



WILTSHIRE COLLEGE PROJECT PRESENTATION



Waterberg Biomonitoring Programme

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Project overview and
location

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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique conservation, equine and wildlife experience based in South Africa
- Live on a research camp on a wild African game reserve
- Live and work on a Game Reserve that specialises in Horseback safaris
- 12 night programme specifically tailored
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Equine Welfare
 - Equine Management
- Dedicated vehicles, conservation staff and horses
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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Waterberg Conservation Project and Horse Trails

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg Biomonitoring Project and Waterberg Horse Trails 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 days task and research goals.

12 Night Itinerary

8 Nights at Welgevonden Game Reserve

4 Nights at Waterberg Cottages



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Waterberg Biomonitoring Programme – 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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ABOUT THE PROJECT: WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE

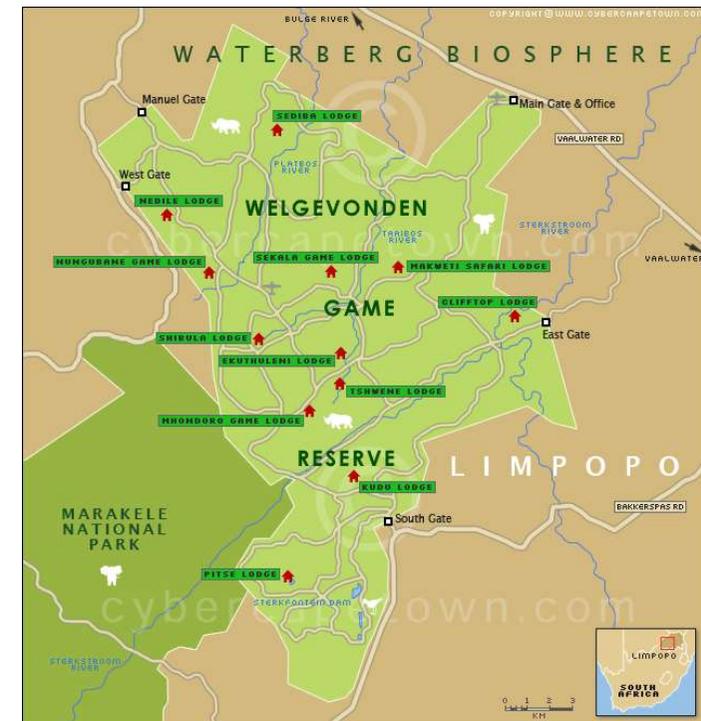
Our conservation work
in more detail

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Welgevonden Game Reserve (8 Nights)

- 36,000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- 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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Home to the BIG 5



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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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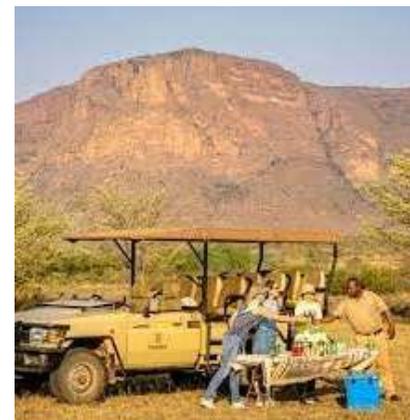
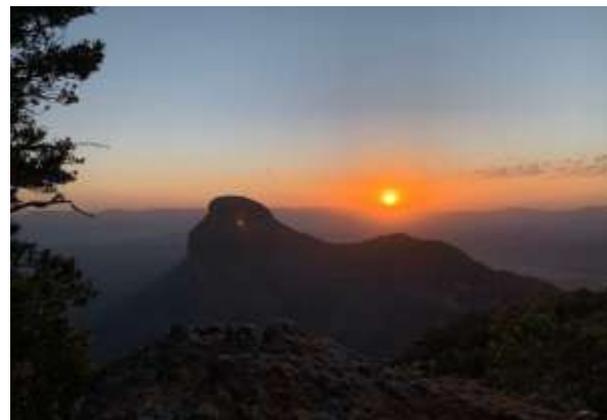
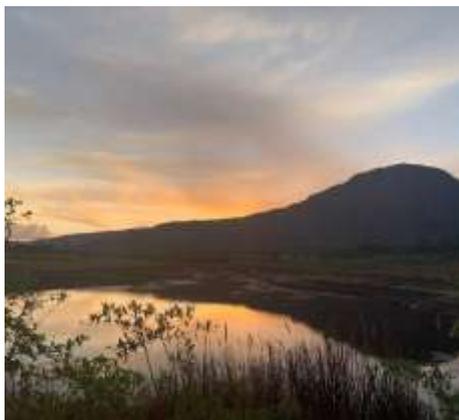
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Known for its dramatic landscape



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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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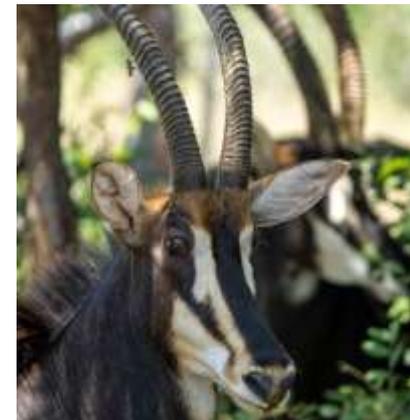
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Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog – Talks



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A large rhinoceros and its calf are the central focus of the image, standing in a lush green savanna. The rhinoceros is on the right, and the calf is on the left, both facing left. In the background, there is a tented camp with several tents and a dirt path. The scene is set in a natural, open landscape with scattered trees and a clear sky.

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ABOUT THE WATERBERG EQUINE & WILDLIFE PROJECT

Our conservation work
in more detail

Waterberg Equine and Wildlife Project (4 Nights)

Equine activities

- Grooming
- Feeding
- Outrides (game monitoring on horseback)
- Herding (bringing horses in and moving camps)
- Basic farriery and trimming of hooves
- Lunging
- Horse desensitising
- Poisonous plant removal
- Collecting wire and dangerous objects in bush
- Filling dangerous holes
- Basic veterinary care
 - Wound treatments
 - Preventative treatments
 - Injections
 - Deworming
 - Weekly tick dipping of horses

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Horseback Safari



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Outrides (game monitoring on horseback)



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Outrides – Game Counts



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Waterberg Equine and Wildlife



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Bush Clearing, Natural Horsemanship



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Community Development



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Wildlife Conservation Activities

- Interpretive bush walks and tracking
- Game (wildlife) drives
- Full Day Big 5 Game Drive
- Aardvark Safari
- Telemetry Skills
- Bush Walks
- Spoor and Dung Tracking



Other Activities

- Astronomy show
- Evening Sundowners



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Wildlife Conservation Activities



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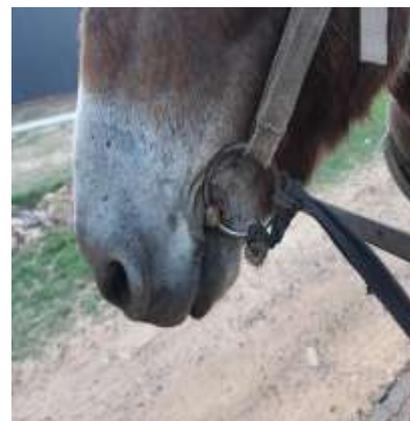
Wildlife Conservation Activities



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Community – GAP Donation Bags



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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!

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.



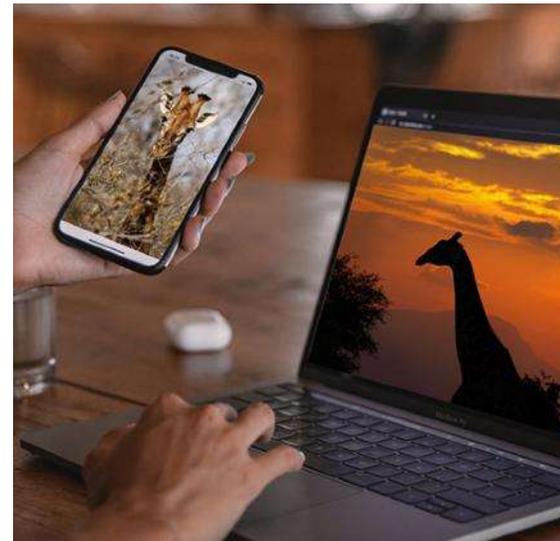
Course Start Dates:

5 January 2026

30 March 2026

22 June 2026

14 September 2026





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

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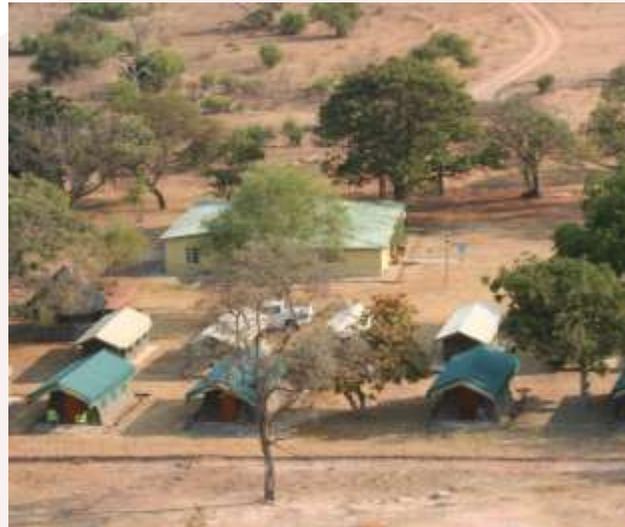
Welgevonden Accommodation

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.



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Meals – Welgevonden

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 biomonitoring 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.



Waterberg Cottages Accommodation

The group will be accommodated in the beautiful historic thatch cottages surrounded by gardens, horses, animals and views of the bushveld.



Meals – Waterberg Cottages

All meals are provided. Hosts create wholesome home-cooked style meals made with local ingredients and cater for all dietary requirements.

Dinners are catered and served to the students in the evenings, lunches will be made by the group in teams and breakfast will be self-service.

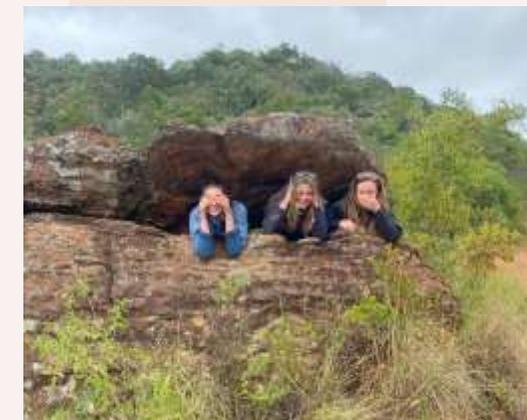
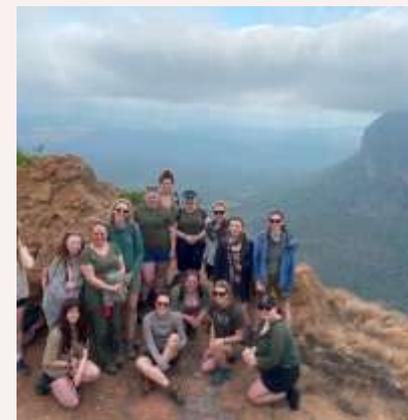
There will be opportunities to taste local dishes including the traditional 'braai' (BBQ) and to enjoy meals in unique outdoor locations.



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Life on a Reserve



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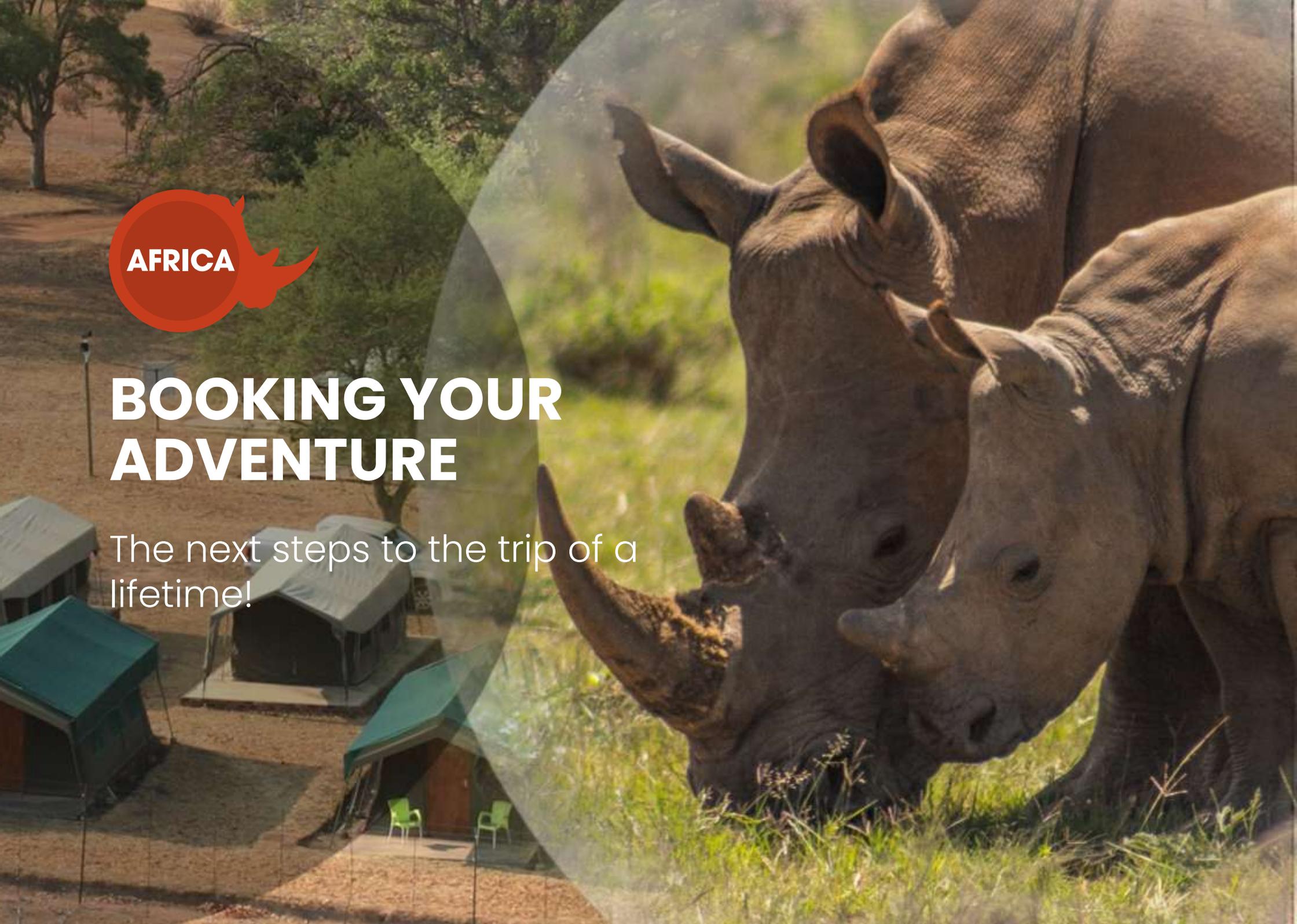
Life on the farm



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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 Biomonitoring Project?



"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 Equine and Wildlife Project?



"This trip gave me a **greater insight** into what we can actually do as veterinary nurses."



"Horse riding in the game reserve was a **phenomenal experience**."



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

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

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 17th June 2026 | Arrive SA: 18th June 2026

Depart SA: 30th June 2026 | Arrive UK: 1st July 2026

Trip cost:

£2,435.00* Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 02/10/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 16/10/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1067.50 to be paid by 26/02/2026
- Balance payment of £1067.50 to be paid by 23/04/2026
- 04/06/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

What is Included?

- Flights
- Transfer to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24 hour in country support



NOT Included

- Personal Travel Insurance *
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from the project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips
- Riding hat, boots, gloves, body protector – see kit list (for equine students)

* We recommend you take out insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed

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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

Name and surnames

Passport expiry date

Passport Copies

Travel Insurance

Passengers Travelling

Passenger(s)

Sub Land Communication Research (MUS/201 - 18/07/18)

Inclusions

Exclusions

Your Flight(s)

| FLIGHT | CLASS | FARE BASIS | CARRIER | FLIGHT NUMBER | CLASS | FARE BASIS | CARRIER | FLIGHT NUMBER |
|--------|-------|------------|---------|---------------|-------|------------|---------|---------------|
| IN/OUT | Y | Y | BA | 149 | Y | Y | BA | 149 |
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CONFIRMATION INVOICE

Client Details

Flight Details

| Flight No. | Class | Start | End | Start Price | End Price | Passenger Name | Passenger Age |
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| BA149 | Y | 18/07/18 | 19/07/18 | 120.00 | 120.00 | Maria Jose | 18 |
| BA149 | Y | 19/07/18 | 20/07/18 | 120.00 | 120.00 | Maria Jose | 18 |
| BA149 | Y | 20/07/18 | 21/07/18 | 120.00 | 120.00 | Maria Jose | 18 |
| BA149 | Y | 21/07/18 | 22/07/18 | 120.00 | 120.00 | Maria Jose | 18 |

Summary

Total cost of the programme in specific date: 480.00

Deposit Payment: 480.00

ATOL Certificate

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

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?

What is protected?

Who is protecting your trip?

Your protection

If you are protected then when you come home the certificate in the red will allow you to get your money back.

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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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