulu Wildlife & Community

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu Wildlife & Community 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 15-night academic module split between a conservation reserve and the surrounding community, including 3 nights at St Lucia Coastal Unit.



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

The project split and duration are as follows:

15 Night Itinerary

12 Nights

Bonamanzi Game Reserve and Hluhluwe surrounds

3 Nights

St Lucia Costal Project

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

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.













St Lucia Wetlands (3 Nights)

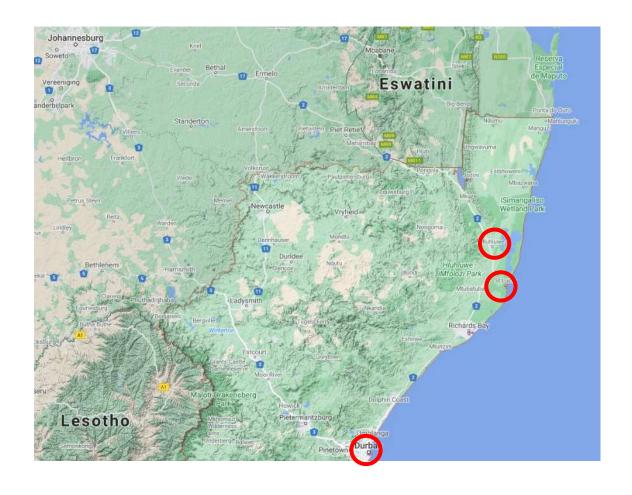
St. Lucia is situated on the northern side of the estuary, the largest in Southern Africa and is totally surrounded by the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands Park and World Heritage Site. The area is famous for its wetlands and is a fantastic opportunity to witness crocodiles and hippos in their natural environment. Snorkelling at Cape Vidal is tide and current dependent.





KwaZulu Wildlife & Community Location

South Africa a world leader in conservation





KwaZulu Wildlife & Community - Bonamanzi

Leopard/Hyeana Research presentation and tracking, night drive, camera traps

Bird ringing - Erect mist nets, free birds from nets, collect data, release birds

Anti-poaching boat patrol in search of hippo snares & gill nets on the Hluhluwe River













KwaZulu Wildlife & Community - Hluhluwe

Snake Pharm anti-venom research /reptile centre - volunteering and optional snake handling course

Dumazulu - Zulu Cultural experience













Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park

Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park - is the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. It consists of 96000 ha of wilderness and has the Big 5 as well as cheetah, hyena, African wild dog among many other mammals, reptiles and birds.

Students will have an inciteful game drive in open game viewers.







YOUR PROJECT

KwaZulu Wildlife & Community - Hluhluwe

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 products and relevant education about menstrual cycles









Your Conservation Programme – St Lucia

Whilst at St Lucia you will get the opportunity to take part in some amazing activities but also time to relax in the beautiful coastal resort of St Lucia.

- A Hippo and Crocodile tour in the Estuary
- A visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and beach
- Tour and talk at the Crocodile Research Centre
- Bird walk (over 400 species in prime habitat)
- Whale Watching Tour (Seasonal and additional cost)













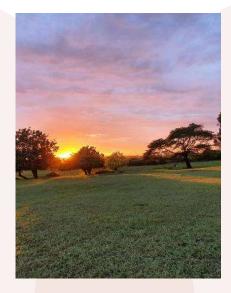


Bundu Camp - Bonamanzi

Chalet style accommodation is provided during your time in Bonamanzi Game Reserve. Twin roomed chalets are shared and have communal ablutions with the adjoining chalet.

All guests will eat together in the communal dining room or outside in the covered dining area.













St Lucia Coastal Accommodation

Guest House style accommodation is provided during your time in St Lucia. Rooms are shared and have ensuite facilities.

The guest house is located in the heart of St Lucia's Main Street and is the ideal location to explore the surrounding area.













Food at the project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff with the exception of 1 lunch and 1 dinner in St Lucia

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.













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.

Whalewatching will be booked and paid for by cash in St Lucia.

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.















What is included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals a day
- All activities as part of the project
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In country support
- Wet suits and snorkel equipment

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

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

Suggested kit list

To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/soft suitcase is preferred.

- Short and long sleeve t-shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (or work/zip-off trousers)
- Hiking boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Waterproof jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded jacket/windbreaker (Winter months) although it can get very cold on an open vehicle even in summer
- Socks
- Underwear
- Change of casual clothes for evenings
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Warm hat (Winter only) / Hat for sun protection (all year)
- Gloves for warmth (Winter only)
- Daypack rucksack

- Swimwear
- Beach Towel
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power bank
- Good torch

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





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