



# SPARSHOLT COLLEGE PRE-DEPARTURE PACK



## Waterberg Equine and Wildlife Experience

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# TRIP OVERVIEW

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## Sparsholt College – Booking Reference 4723

### Travel Dates:

17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Flights:

| Flight No | Flight Date | Dept.                 | Dept. Time | Arr.                  | Arr. Time     |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| VS449     | 17/05/2026  | London Heathrow (LHR) | 20:50      | Johannesburg (JNB)    | 08:50 + 1 Day |
| VS450     | 28/05/2026  | Johannesburg (JNB)    | 20:25      | London Heathrow (LHR) | 06:30 + 1 Day |

**Baggage Allowance** – 1 piece of checked baggage @23kgs, 1 piece of hand baggage @ 10kgs max dimensions 56x36x23 cms

### Project:

Waterberg Equine & Wildlife Project

## Arrival at Johannesburg International Airport (OR Tambo)

Upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport you must clear passport control and collect your baggage from baggage reclaim before heading into the arrivals hall.

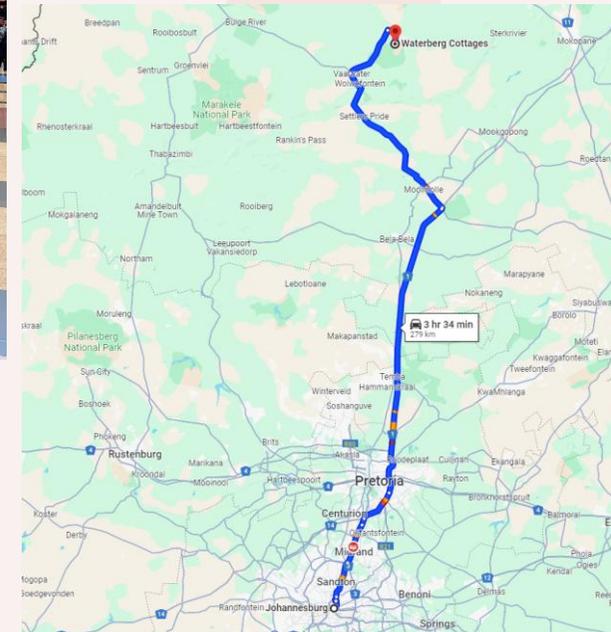
Either Carmen or Lesedi, the GAP Africa Projects representative, will meet you **next to the statue** as you come into the arrivals hall.

They will be there to assist you to your transport with Shuttle King who are transferring you to Waterberg Cottages, a drive of approximately 3.5 hours.

The driver will stop at a shop on the way for you to get snacks, drinks etc.

If for any reason you are unable to locate the representative, please call Shuttle King:

Terri on : + 27 71 242 8838



# CONTACT DETAILS

## Address

Waterberg Cottages  
Boschdraai Farm  
Vaalwater, 0530  
South Africa

## Waterberg Cottages Landline

Telephone: +27 (0) 78 207 8570

## Mobile

+27(0) 72 713 5043  
Megan Antrobus (Emergency Only)

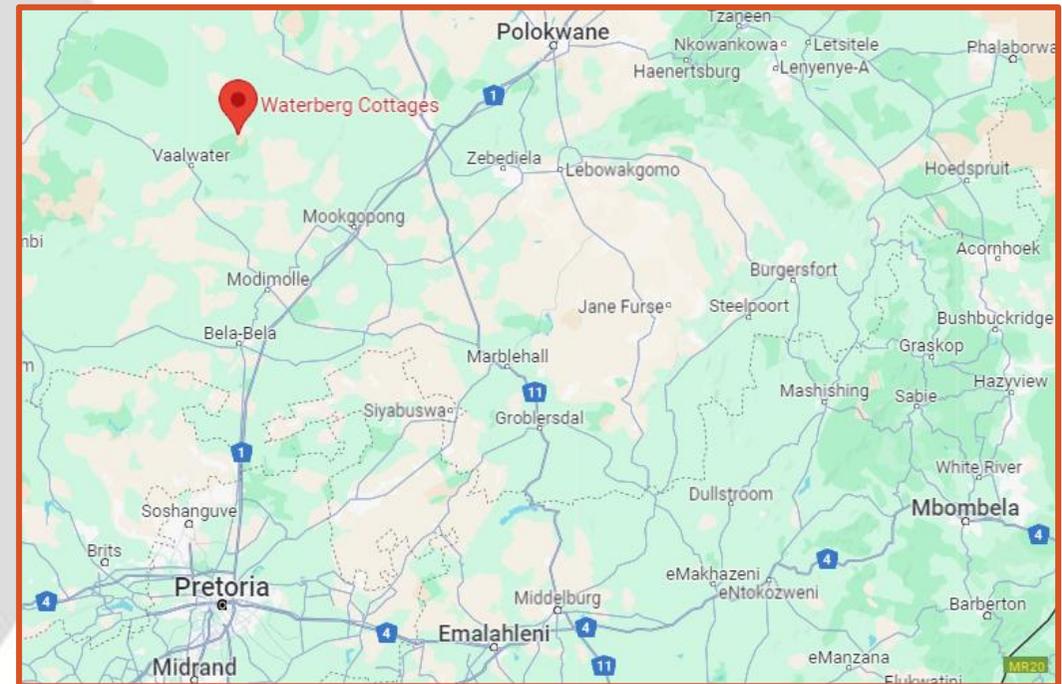
## Gap Africa Projects

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## 24 Hour Emergency Only

## Gap Africa Projects In Country Contact:

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## Health Risks

### Immunisation:

When entering South Africa, no international immunisation is required. However, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers if they enter South Africa within 6 days of leaving an infected country.

Our advice: Visit your local (travel) doctor to get up-to-date information about requirements when travelling.

DTP inoculation (diphtheria, tetanus and polio) is essential. Please visit the following web page for advice from the UK Foreign Office:

<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/country/201/south-africa>

### Drinking Water:

Drinking water is available at the project; always make sure you keep hydrated.

### HIV/Aids in South Africa:

As in other countries, HIV/Aids is a serious concern in South Africa and one you must be aware of. You should always be careful when dealing with an injured person to avoid the risk of infection. Always take necessary precautions and avoid sexual contact.

### Sun:

South Africa has a warm sunny climate, you should wear sunscreen and a hat whenever you are out of doors during the day, particularly between 10am and 4 pm – regardless of whether there is cloud cover or not. Whatever your complexion you can still get sunburned if you are from a cooler climate. Sunglasses are also recommended as the glare of the African sun can be very strong.

### Malaria:

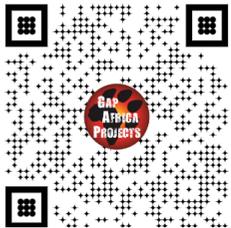
The project is located in a malaria free area.

<http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-risk-areas.htm>

## Insurance

Personal travel insurance is compulsory. Travel insurance does not need to be expensive and there are many good deals available for backpackers etc. Always be sure to check the insurance details to make sure you are covered for Covid 19, theft, loss, illness and injury. Check to see if your medical benefits are paid out as they incur or on your return home.

You should select 'Adventure Pack' as this will cover you for the type of activities you will undertake during your trip.



<https://www.true Traveller.com/?tag=4480>

## Passport Requirements

It can take up to 6 weeks to obtain a passport – remember to start this process in plenty of time.

Your passport needs to be valid for at least 30 days beyond your intended stay and have at least two blank pages.

## Stay safe overseas – KBYG

The better prepared you are when you travel abroad the safer you will be. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office offers 'Know Before You Go' travel advice, including simple precautions you can take before and during your trip.

To find out more, check out their website:

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/travel-abroad>

## Visa Requirements

A visa is not required for British Passport holders, all other nationalities should check the requirements via the website below, if required a visa can be obtained from the South African High Commission.

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>

# USEFUL INFORMATION

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## Climate

### Limpopo Province

January is the hottest month in Limpopo with an average temperature of 23°C (73°F) and the coldest month is June at 13°C (55°F). The wettest month is November with an average of 100mm of rainfall.

Have a look at the accuweather website for more information, link below:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/polokwane>

## Tipping

Whilst there is no obligation, it is a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the staff and housekeeping staff by leaving a small tip/donation when you leave; any amount is always appreciated.

## Currency & Credit Cards

The currency for South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR). Foreign exchange may be arranged at the airport or in major centres. It is not recommended that travellers carry large sums of cash, keep a reasonable amount on hand and primarily use credit cards.

All major credit cards are widely accepted.

Travel Cards are very useful; preload before travelling and the best exchange rate is used.

Wise Travel Card offers up to £500.00 with no transfer fee for GAP Africa Projects travellers:



<https://wise.prf.hn/1/XZJx9gq>

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## Phones & Internet

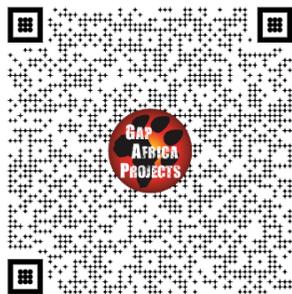
Mobile phone coverage is good at Waterberg Cottages, although there may be some areas on the reserve where there isn't any coverage. Using an eSIM or purchasing a SIM card at the airport is another option.

Some Wi-Fi is available at the accommodation however internet speeds are not up to international urban standards but are effective for communication.

We have partnered with Holafly eSim provider 5% discount use code GAPAFRICAPROJECTS.

## Benefits of an eSIM

- Unlimited Data Plans
- Uses both Vodacom and MTN the two major networks in South Africa
- Keep your WhatsApp number
- Immediate Delivery



<https://shorturl.at/sxE29>

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# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Accommodation – Waterberg Cottages

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



ANY QUESTIONS?

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## Food at the Project

All meals are provided. Hosts create wholesome home-cooked style meals made with local ingredients. Dinners are served in the evenings, lunches will be made by the group and breakfast will be self-service.

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

## 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.



## 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)
- Working gloves
- Daypack rucksack
- Riding hat
- Jodhpurs
- Riding boots
- Swimwear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Good torch

### Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power bank

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

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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## 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

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



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