

SCOTLAND'S RURAL 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 15 nights in South Africa
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

What is a Game Reserve?

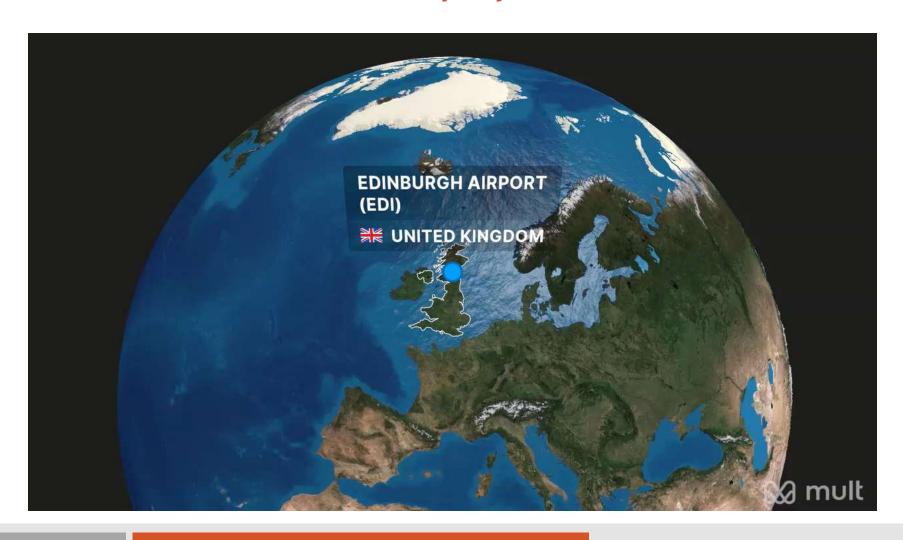
- A game reserve is a large area of protected land where wild animals can live safely.
- Wildlife is free roaming throughout the reserve allowing them to thrive in their natural habitat.
- Reserves are either Government Owned (National Parks) or Privately Owned/Managed.
- Most reserves will have physical 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.







KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife and Community Project-Location





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 Costal Project



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.











Home to over 40 Species of Mammal

















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







Use of Telemetry Tracking









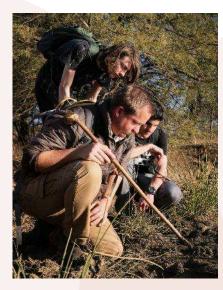




Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors

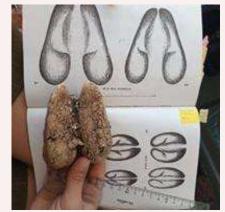
















Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching

















Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!















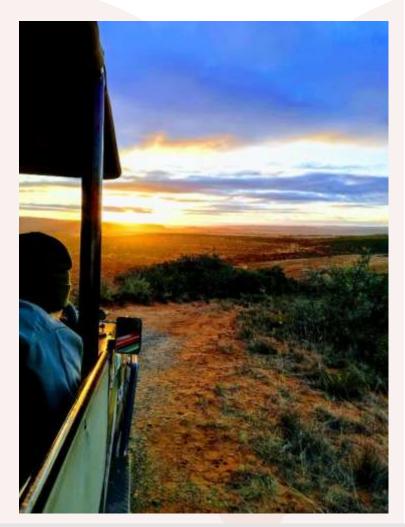
Night Game Drives













Bird Ringing















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.













Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for long-term conservation

Positive impact supporting not-forprofit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Project Rhino













Community - GAP Donation Bags



















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.





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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)













ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE



Estuary Hippo and Crocodile Tour















ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE



Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and Snorkeling















ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE



Bird Tracking and Identification















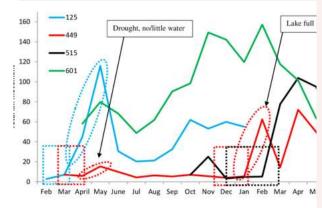
Crocodile Research Centre

















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 activites you choose to do.

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















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











Bundu Camp – Bonamanzi

Chalet style accommodation is provided during your time in Bonamanzi Game Reserve. You will be accommodated in twin rooms, 2 rooms share bathroom facilities of shower, toilet and basin.

All guests will eat together in the communal dining room or outside in the covered dining area. On one evening a Potjie competition will be held so everyone gets involved!

There isn't a washing machine, but clothes can be hand washed.











Bundu Camp















Bundu Camp - Bonamanzi











Shonalanga Accommodation - St Lucia

Guest House style accommodation is provided during your time in St Lucia.

You will be accommodated in twin rooms with ensuite facilities.

There are no facilities for washing clothes at the accommodation but there are launderettes nearby which are not expensive.

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





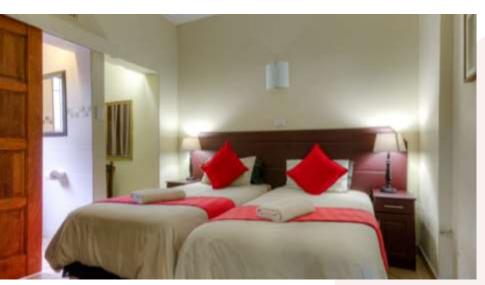




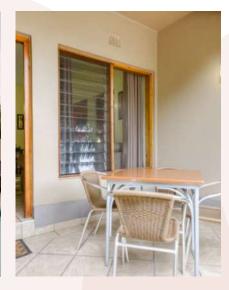




St Lucia Coastal Accommodation

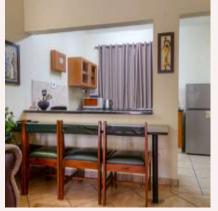














Food at the Project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff with the exception of 1 lunch and 1 dinner in St Lucia

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.



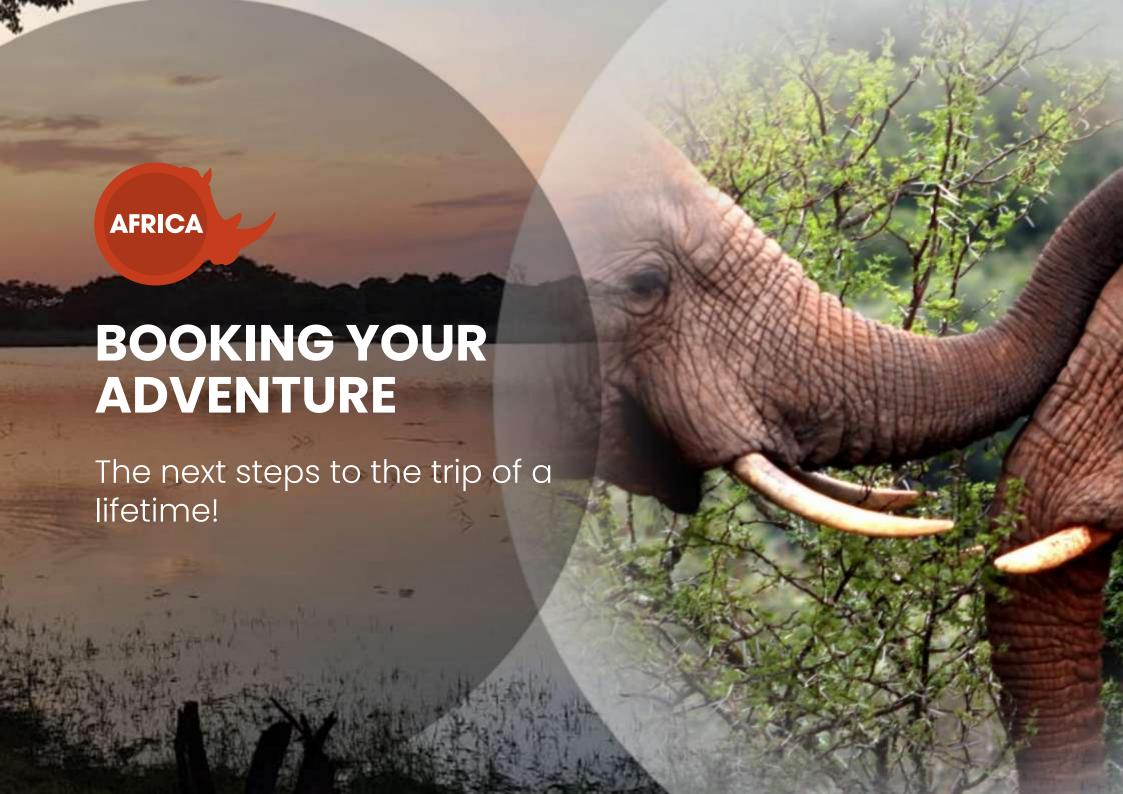








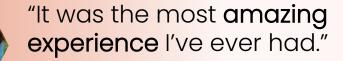




WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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



"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 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.



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



BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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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

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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.







Group Web Page

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



Booking Form

https://gapafricaprojects.com/ booking-form-26-4767-src-kwcscotlands-rural-college/



BOOKING FORM

Your Global Adventure Starts here!

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

If you'd like to contact up 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 thert. enquiry form, or by calling +44 (0) 207 793 7819.

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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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