



SCOTLAND'S RURAL COLLEGE GROUP PRESENTATION

The background of the slide is a collage of three images: a close-up of purple flowers on the left, a circular inset showing a river flowing through a savanna landscape in the center, and a close-up of a kudu antelope's head on the right.

Waterberg Conservation Research

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GLOBAL reach. **ADVENTURE** for all. **PROJECTS** to inspire.

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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Project overview and
location

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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live & work in 2 research camps on a wild African game reserve
- 14-night programme specifically tailored
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Possible Veterinary intervention
- Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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Waterberg Conservation Project

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg Conservation Project offer a bespoke course to each institution dependent on their own personal objectives and learning needs.

This is not a Safari Holiday!

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

14 Night Project

- 9 Nights at SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve
- 5 Nights at Welgevonden Game Reserve



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Waterberg Conservation Research – Location



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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.



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TRUE WILDERNESS



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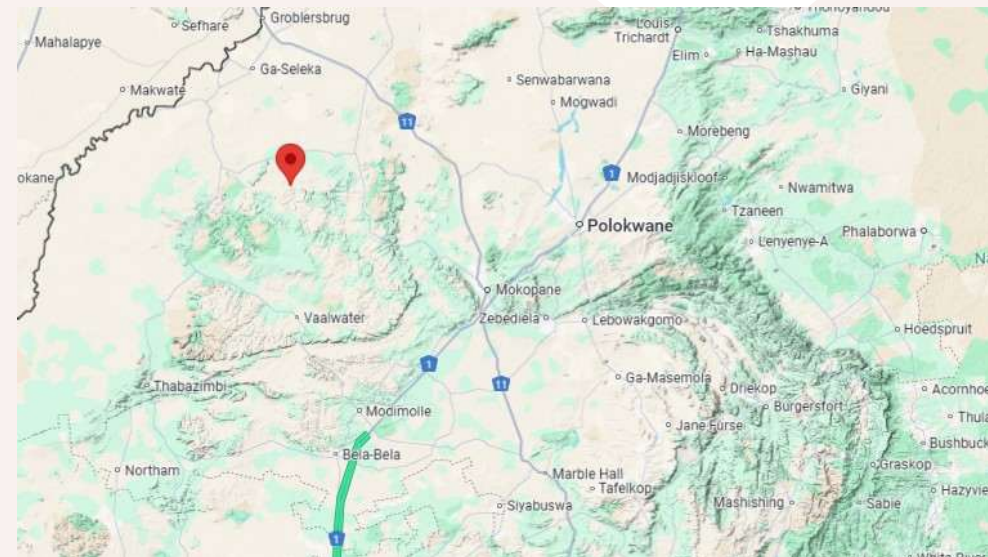
Our conservation work
in more detail

ABOUT SWEBESWEBE

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Hanover & SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

- 9,000 Hectare Privately Managed Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Unique to GAP Africa Projects
- 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
- Research Camp Accommodation



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Vegetation Surveys and Ecological Studies



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Wildlife and Ecological Projects



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Practical Management



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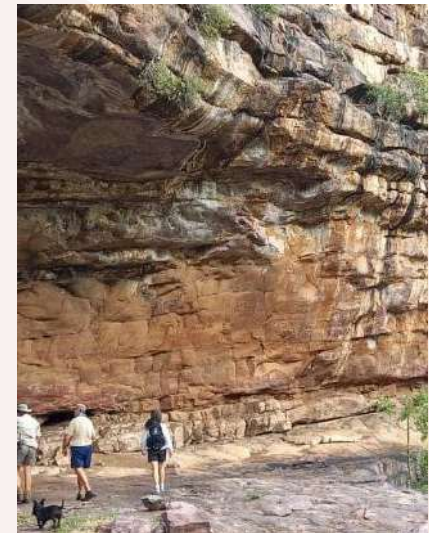
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Rural Development and Support



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Dr Zoë Glyphis – Wildlife Veterinarian

Introduction to Hanover Nature, its Research and Ecological Biomonitoring

Lectures from Dr Zoë Glyphis – Wildlife Veterinarian

Dart shooting practice

Explore the kit and clinic of a mobile wildlife vet

Wildlife conservation, research and veterinary work (Dr Zoë Glyphis)



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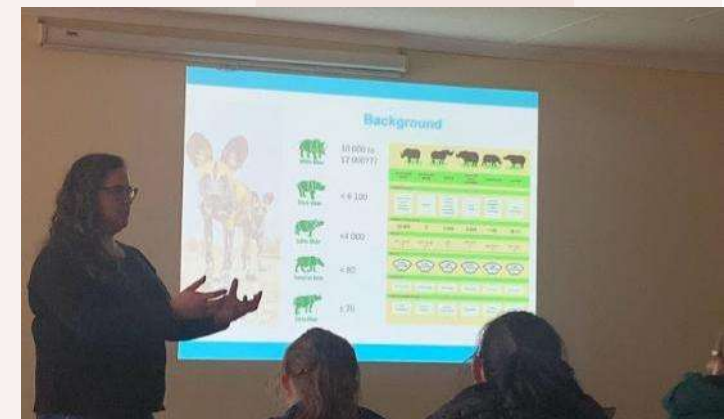
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Lectures – Dr Zoe Glyphis

- Conservation in Africa
- Wildlife poaching
- Wildlife diseases
- Rhino wounds and case studies
- Wildlife capture systems – Darting wildlife
- Drugs used in wildlife medicine
- Dosage calculation for wildlife
- Logistics of wildlife transportation – vehicles, crates & equipment
- Boma management and rehabilitation
- State veterinary disease control in practice
- Wildlife trade auction & value of livestock



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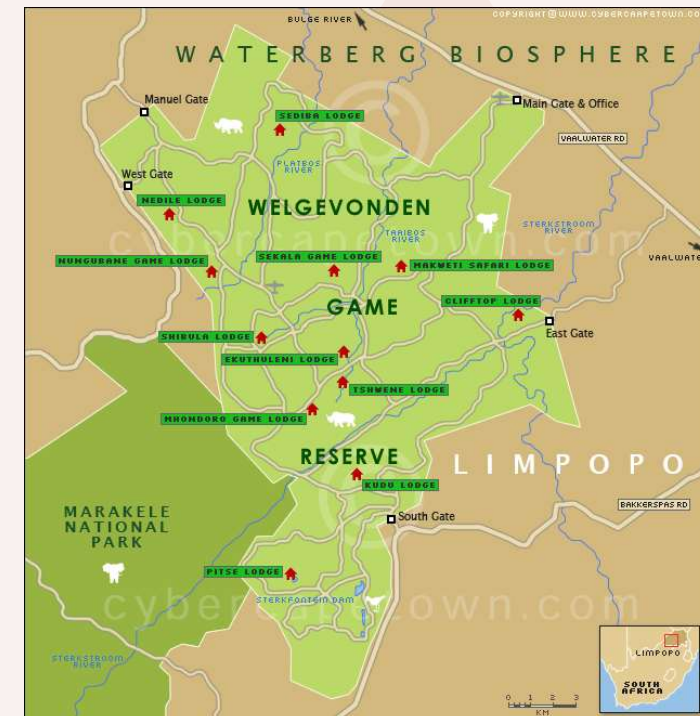
Our conservation work
in more detail

ABOUT WELGEVONDEN

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Welgevonden Game Reserve

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- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
 - Wildlife Vets
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 - Ecologists
 - Anti Poaching Unit
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Home to the BIG 5



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Home to over 60 Species of Mammal



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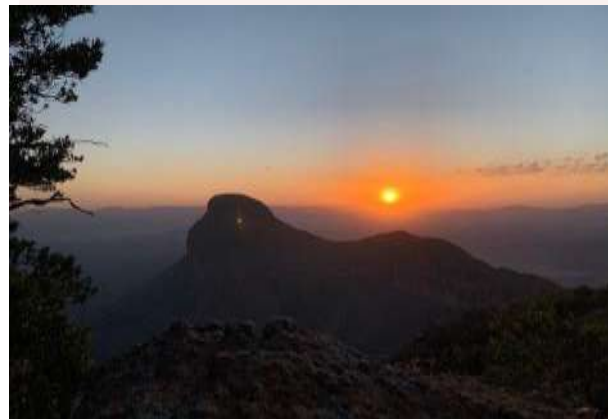
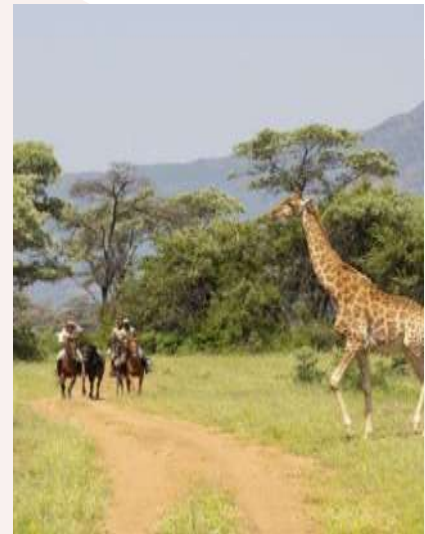
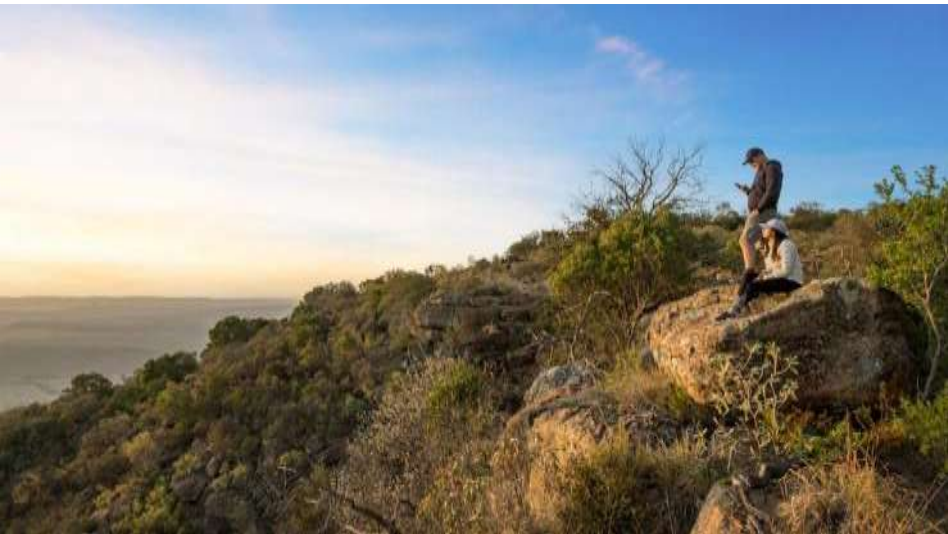
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ABOUT WELGEVONDEN

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Known for its dramatic landscape



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Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife



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Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators



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Camera Trap – Research and Study



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Anti-Poaching Unit



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Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population

Behavioural observations, body condition, herd structure, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are occurring; keeping tabs on the localities and activities of Black and White Rhino on Welgevonden.



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Research – Elephant Monitoring



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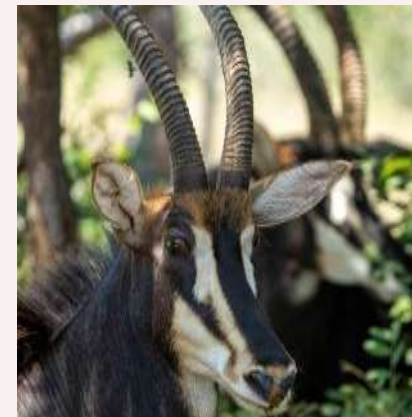
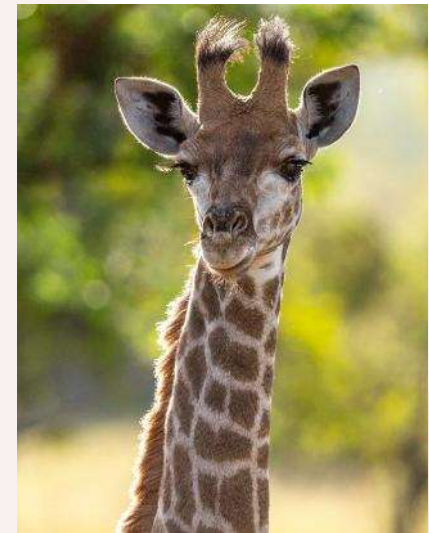
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Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog – Talks



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Rhino – DNA Collection, ID and Ear Notching (Rhodis) or injuries



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Cheetah Relocation – Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)



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ACCOMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush

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SwebeSwebe – 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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Welgevonden Accommodation

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two people per tent in single beds, each tent also has lighting and electricity supply.

There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. There are communal facilities including a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area and storage fridge.

The centre also has access to Wi-Fi.

The camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve.



Meals

At both SwebeSwebe and Welgevonden, ingredients for three meals a day are provided, on a self cook basis. Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy. This creates a vibrant and social camp atmosphere.

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

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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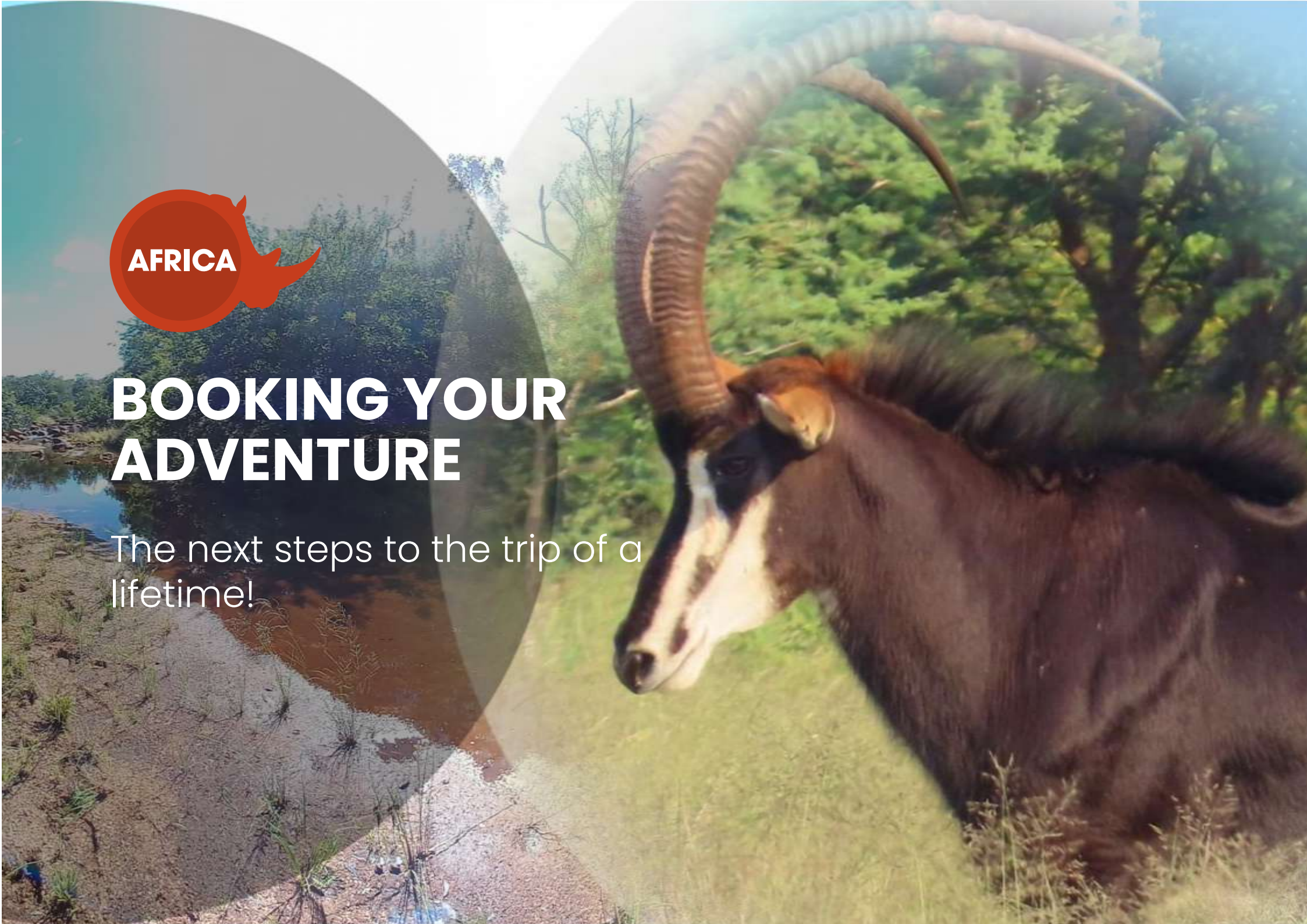
Life on a Reserve



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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 Waterberg Conservation Research Project?



"Staying at SwebeSwebe really developed my **knowledge** of animal behaviours."



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



"The staff were **amazing**, we got the **opportunity** to take part in practicals and demonstrations."

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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What is included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day (self-prepared)
- 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

* We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 3rd July 2026 | Arrive SA: 4th July 2026

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

Trip cost:

£2415.00* Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 10/10/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 31/10/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1057.50 to be paid by 14/03/2026
- Balance payment of £1057.50 to be paid by 09/05/2026
- 20/06/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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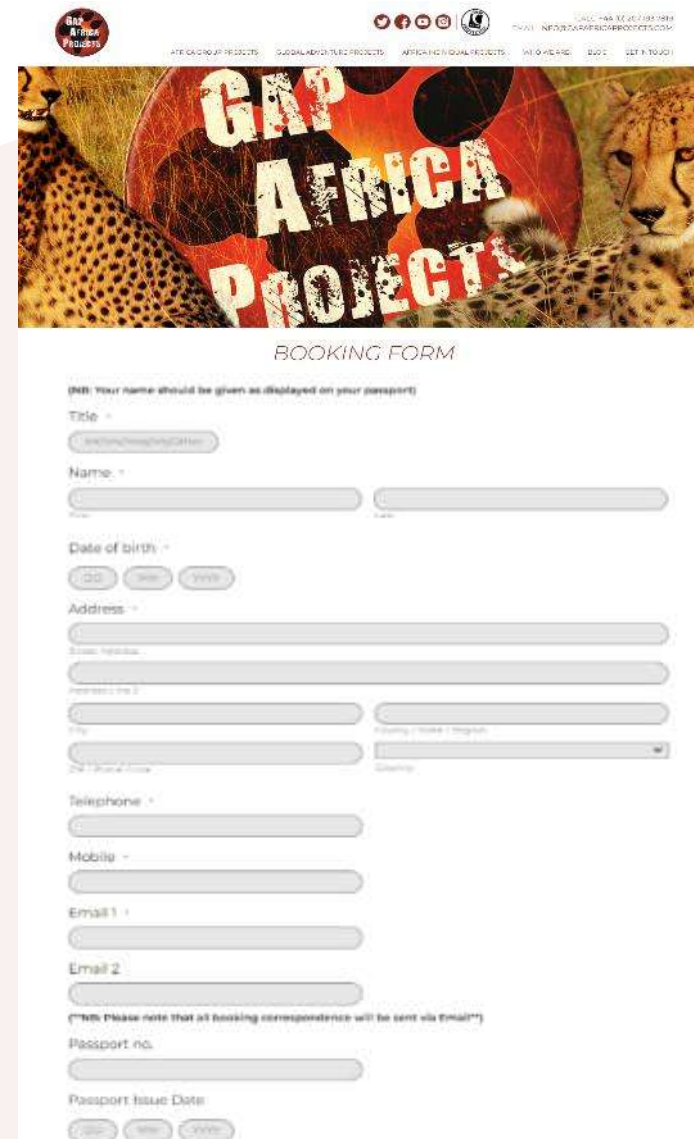
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Booking Form

- Please submit by 10/10/2025
- 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 sunset background and a cheetah image. The main heading is 'BOOKING FORM'. Below it, there are several input fields for personal information: Title, Name (with a dropdown for 'Mr/Ms/Mr/Ms/Ms/Ms'), Date of birth (with a date picker), Address (with a dropdown for 'Country/Region'), City, Postcode, and Country. There are also fields for Telephone, Mobile, Email 1, and Email 2. At the bottom, there are fields for Passport no. and Passport Issue Date. A note at the bottom states: '(NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email)'. The website's contact information is visible in the top right corner: 'CONTACT: TEL: 0207 1937819' and 'EMAIL: INFO@GAPAFRICAPROJECTS.COM'.

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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.

GAP Africa Projects

10 Oct 2022
Ref: 23-ACA-LAL-1212

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Passengers Travelling
Miss Chloe
Placement(s)
Zulu Land Conservation Research (06/03/23 – 18/03/23)

Inclusions
Flights, shared road transfers to and from Project, accommodation for duration, all meals and all project activities.

Exclusions
Insurance: any activities undertaken that are not included as part of the project.

Your Flight(s)

Flight	Class	Time	From	To
05/03/2023	D	15:00	Manchester (MAN)	
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05/03/2023	D	18:20	London Heathrow (LHR)	
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18/03/2023	D	18:15	London Heathrow (LHR)	
19/03/2023	A	10:00 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)	
19/03/2023	D	19:35	London Heathrow (LHR)	
20/03/2023	A	19:40	Manchester (MAN)	

Your Booking
Travel Advice

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Passport expiry date
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ATOL Certificate

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

This certificate sets out how the ATOL scheme will protect the people named on it for the parts of their trip listed below.

Who is protected? Number of passengers: 18

What is protected?

You can find more detailed information on your booking, including price, on the confirmation you will receive from Gap Africa Projects Limited.

Who is protecting your trip?
Gap Africa Projects Limited ATOL Number 10890

Your protection
You are protected from when you were given this certificate to the end of your trip. If Gap Africa Projects Limited stops trading, the passengers named above will either:

- 1 complete their trip and return to the UK, or
- 2 receive a refund.

Your protection depends on the terms of the ATOL scheme (available at www.atol.org.uk).

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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 inquiry 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 many 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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