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Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course (Vet Professionals)



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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 in a research camp on a wild African game reserve
- 12 night programme specifically tailored for Veterinary Nurse students
- Two project locations
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Veterinary interventions and activities
- Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course (Vet Professionals) – Location



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Your Two Project Locations

This unique 12-night project will allow you to experience two different project locations in two neighbouring provinces of South Africa. You will first stay in the north of the country staying in the Waterberg Biosphere – the **Welgevonden Game Reserve** (the core, Big 5 monitoring and conservation experience) before travelling to Gauteng Province where you will have a tour of the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet – the only small animal practice in the country that only works on wildlife; assist with some shelter and community cases, learn about a K9 conservation unit and participate in lectures and debates . Project locations and duration are as follows:

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8 Nights

Waterberg Biomonitoring Project – Welgevonden Game Reserve – Waterberg – Limpopo Province

4 Nights

Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng Province



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ABOUT THE PROJECT: WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE – 8 NIGHTS

Our conservation work
in more detail

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.



Welgevonden Game Reserve

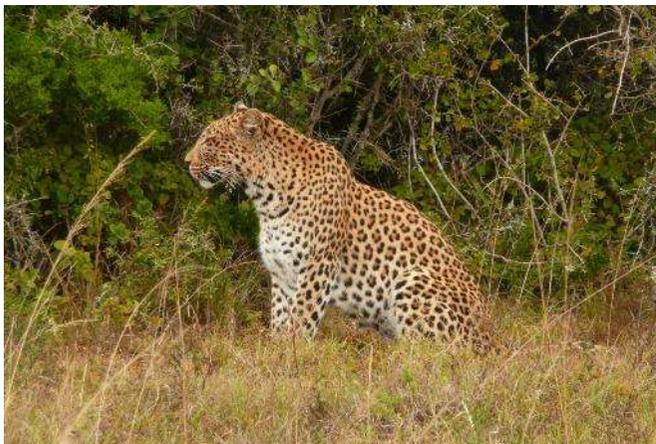
- Over 36,000 hectares
- Home to 100+ mammal species, including the Big Five and rare and endangered species.
- Its diverse habitats support a rich variety of antelope and over 300 bird species.
- Dedicated to conservation, balancing biodiversity protection with responsible tourism.
- The reserve's management focuses on habitat restoration, anti-poaching initiatives, and ongoing wildlife research to ensure a sustainable future for its unique ecosystem.



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Home to the BIG 5



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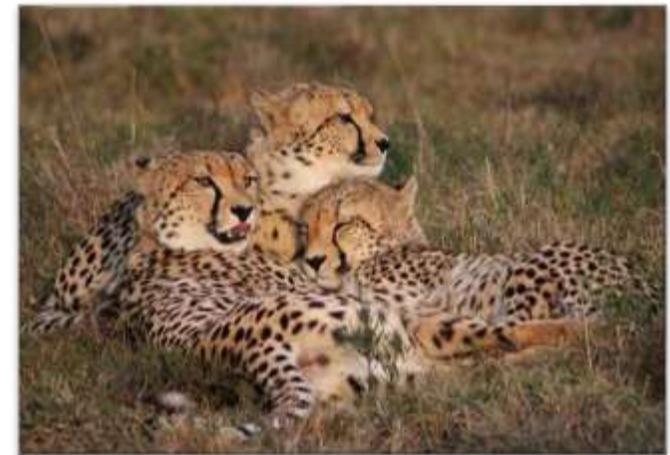
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Home to over 60 Species of Mammal



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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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Welgevonden Game Reserve

- Introduction to Welgevonden Game Reserve and its Research and Ecological Biomonitoring
- Introduction to Wildlife Veterinary work in the Context of African Wildlife (Dr Peter Caldwell - Wildlife Specialist Veterinary Surgeon)
- Time spent with the research team conducting ecological biomonitoring,
- Wildlife conservation, research and veterinary work (Dr Peter Caldwell)
- Build up to possible intervention and planning

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Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators



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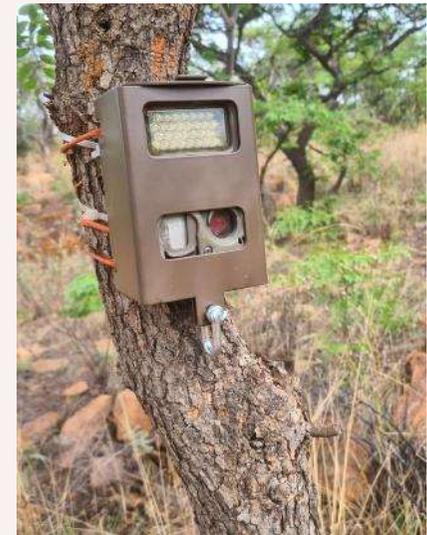
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Camera Trap – Research and Study



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Anti-Poaching Unit



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Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population

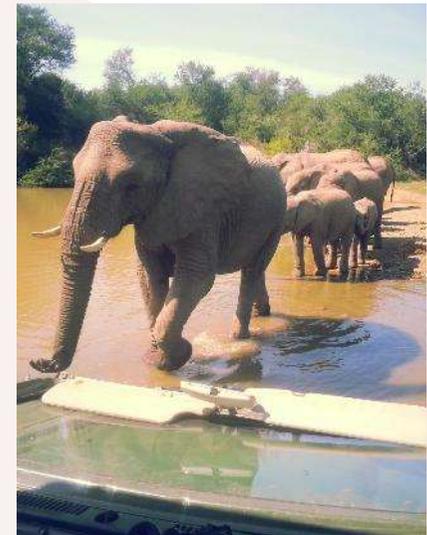
Behavioural observations, body condition, herd structure, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are occurring; keeping tabs on the localities and activities of Black and White Rhino on Welgevonden.



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Research – Elephant Monitoring



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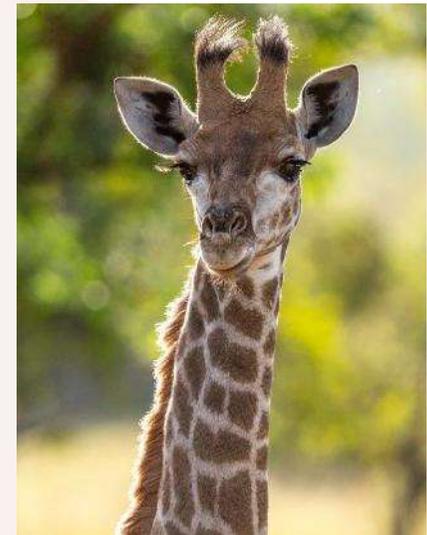
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Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog – Talks



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Dr Peter Caldwell – Wildlife Specialist Veterinary Surgeon

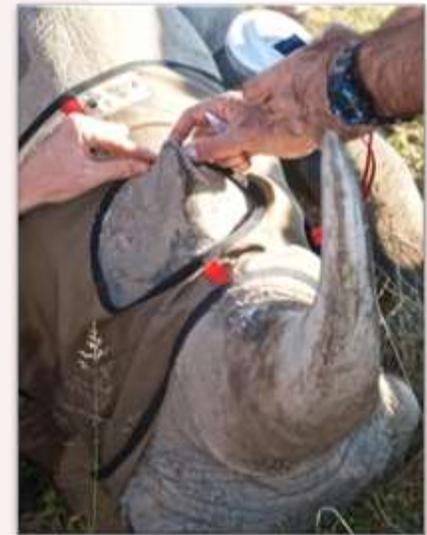
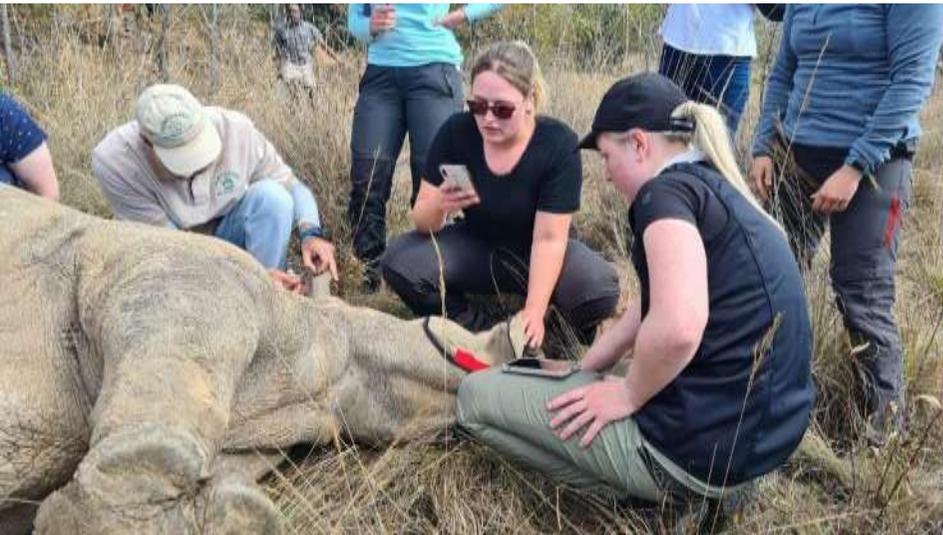
Dr. Peter Caldwell is a leading wildlife veterinary surgeon based in Pretoria. He owns and operates a small animal clinic and travels extensively across South Africa and beyond, treating priority and endangered species. He specialises particularly in cheetahs and serves as the primary veterinarian and advisor at Welgevonden Game Reserve. Dr. Caldwell is actively involved in wildlife conservation and research, contributing to studies on fertility control and disease management in wild animals. His expertise is frequently sought by reserves and conservation organisations.



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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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Example Lectures – Welgevonden

- Reserve history
- Anti-poaching
- Fire to herbivore driven system
- Priority species
- Large predator management
- Managing wildlife reserves & land capacity model
- Boma management
- Fenced reserve population management





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ABOUT THE PROJECT: KYALAMI, MIDRAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS – 4 NIGHTS

Our conservation work
in more detail

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Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng

- Introduction to Wildlife Veterinary work in the Context of African Wildlife (Dr Zoe Glyphis – Local Wildlife Vet)
- Visit to Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary hospital.
- Assist with some animal shelter and community cases
- Assist with a K9 conservation unit.
- Dart shooting practice

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Dr Zoe Glyphis – Wildlife Veterinarian – Predator Specialist

Dr Zoe Glyphis has become one of South Africa's leading predator specialists and is on the forefront with veterinary medicine and veterinary assistance of wild dog, hyena and cheetah conservation all over South Africa.

She is helping and assisting several NGO groups and organizations with their efforts to increase predator ranges and to establish safe and genetically viable populations in new conservation areas.



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Practical Sessions

- Dart shooting practice
- The kit and clinic of a mobile wildlife vet
- Q & A



Possible Lectures & Debate

- Drugs used in wildlife medicine
- Calculating doses in wildlife
- Logistics of wildlife transportation: customised vehicles, crates and equipment
- The Game Trade-Auction and value of livestock
- Game capture systems
- Darting wildlife
- Boma management and rehabilitation
- Orphaned Rhino rehabilitation
- Parasite control
- Managing game reserves and Land Capacity Model
- Species control - predator pits
- State veterinary disease control in practice
- Documentation required: Red Cross Permits



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Kyalami – Johannesburg Wildlife Vet

A registered wildlife veterinary hospital and rehabilitation centre in South Africa, dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing indigenous wildlife.

Led by Dr Karin Lourens, a wildlife vet with 22 years of experience, the non-profit treats small to medium mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and arachnids—free of charge. Their mission combines expert care with conservation, education, and research.

 *Featured in a Netflix documentary about a baby pangolin's journey back to the wild.*



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Kyalami – Society for Animals in Distress

Care is provided by vets, vet nurses, animal health technicians, and welfare assistants.

The focus: accessible veterinary care for vulnerable communities and rescue organisations.

Students assist professionals in treating rescued horses, dogs, cats, and small animals—rehabilitated for rehoming.



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Kyalami –Pit-Track K9 antipoaching unit

A registered non-profit dedicated to wildlife protection through skilled K9 units and frontline anti-poaching operations.

Students will meet the K9 team, attend a talk on the poaching crisis, watch a live demo, and assist with physio care for working dogs.





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

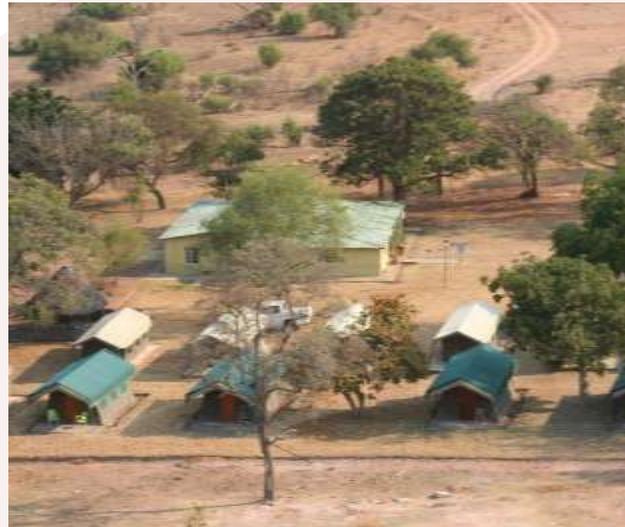
Welgevonden Accommodation

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.



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Welgevonden – Meals

All meals are enjoyed together mostly in the outside eating area and sometimes inside on colder evenings.

Three meals are provided daily on a self-cook basis. The evening meal is prepared by the group in small teams. Students are responsible for the communal cooking and washing up.

Evening meals and breakfast are served at the facility and lunch is normally brought into the field and taken picnic-style in the bush.

The research team normally work 6 days a week so time off is often limited to Sundays only.

Most evenings are spent at leisure in camp mostly outdoors at tables and benches or around a campfire.



Gauteng – Fair Glen Guest House

You will be staying in twin bedded accommodation with en-suite facilities.

There is a swimming pool and outdoor seating area and the guest house has WiFi.

The guest house offers comfortable areas to relax and unwind and is based in an equestrian-themed suburb.

Ideally situated for the visits to the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet Practice and Animals in Distress.

Meals

All meals will be provided at Fair Glen Guest House. A packed lunch will be provided if the group are not returning to the accommodation at lunch time.





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The next steps to the trip of a
lifetime!

WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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What do previous travellers say about the Wildlife and Veterinary Course (Vet Professionals)?



"Staying at Welgevonden 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

WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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What do previous travellers say about the Wildlife and Veterinary Course (Vet Professionals)?



"It has inspired me to look into overseas **volunteering** opportunities next year."



"Being up close and **assisting** with an intervention will stay with me forever."



"I am more **self-aware**. I also feel more **confident** about my future plans."

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

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 19th July 2026 | Arrive SA: 20th July 2026

Depart SA: 1st August 2026 | Arrive UK: 2nd August 2026

Trip cost:

Est. £2595.00* Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 06/10/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 20/10/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1147.50 to be paid by 30/03/2026
- Balance payment of £1147.50 to be paid by 25/05/2026
- 06/07/2026 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 (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 travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.

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Booking Form

- Please submit by 06/10/2025
- 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

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(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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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.



Confirmation Document 1: A confirmation letter from Gap Africa Projects to a passenger named Chloe. It includes flight details, passport expiry information, and contact details for the project.

Passengers Travelling: Miss Chloe

Placement(s): Zulu Land Conservation Research [04/03/23 - 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 in part of the project.

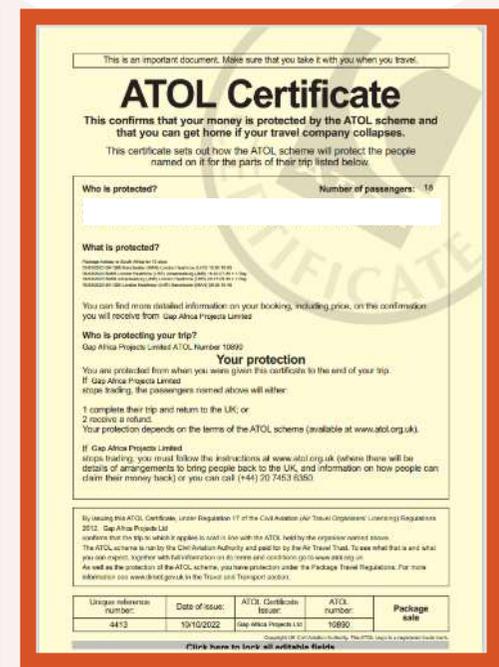
Your Flight(s):

Flight	Class	Time	From	To
04/03/2023	D	15:00	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)
04/12/23	A	10:00	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
05/03/2023	D	18:20	London Heathrow (LHR)	Johannesburg (JNB)
04/03	A	07:25 + 1 D	Johannesburg (JNB)	Johannesburg (JNB)
18/03/2023	D	20:15	Johannesburg (JNB)	London Heathrow (LHR)
04/03	A	10:50 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
19/03/2023	D	09:35	London Heathrow (LHR)	Manchester (MAN)
04/13/20	A	19:40	Manchester (MAN)	Manchester (MAN)



Confirmation Document 2: A detailed confirmation invoice from Gap Africa Projects. It includes a table of flight details, a breakdown of costs, and a summary of the total cost.

Flight	Class	Time	From	To	Price
04/03/2023	D	15:00	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)	120.00
04/12/23	A	10:00	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)	10.00
05/03/2023	D	18:20	London Heathrow (LHR)	Johannesburg (JNB)	150.00
04/03	A	07:25 + 1 D	Johannesburg (JNB)	Johannesburg (JNB)	10.00
18/03/2023	D	20:15	Johannesburg (JNB)	London Heathrow (LHR)	150.00
04/03	A	10:50 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)	10.00
19/03/2023	D	09:35	London Heathrow (LHR)	Manchester (MAN)	120.00
04/13/20	A	19:40	Manchester (MAN)	Manchester (MAN)	10.00



Confirmation Document 3: An ATOL Certificate from Gap Africa Projects. It confirms that the passenger's money is protected by the ATOL scheme and provides details of the protection.

Who is protected? Number of passengers: 10

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 ceases 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).

If Gap Africa Projects Limited ceases trading, you must follow the instructions at www.atol.org.uk (where there will be details of arrangements to bring people back to the UK, and information on how people can claim their money back) or you can call (444) 20 7463 6360.

Unique reference number	Date of issue	ATOL Certificate issuer	ATOL number	Package sale
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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 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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