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PROJECT PRESENTATION

KwaZulu-Natal
Wildlife & Community

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KWAZULU-NATAL WILDLIFE & COMMUNITY PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location of the project

ABOUT THE PROJECT

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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique academic conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live and work in the wilds of Africa
- The opportunity to experience hands on wildlife conservation
- Bespoke, tailor-made projects to suit research requirements
- Project Activities include:
    - Pioneering Conservation Research
    - Conservation Activities
    - Cultural Enrichment
- Full 12 nights in South Africa
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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KwaZulu-Natal 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 12-night academic module split between the conservation reserve and the surrounding community with 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:

12-Night Itinerary

9 nights
Bonamanzi Game Reserve and Hluhluwe surrounds

3 nights
St Lucia Costal Project

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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research - Location

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9 NIGHTS IN BONAMANZI/HLUHLUWE

A Big Four Game Reserve

BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Bonamanzi Game Reserve – 9 Nights

Bonamanzi Game Reserve is a magnificent 10,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 4 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.

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Bonamanzi

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve, 10,000 acres 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 recognised as one of the best birding destinations in Southern Africa.

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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal

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Birds /Reptiles

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Your Conservation Programme

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

- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Elephant Monitoring
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera Trapping
- Night Drive
- Alien Vegetation Control / Reserve Maintenance
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development

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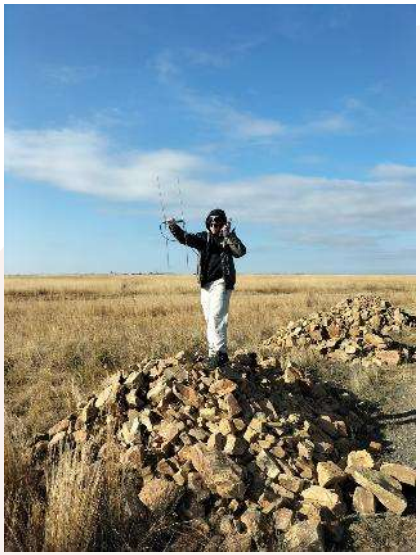
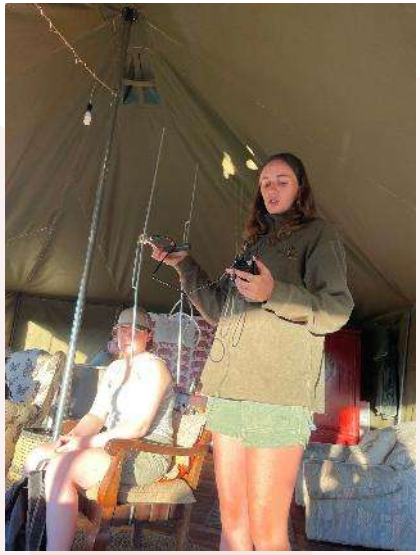
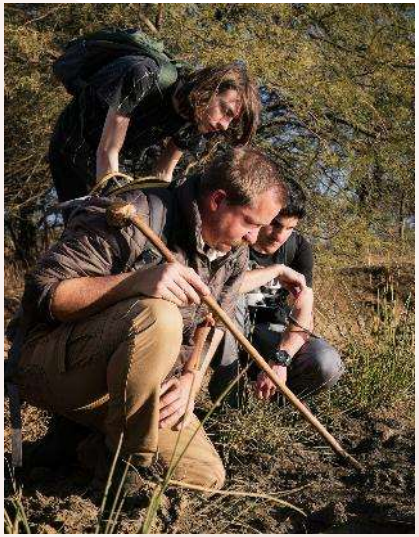
Use of Telemetry Tracking





Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors



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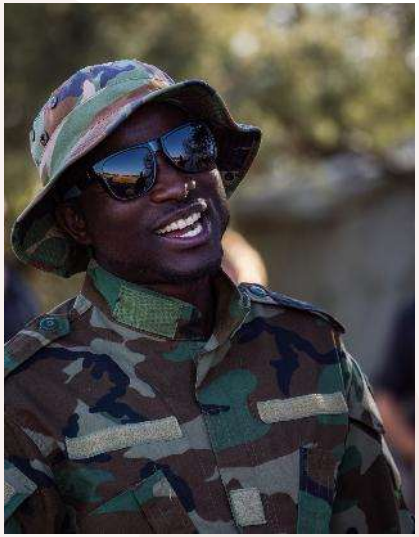
Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about the correct placement of cameras, best location etc.

Never know what we'll find!

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Night Game Drives

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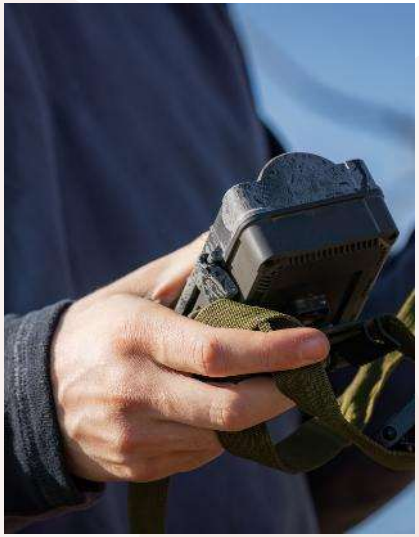
Bird Ringing



Hluhluwe–Imfolozi Park

Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park - is the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. It consists of 96,000 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.

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Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for long-term conservation

Positive impact supporting not-for-profit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Project Rhino

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Community – GAP Donation Bags

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3 NIGHTS IN ST LUCIA

A Coastal Adventure

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.

ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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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 this beautiful coastal resort.

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

ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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Estuary Hippo and Crocodile Tour

Bird Tracking and Identification

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Whale Watching (Additional Cost) Mid June – October & weather dependant

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ONLINE NATURE GUIDE COURSE

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Exclusive Bushwise Nature Guide Course

Bushwise is a leading nature guide training provider, and we've partnered with them to offer an exclusive 6-week 'Explore Nature' online course – giving you a real-life insight into the training of a South African Nature Guide.

Connect with the South African bush before you even travel!

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Modules include Introduction, Geology, Weather & climate, Astronomy, Ecology, Biomes, Taxonomy, Plants, Arthropods, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, Ethology, Conservation management, Historical human habitation.

Your wildlife journey starts here! Build a strong foundation in field guiding, wildlife, and ecology, so that you're fully prepared for the hands-on experience in South Africa.

Course Start Dates:
5 January 2026
30 March 2026
22 June 2026
14 September 2026

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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

ACCOMMODATION

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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.

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Bundu Camp - Bonamanzi

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St Lucia Coastal Accommodation

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

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

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St Lucia Coastal Accommodation

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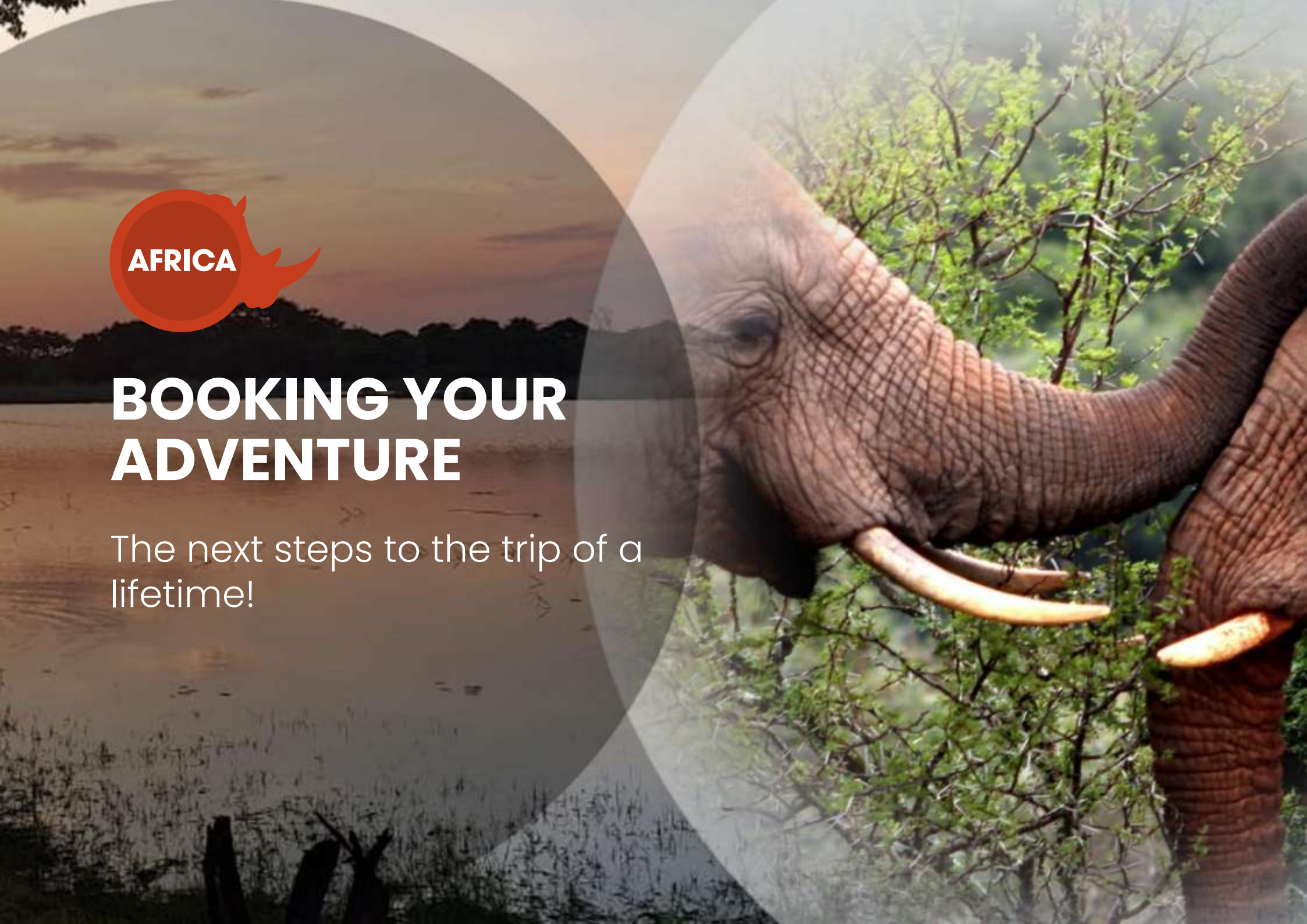
Food at the project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff.

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.



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BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a lifetime!

WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife and Community Project?

"Everything **exceeded** my expectations, and the trip was **life-changing.**"

"The staff were **amazing**, we got the **opportunity** to take part in talks and anti-poaching bush walks."

"I got to observe animals **up close**, which really **developed** my **knowledge** of animal behaviours"

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

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"I learnt so many new things that have **educated** me **beyond** the classroom."

"There wasn't a single experience that didn't **amaze** me and make me feel **enriched**."

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

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 21 June 2026 | Arrive SA: 22 June 2026

Depart SA: 04 July 2026 | Arrive UK: 05 July 2026

Trip cost:

£2,695.00* Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 05/10/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 24/10/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1197.50 to be paid by 02/03/2026
- Balance payment of £1197.50 to be paid by 27/04/2026
- 08/06/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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
- Tips

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

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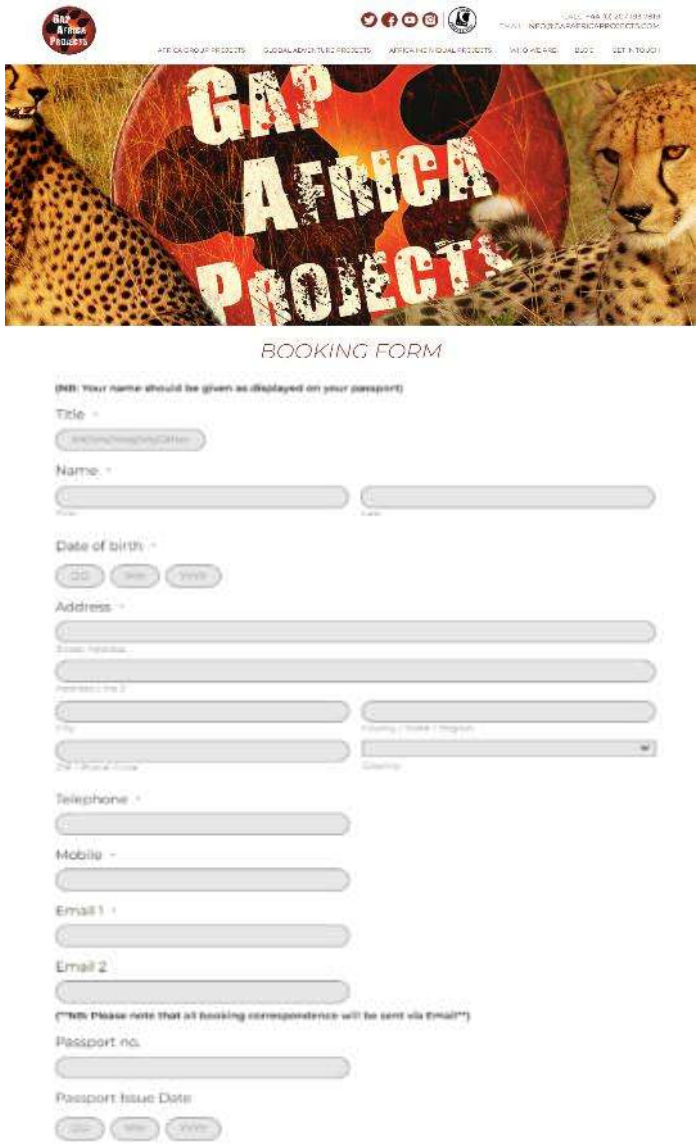
Booking Form

- Please submit by **26/09/2025**
- 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



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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.

Your Booking

Travel Advice

Dear Chloe,

Passengers Travelling

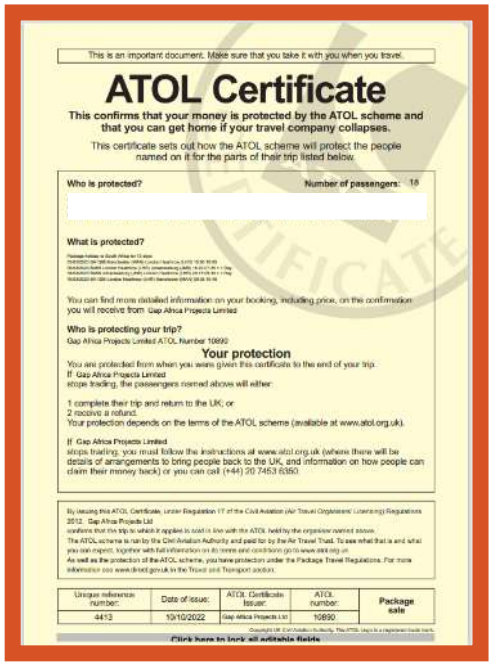
Placement(s)

Inclusions

Exclusions

Your Flight(s)

CONFIRMATION INVOICE



ATOL Certificate

This confirms that your money is protected by the ATOL scheme and that you can get home if your travel company collapses.

Your protection

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Group Web Page

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Booking Form

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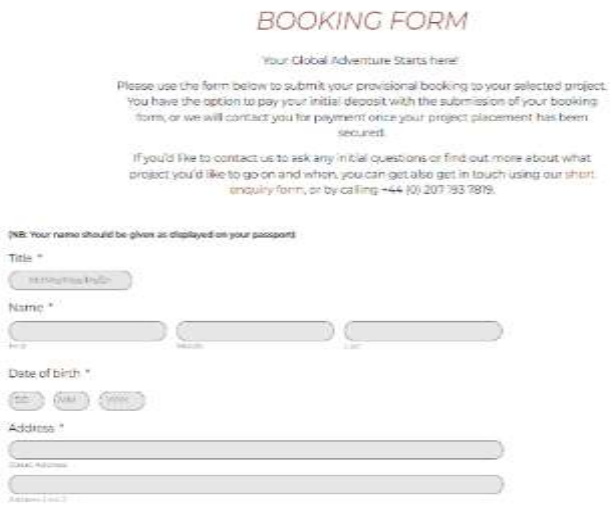
BOOKING FORM

Your Global Adventure Starts here!

Please use the form below to submit your provisional booking to your selected project. You have the option to pay your initial deposit with the submission of your booking form, or we will contact you for payment once your project placement has been secured.

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 when, you can get also get in touch using our short enquiry form, or by calling +44 (0) 207 193 7819.

(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)

Title *

Name *

Date of birth *

Address *

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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