



SCOTLAND'S RURAL COLLEGE PROJECT PRESENTATION



KwaZulu Wildlife & Community

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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KWAZULU WILDLIFE & COMMUNITY PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location
of 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 wild 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 15 nights in South Africa
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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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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KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife and Community Project- Location





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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work
in more detail

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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 the 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 Coastal Project



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BONAMAMZI/HLUHLUWE

A Big Four Game Reserve

BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Bonamanzi Game Reserve – 12 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 recognized as one of the best birding destinations in Southern Africa.



BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



ANY QUESTIONS?

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BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Birds /Reptiles



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Your Conservation Programme

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

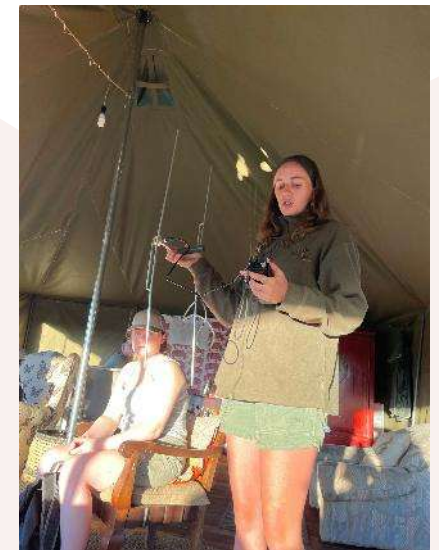
- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Elephant Monitoring
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera Trapping
- Night Drive
- Alien Vegetation Control / Reserve Maintenance
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development



BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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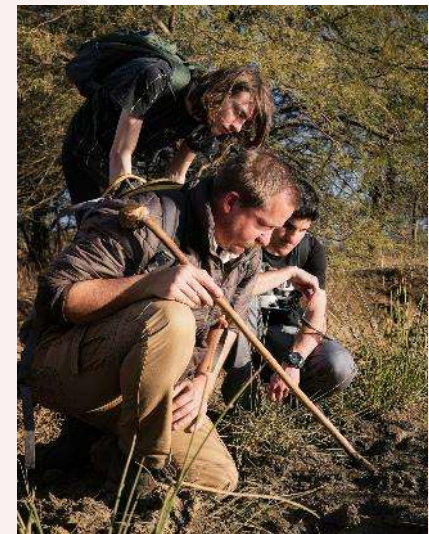
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Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors



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Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!



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Night Game Drives



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BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Bird Ringing



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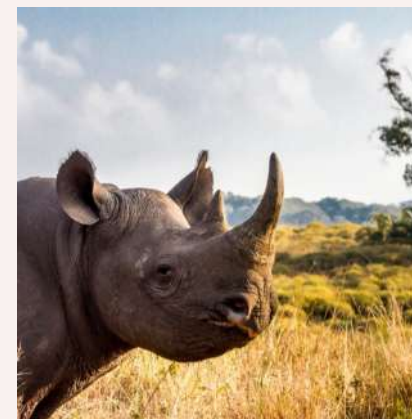
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Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park

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 drives 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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ST LUCIA

A Coastal Adventure

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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.



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 the beautiful coastal resort of St Lucia.

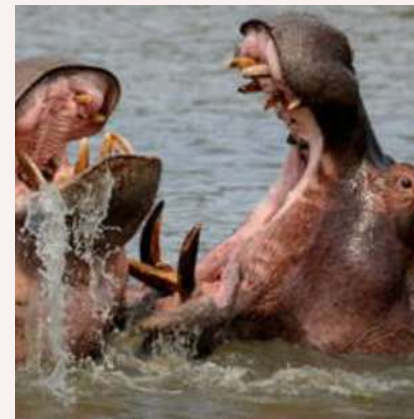
- Hippo and Crocodile tour in the Estuary
- Visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and beach
- Bird walk (over 400 species in prime habitat)
- Whale Watching Tour (Seasonal and additional cost)



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Estuary Hippo and Crocodile Tour



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Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and Snorkeling



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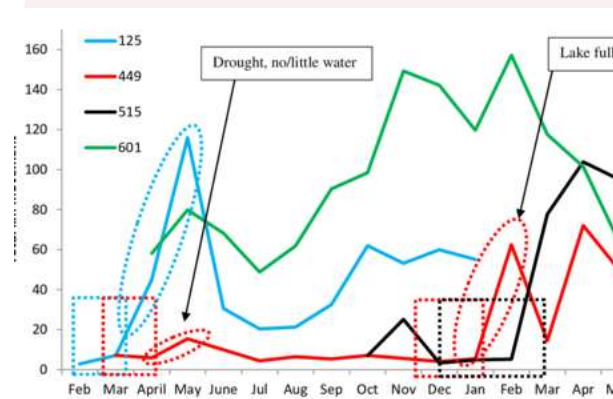
Bird Tracking and Identification



ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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Crocodile Research Centre



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WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

Your free time on the project

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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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 activities you choose to do.

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





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

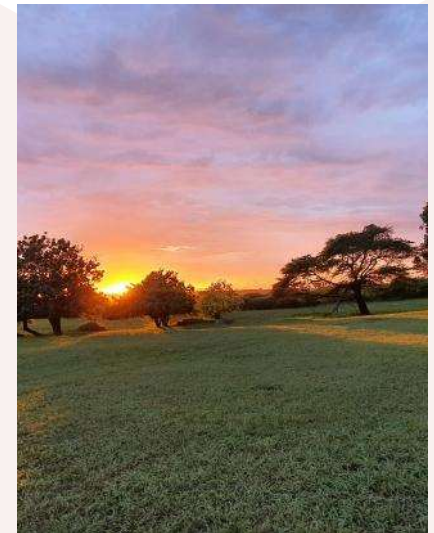
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Bundu Camp – Bonamanzi

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 ensuite facilities.

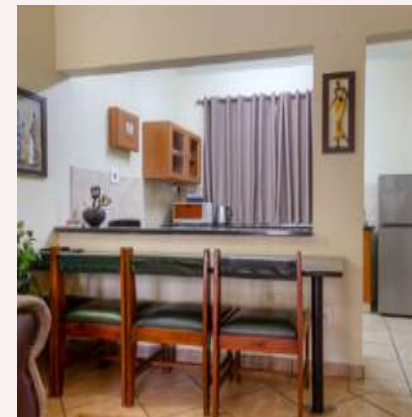
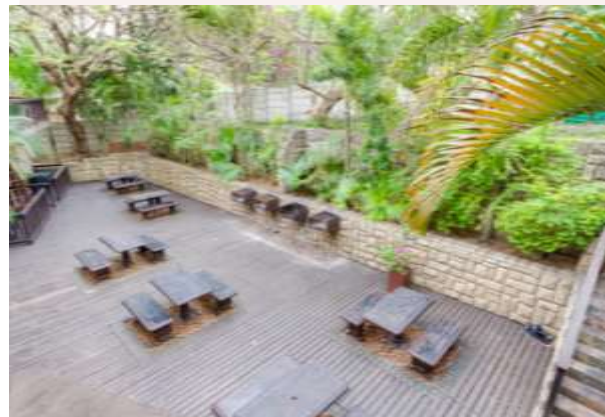
The guest house is located in the heart of St Lucia's Main Street and is the ideal location to explore the surrounding area.



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St Lucia Coastal Accommodation



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Food at the project

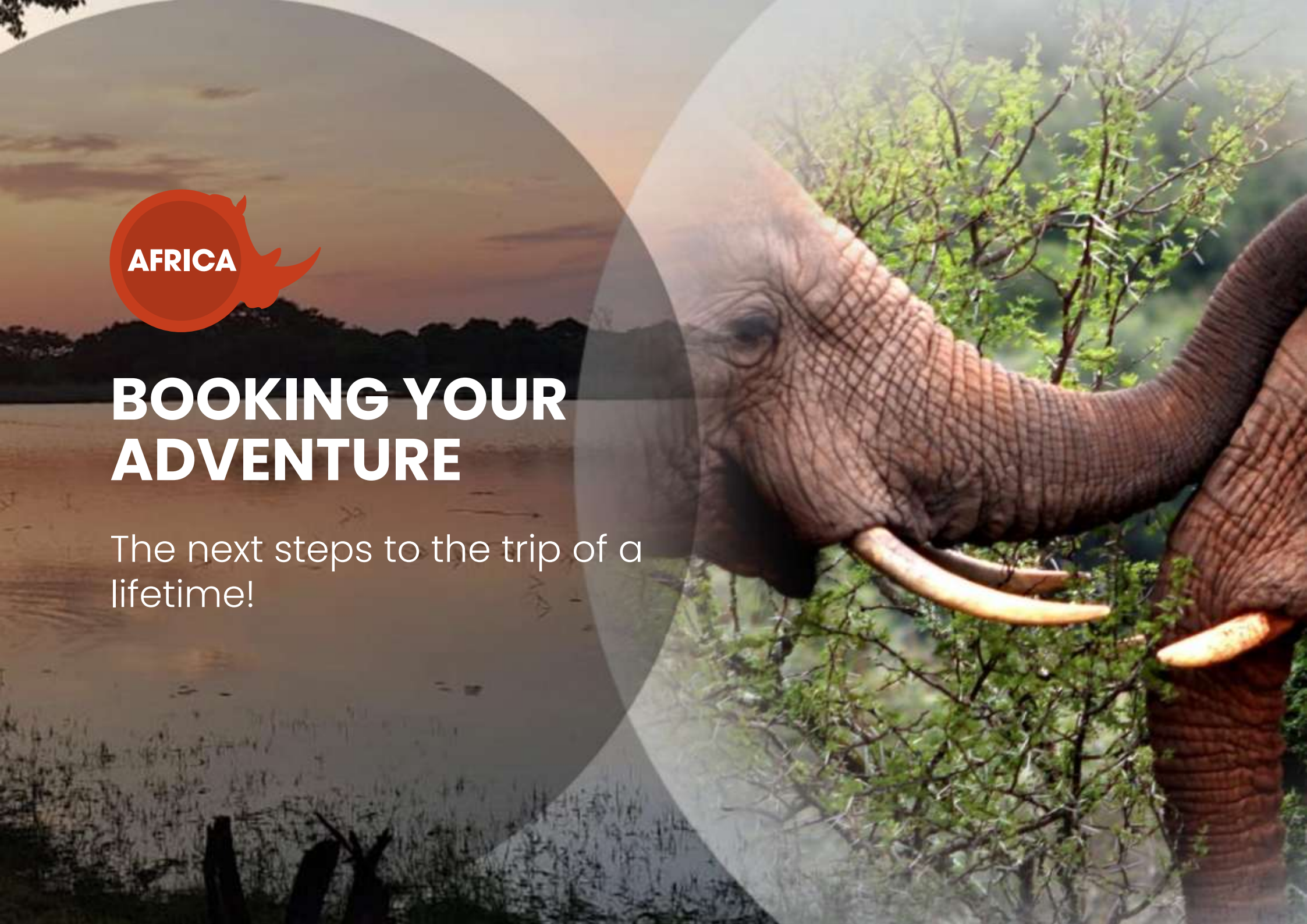
Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff.

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

WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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



"It was the most **amazing** experience I've ever had."



"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

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.

THE NEXT STEPS

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 20 July 2026 | Arrive SA: 21 July 2026

Depart SA: 5 August 2026 | Arrive UK: 6 August 2026

Trip cost:

£2825.00* Based on a group of 27 (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 £1262.50 to be paid by 31/03/2026
- Balance payment of £1262.50 to be paid by 26/05/2026
- 07/07/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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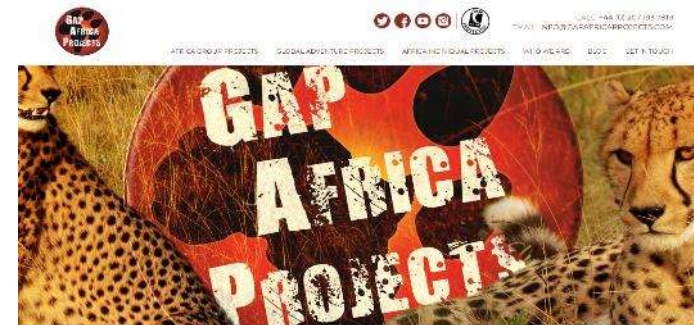
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Booking Form

- 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



BOOKING FORM

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

Title *

Name *

Date of birth *

Address *

Telephone *

Mobile *

Email 1 *

Email 2 *

(**NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email**)

Passport no.

Passport Issue Date

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Group Web Page

<https://gapafricaprojects.com/26-4767/>



Booking Form

<https://gapafricaprojects.com/booking-form-26-4767-src-kwc-scotlands-rural-college/>



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 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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