



# BATH COLLEGE PROJECT PRESENTATION

## Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course Entabeni (Vet Nurses)



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# ABOUT THE WATERBERG

Project overview and  
location

## 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 VN 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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## Your two project locations

Your trip is split between two locations, in two neighbouring provinces of South Africa. You will first travel 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. You will then head North to observe a focused wildlife veterinary practice on a reserve in the Waterberg, Limpopo Province (**Entabeni Safari Conservancy**). Project locations and duration are as follows:

### Itinerary

#### 4 Nights

Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng Province

#### 8 Nights

Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Waterberg – Limpopo Province

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## Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Location





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# **ABOUT THE PROJECT: KYALAMI, MIDRAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

Our conservation work  
in more detail

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## Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng (4 Nights)

- 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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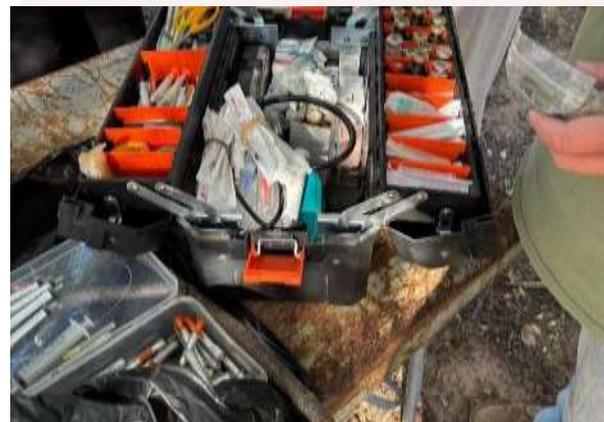
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## Practical Sessions

- 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



## 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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# ABOUT THE PROJECT: ENTABENI SAFARI CONSERVANCY

Our conservation work  
in more detail

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## Entabeni Safari Conservancy

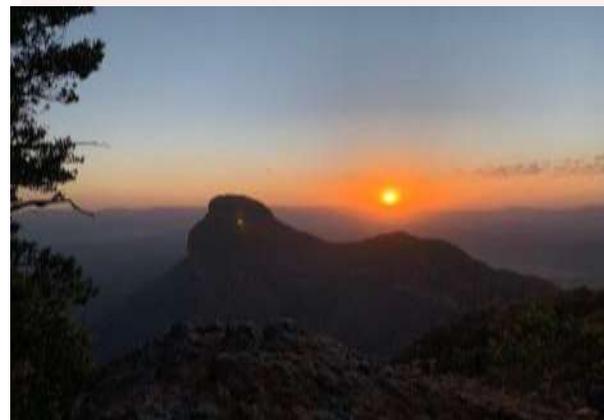
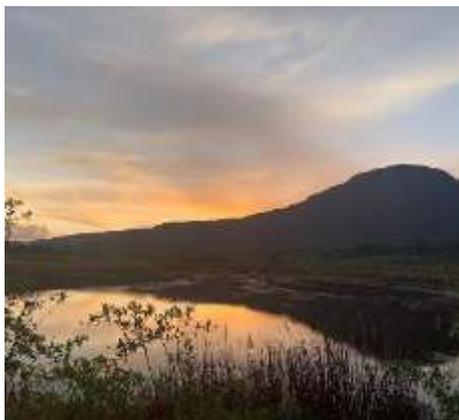
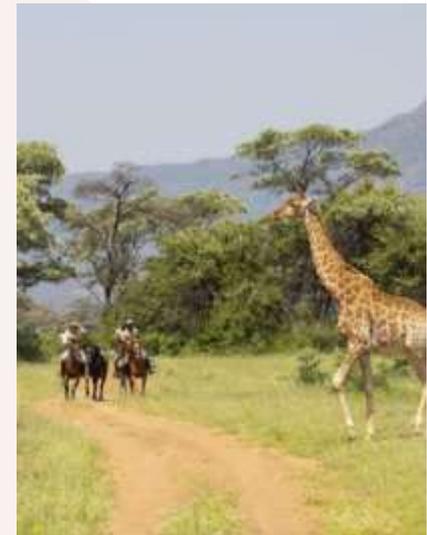
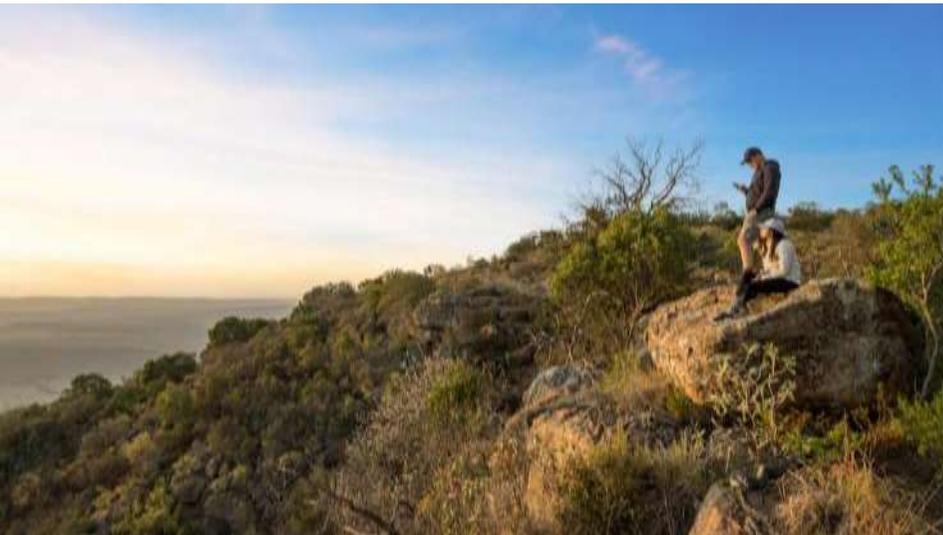
- 22 000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere (662 059 ha)
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
  - Wildlife Vets
  - Conservation Researchers
  - Ecologists
  - Anti Poaching Unit
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Student Camp Accommodation



# ABOUT THE WATERBERG

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Known for its dramatic landscape



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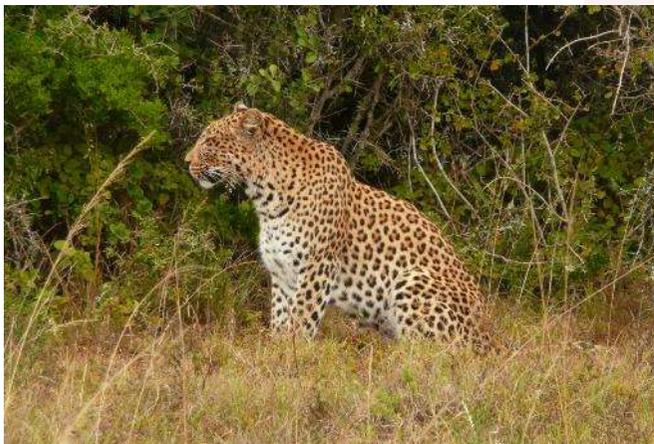
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## Home to the BIG 5



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Home to over 60 Species of Mammal



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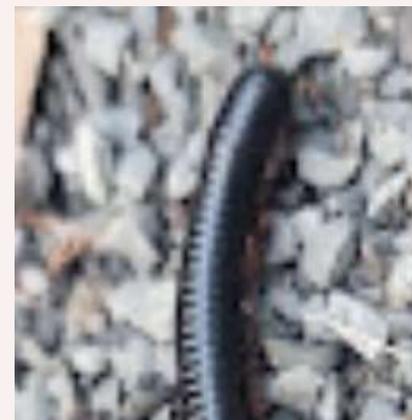
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## Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



## 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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## Entabeni Safari Conservancy (8 Nights)

- Introduction to Entabeni Safari Conservancy and Research Projects
- Rhino orphanage – assist with orphaned rhino calves
- Time spent with the research team conducting conservation activities
- Wildlife Veterinary work and intervention (Dr Pierre Bester)
- Build up to possible intervention and planning
- Lectures

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## Dr Pierre Bester – Wildlife Veterinarian – Rhino Expert

He has a mixed animal practice (small and large domestic as well as wild) where the scope of his work includes the immobilisation, treatment, and translocation of African wildlife; specialising in rhino.

He's been involved with the immobilisation and translocation of thousands of rhinos, as well as countless other species.



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## Learning about a Veterinarians role in the field



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## Monitoring the Entabeni Rhino Population

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

Importantly also monitor body condition, injuries, mating, calving, behaviour, herd structure etc.



## The Rhino Orphanage

The Rhino Orphanage was the first-ever specialised, non-commercial centre dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, raising and release of orphaned rhinos back into the wild.

Although new-born rhinos can weigh up to 50kgs, they are essentially “helpless” and require protection so that they may survive and ultimately thrive.



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## Introduction to Pharmacology



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## Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators



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## Research – Elephant Monitoring & Fertility Study



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## Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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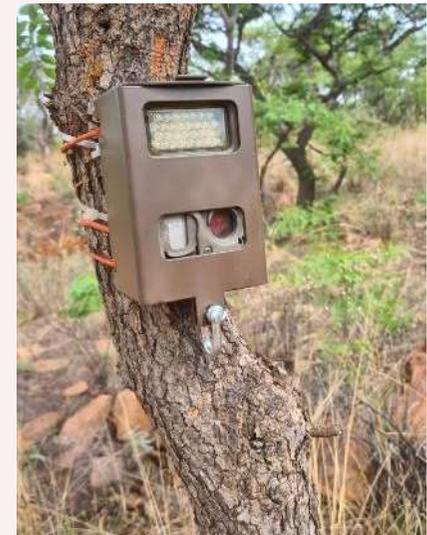
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## Camera Trap – Research and Study



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## Anti-Poaching Unit



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## Night Game Drives



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## Rhino – Fitting of Prosthetics



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## Rhino – Sinus Infection



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## Lion immobilisation & collaring/removal



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## Cheetah Relocation – Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT)



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## Free-roaming Waterberg Wild Dog – Talks



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## Community – GAP Donation Bags



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# ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Your free time on the project

# ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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## Activities/Excursions (own cost and optional)





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# ACCOMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush

## 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.

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



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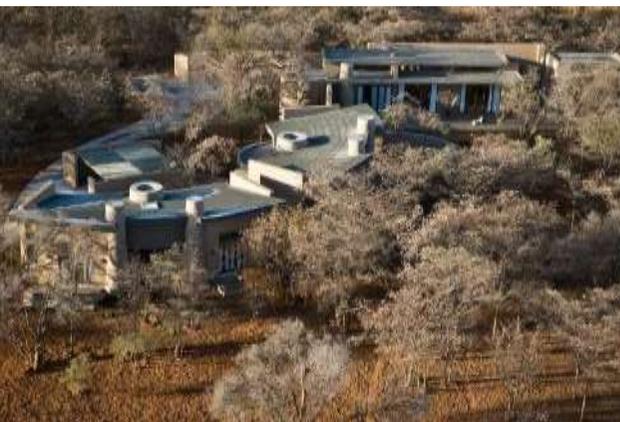
## Waterberg – Entabeni Accommodation

You will stay in twin bedded rooms with ensuite facilities.

There are 4, 5 and 6 bedroom units each of which has an open plan layout with lounge and dining area and a fully equipped kitchen.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the campfire.

Only Sunday will be an off day to 'chill' in camp or do extra activities.



## Food at the Project

At Entabeni all meals are included. The students will self prepare meals as a group in one of the kitchens.

Some days lunch will be at the accommodation; other days lunch will be brought into the field to be taken as a picnic.

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.

## Dietary Requirements

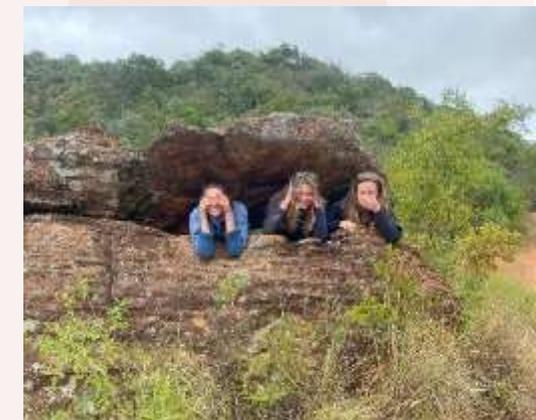
Provision can be made for Vegetarian & Vegan diets and for those who have a medical condition such as Coeliac disease that requires a Gluten Free Diet and for those with severe allergies to dairy, eggs or nuts.

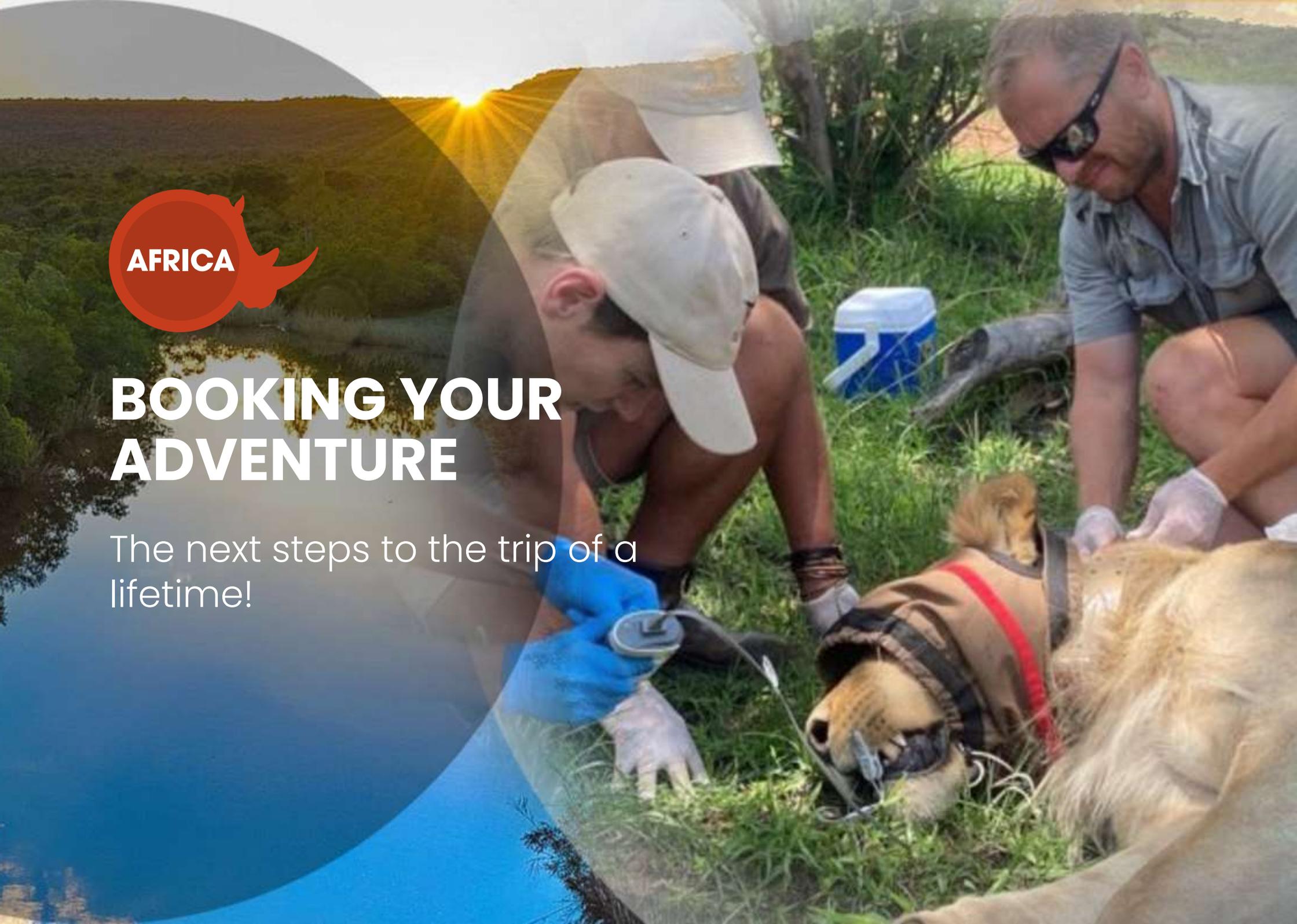


# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE



## Life on a Reserve





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# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

The next steps to the trip of a  
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# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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## What do previous travellers say about the Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course – Entabeni?



“Staying at Entabeni really developed my knowledge of animal behaviours.”



“Everything exceeded my expectations, and the trip was life-changing.”



We got the opportunity to take part in talks and visit the Rhino orphanage, it was incredible.”

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 Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course – Entabeni?



“Assisting in the field was a phenomenal experience.”



“I have returned home feeling more confident about my practical skills, it was brilliant.”



We got the opportunity to take part in practicals and interventions too, it was incredible.”

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
- ATOL protection
- 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
- Weekend activities
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

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

# THE NEXT STEPS

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## Project dates & key deadlines

### Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2027 | Arrive SA: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2027

Depart SA: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2027 | Arrive UK: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2027

### Trip cost:

TBC – £2,795.00\* 2026 Cost Based on a group of 14 (confirmed once flights have been held)

### Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 12/12/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 TBC
- 50% instalment payment of £1425.00 to be paid by 01/02/2027
- Balance payment of £1425.00 to be paid by 29/03/2027
- 10/05/2027 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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## Booking Form

- Please submit by 12/12/2025
- 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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Title \*

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Date of birth \*

Address \*

Telephone \*

Mobile \*

Email 1 \*

Email 2 \*

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

Passport no.

Passport Issue Date



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## Group Web Page

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## Booking Form

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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)

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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 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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