

## EASTON COLLEGE PROJECT PRESENTATION



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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





### **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 10 nights in South Africa
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

#### 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.







### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**



### KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Field Trip-Location



#### **KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research**

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research 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 10-night day academic module split between the two conservation reserves



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

The project split and duration are as follows:

10 Night Itinerary

6 Nights

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

4 Nights

Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure **Activities** 





#### Nambiti Game Reserve

Nambiti Game Reserve is a magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.











# ABOUT THE PROJECT



### Home to over 40 Species of Mammal





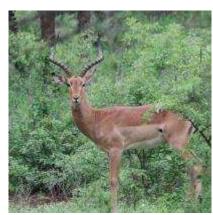












### **ABOUT THE PROJECT**



### Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species















#### Your Conservation Programme - Nambiti

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 at Nambiti.

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







#### Nambiti Research Team

















### **Use of Telemetry Tracking**













### **Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors**

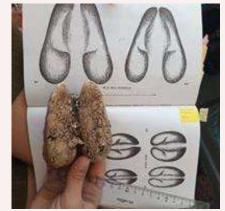
















### **Big Five Bush Walk**















### Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

Focus on Lion and Cheetah populations:

GPS coordinates from tracking collars

Can be used for movement/spatial/home range analysis













### Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Impact Assessment

Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

Matriarch collared so GPS range data available

Herd population data

Elephant impact assessments from February '23

Long term ongoing project looking at elephant impact on vegetation









### Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching

















### Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!















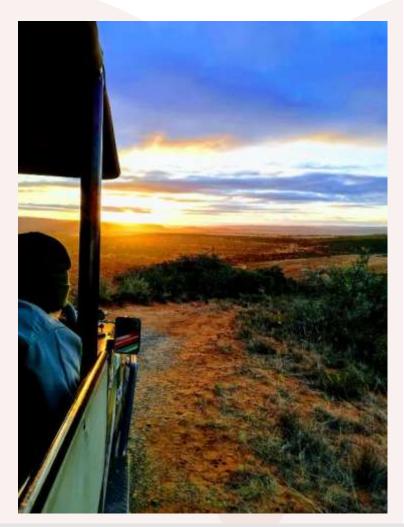
### **Night Game Drives**











### **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, Jabong Hats & Rhino Art











### Community - GAP Donation Bags

















### Your Conservation Programme – Zingela (4 Nights)

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

- Spatial Distribution and Habitat use of species
- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Giraffe migration and Conservation Project
- Reptile pit fall traps
- Freshwater Ecology
- Mini SASS
- Fish Tagging
- Bird Ringing
- Educational Bush Walks Ecology & Botany
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development
- Camera Trapping and data processing







### Zingela River Safari

Zingela Wildlife Reserve covers 12,500 acres of predator free, pristine African bushveld. You will have the opportunity to be involved with the research that takes place at the property;. You will also have the chance to participate in a host of activities during your stay.







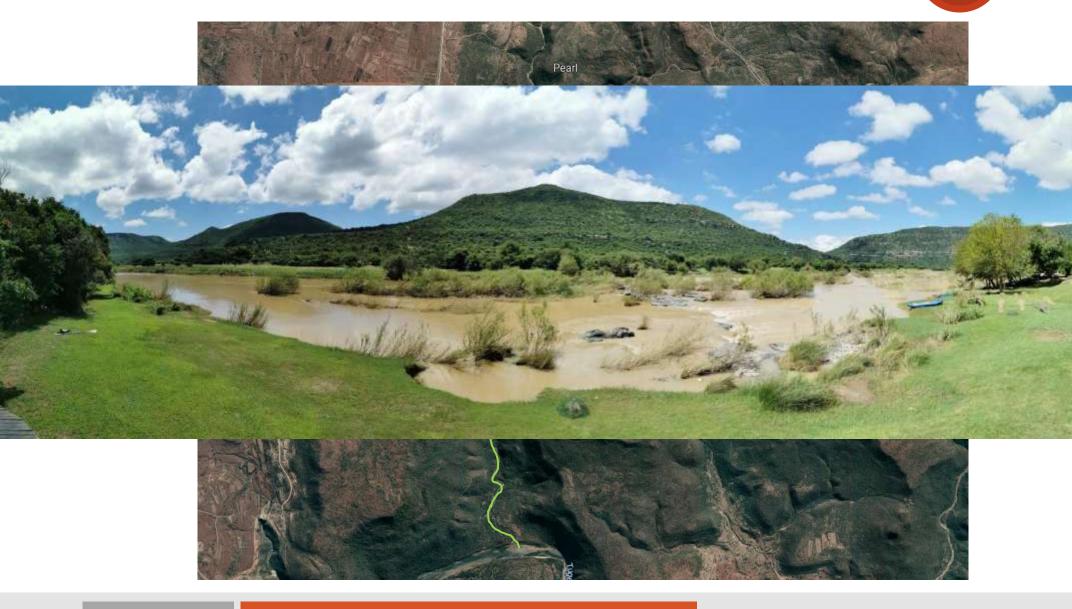






## NAMBITI TO ZINGELA





#### **Potjie Cooking Competition**

A traditional South African experience, the Potjie competition involves cooking a stew in three-legged pots over an open fire..

The winning dish, judged by our expert cooks, will be served for dinner, allowing everyone to enjoy the fruits of their labor.













### **Giraffe Migration and Research Project**

Population data and database for individuals

Migration and range data through unfenced territories

Diet and vegetation impact assessment

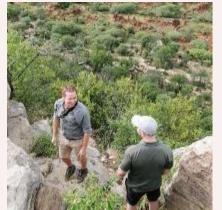
Genetic diversity













#### **River Assessments**

Fresh water eel project understanding life cycle using GPS data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System













### **Reptile Research and Trapping**

Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned

Species frequency

Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation

Comparing herpetological diversity















### Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany















### River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking















### ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE



### **Abseiling and Rock Climbing**

















### Exclusive Bushwise Nature Guide Course - only include 2 slides if incl. in costing

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











#### Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti

In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room.







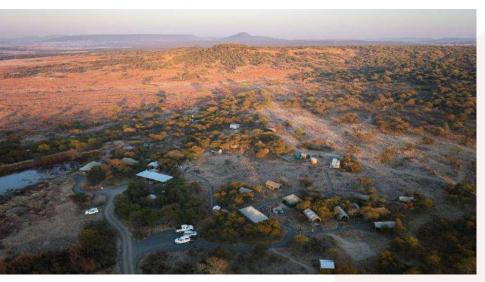




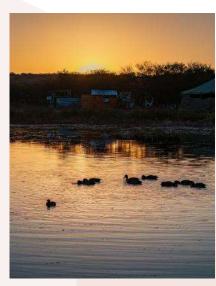




### Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti















# Game Reserve Camps - Zingela















# Game Reserve Camps - Zingela















#### 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.

#### **Dietary Requirements**

Provision can be made for Vegetarian & Vegan diets and for those who have a medical condition such as Coeliac disease that requires a Gluten Free Diet and for those with severe allergies to dairy, eggs or nuts.













# Food at the project















# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



# Life on project - Life long memories















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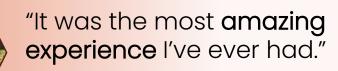








What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal **Conservation Research?** 



"I learnt so many new things that have educated me beyond classroom curriculum"

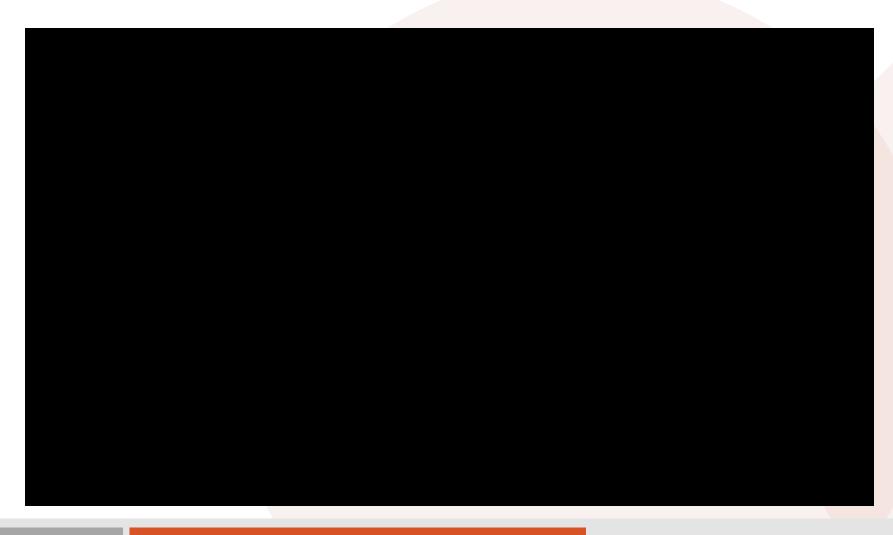


"There wasn't a single experience that didn't amaze me and make me feel enriched."

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



#### KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Video





# WHAT'S INCLUDED

#### 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

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

#### Project dates & key deadlines

#### Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 17th May Arrive SA: 18th May 2026

Depart SA: 28th May | Arrive UK: 29th May 2026

#### Trip cost:

£2365.00\* Based on a group of 12 (confirmed once flights have been held)

#### **Key deadlines are:**

- Return the online booking form by 07/10/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 07/11/2022
- 50% instalment payment of £1032.50 to be paid by 26/01/2026
- Balance payment of £1032.50 to be paid by 23/03/2026
- 04/05/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued



# **BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE**

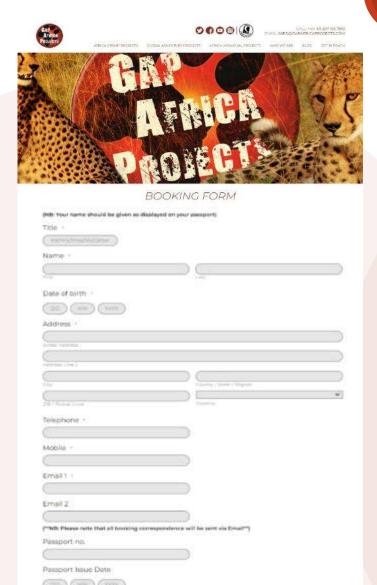
#### **AFRICA**

#### **Booking Form**

- Please submit by **07/10/2025**
- 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



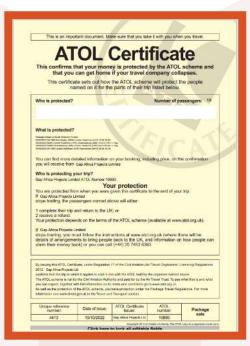
#### **Confirmation Documents**

Confirmation documents will be issued and sent directly to you via email.

Please communicate with us with any questions relating to the field trip.







#### **Group Web Page**

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#### **Booking Form**

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# BOOKING FORM You have the option to pay your initial deposit with the submission of your booking 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 phort onquiry form, or by calling +44 (0) 207 193 7819. **(2) (2) (3)**

#### 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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