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KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Wirral Metropolitan College – Booking Reference 4734

Trip Dates:

25th January 2026 – 8th February 2026

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
TK1992	25/01/2026	Manchester (MAN)	14:05	Istanbul (IST)	21:15
TK0042	26/01/2026	Istanbul (IST)	02:05	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	13:30
TK0043	08/02/2026	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	16:00	Istanbul (IST)	06:00 + 1 Day
TK1993	09/02/2026	Istanbul (IST)	11:45	Manchester (MAN)	13:05

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece of checked baggage @ 23kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 8kgs 55cm x 40cm x 23cm

Project:

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Trip Cost:

£595.00 per person*

**payment to be made to college*



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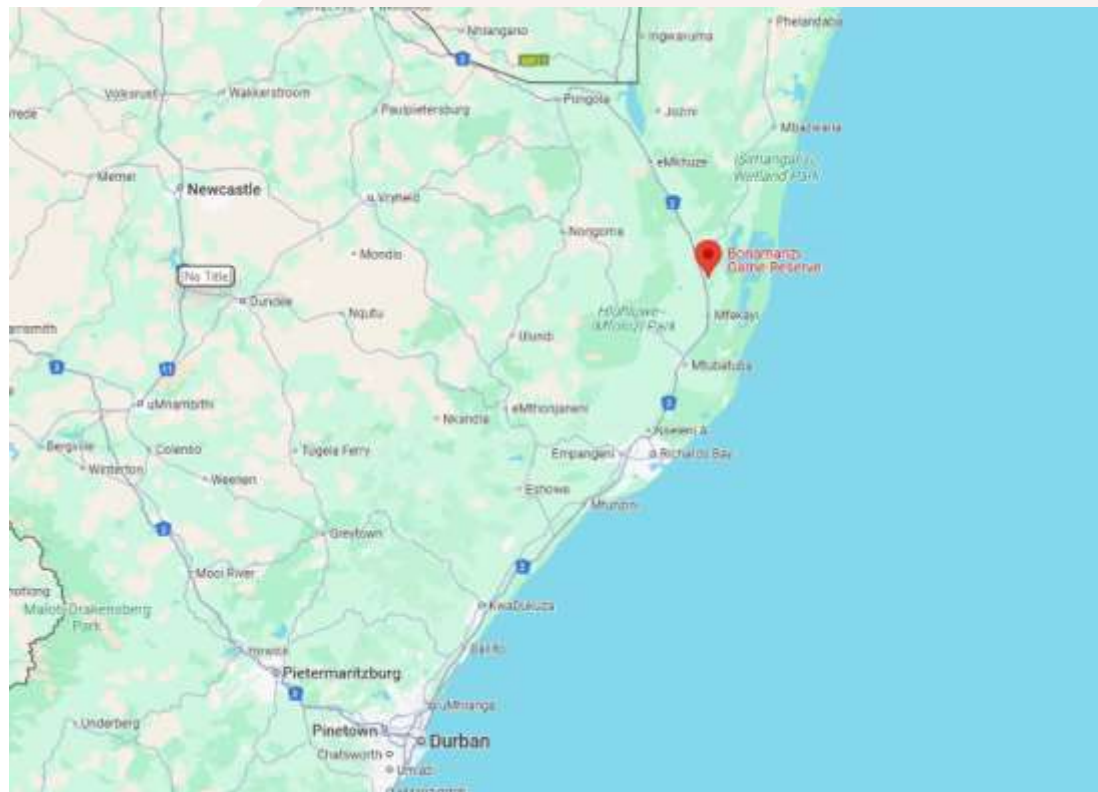
Overview and location
of the project

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Location

- Staying in one location on the Northeastern Coast of South Africa
- Bonamanzi Game Reserve



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KwaZulu-Natal Community and Volunteering Project

The KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering project is located conveniently close to Durban (3 hours) on the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast in South Africa it is close to the beautiful St Lucia Wetlands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The project location is Bonamanzi and the surrounding community; Bonamanzi is a Zulu word for “look water!” The nearest town is Hluhluwe which has South Africa’s oldest Game Reserve.

KwaZulu-Natal is located in a low to no risk malaria area – Antimalarials are not usually advised.



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Bonamanzi

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve, 4000 hectares in size with the Hluhluwe River on its Eastern border. Proclaimed a Natural Heritage Site in 1995 in recognition of the biodiversity of the Reserve it offers Sand Forests, Savanna and Wetland areas. This diversity is why Bonamanzi is recognized as one of the best birding destinations in Southern Africa.



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Students will be taught and have the opportunity to work alongside several inspiring professionals -

Project Rhino. - Project Rhino aims to educate school children on the conservation of Rhinos and the Rhino poaching crisis. It aims to increase relationships with game reserves and the neighboring communities. Project Rhino has reached over 700,000 school children in South Africa, educating these children about the importance of the natural world and the wildlife around them. Children attend presentations and are encouraged to produce artwork in support of the local wildlife. The education links directly to the Zulu culture

Move Africa - Champion and encourage girls on how to use menstrual cups as a sustainable solution to period poverty. In Africa 3 out of 10 girls miss out on a week of school every month, due to not being able to afford menstrual products. This has a huge impact on the girl's outlook. Move Africa's aim is to equip young women with sustainable sanitary wear and relevant education about menstrual cycles



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Ndumu Charitable Foundation – Focuses primarily on improving early childhood development and education within communities, particularly in the refurbishment of creches and nurseries. Projects include building and improving play equipment, painting the classrooms, digging vegetable gardens and talking to staff about the importance of correct nutrition. Ndumu are also passionate about installing libraries in primary schools.



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Kingsley Holgate Foundation – has supported conservation efforts and communities bordering wildlife parks throughout Africa for over a decade. Their Early Childhood Development programme works to improve the nutrition and education of over 3000 local children who live in rural communities on the boundaries of wildlife reserves.

Woza Moya – This charity aims to reduce poverty through arts and crafts. Woza Moya assists those in need to develop skills and learn how to turn their skills into an income by using local products. Woza Moya provides ongoing business mentorship to ensure the crafting can become a self-sustaining business. Since 2002 over 350 crafters have been supported.



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Khula Natural Health Clinic – A busy community health facility in St Lucia, founded in 2017 focusing on Children's and women's health, through safe and affordable treatments using homeopathic remedies to complement Western medicine.

Bonamanzi Conservation Foundation – manages the day-to-day conservation management and research of the Big 4 Game Reserve. The foundation began in 2012 to re-establish land as a game reserve for wildlife. Wildlife conservation and community development are the foundation's main objectives. Bonamanzi has an ongoing relationship with Cumbria's Safari Zoo who are active in helping the reserve with their K9 unit.



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Community Development Activities



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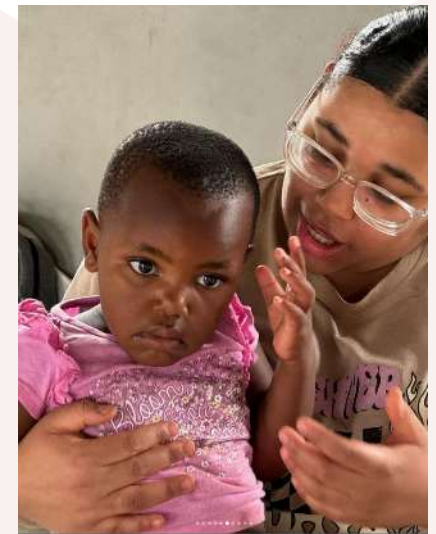
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Community – GAP Donation Bags



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Example itinerary

Travel overnight from the UK to South Africa.

Domestic onward flight to Durban, transfer to KwaZulu Natal's Dolphin Coast for your first night stay. After dinner talk on Indukua – Zulu Fighting Stick Culture.

After breakfast undertake a volunteering project with LIV Village before an afternoon transfer to Bonamanzi Game Reserve, orientation and dinner.

After breakfast undertake community work at a local creche. Afternoon swim before making educational resources. After dinner sunset game drive and talk by Singakwenza Outreach.

Community outreach at a local creche to deliver and demonstrate your educational resources to the children and their childcare/early years practitioners

Morning creche refurbishment work, upgrading the playground and jungle gym. After dinner a presentation by Move Africa.

Spend the day at Sodwana Bay– lunch at the beach with optional snorkelling for those that are confident swimmers

Early morning game drive with an afternoon at the beach fossil hunting.

After breakfast depart for Snake Paharm. Evening game drive before a talk about Rite to Site.

After breakfast you will be involved with Right to Sight Outreach in the community supporting Gogos. Enjoy an after-lunch swim at the reserve before seeing the reserve close up with a game drive.

Visit a local creche to help deliver a ball skills and movement to music workshop. Visit the Zamimpilo community market for a beading and basket weaving workshop.

Early morning Game Drive before returning to prepare a Potjie (traditional South African cooking) cook off and scavenger hunt. After dinner talk by Richard Mabanga from Project Rhino.

A morning of community outreach with Project Rhino – meet school children and celebrate their artwork. An afternoon of African Sky reflection. Swim at the reserve.

Early morning safari drive to Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park – the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. Afternoon at leisure relaxing by the pool.

Depart Bonamanzi for your flight back to the UK. Arrive back in the UK for your transfer back to college.



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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in Africa

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Relax Inn – Ballito (First Night)

Your first night stay is at Rock Inn Lodge. You will be accommodated in twin rooms, with access to ensuite facilities.

Rock Inn is situated in the heart of KwaZulu Natal's Dolphin Coast and within walking distance of the shores of Shaka's Rock beach in Ballito.

You will be provided with dinner and breakfast.



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Bundu Camp

You will be accommodated in twin rooms, 2 rooms share bathroom facilities of shower, toilet and basin.

There is a communal fully equipped kitchen and living area. There isn't a washing machine, but clothes can be hand washed.

On one evening a Potjie competition will be held so everyone gets involved!

The camp faces East, with a view over False Bay and the iSimangaliso Wetlands.



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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.

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.





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USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &
Recommended Kit List

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
- 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

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

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Suggested kit list

To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/ soft suitcase is preferred.

- Short and long sleeve t-shirts
- Long work trousers and shorts (or work/zip-off trousers)
- Hiking boots/comfortable walking shoes to work in every day
- Waterproof jacket
- Sweatshirt/Fleece (Winter months pack plenty)
- Padded jacket/windbreaker (Winter months) although it can get very cold on an open vehicle even in summer
- Socks
- Underwear
- Change of casual clothes for evenings
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Warm hat (Winter only) / Hat for sun protection (all year)
- Gloves for warmth (Winter only)
- Daypack rucksack
- Swimwear
- Beach Towel
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power bank
- Good torch

* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones for working in the bush. No skimpy or bright-coloured clothing to be worn



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