BISHOP BURTON COLLEGE
PROJECT INFORMATION PACK

KwaZulu-Natal
Conservation Research

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TRIP OVERVIEW

Bishop Burton College – Booking Reference 4737

Travel Dates:

8th February 2026 – 23rd February 2026

International Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
EK022	08/02/2026	Manchester (MAN)	08:50	Dubai (DXB)	19:55
EK767	08/02/2026	Dubai (DXB)	23:20	Johannesburg (JNB)	05:30 + 1 Day
EK764	23/02/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	18:50	Dubai (DXB)	05:05 + 1 Day
EK017	24/02/2026	Dubai (DXB)	07:10	Manchester (MAN)	11:15

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece of checked baggage @ 23kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs max dimensions 55x38x22cm

Project:

KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research – Nambiti Game Reserve & Zingela Wilderness Reserve

Trip Cost:

£480.00 per person

£240.00 Instalment due 20/10/2025

£240.00 Balance due 15/12/2025

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location
of the project

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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 14-night 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:

14 Night Itinerary

7 Nights
Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

7 Nights
Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Nambiti Game Reserve (Days 1 – 7)

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 an unprecedented diversity of wildlife.

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Zingela River Safari (Days 8 – 15)

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. There is also the opportunity to participate in a host of adventurous activities during your stay such as, rafting and abseiling.

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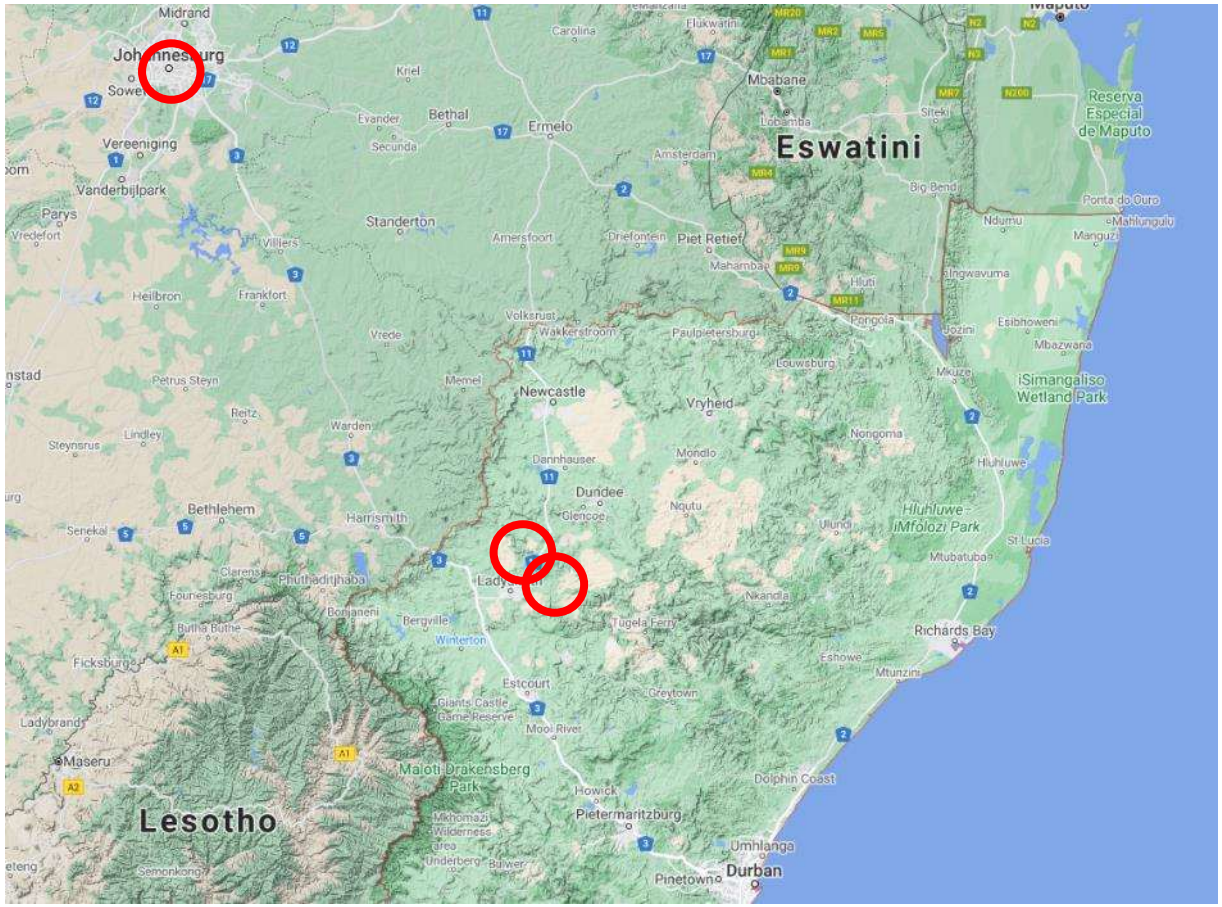
KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Project- Location

South Africa a world leader in conservation



7 Nights at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve

YOUR PROJECT

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

YOUR PROJECT

Additional Research Projects

Aardwolf Research

A new project for 2024/25 monitoring the aardwolf on Nambiti. Aardwolf are a nocturnal, insectivorous species of hyena. Through night drives, camera traps and collaring we hope to gain a better understanding of the species and their behaviour. Termite mounds have also been logged as well as possible den sites along fence lines

Birds of prey research

Identification of a key species on the reserve. Epicollect forms have been made, these forms contain nest sites, locations, GPS coordinates, species, number, road name.

Animal Vigilance in Antelope: Response to Predation Risk

Focusing on vigilance behaviour in antelope, specifically impala and blue wildebeest, as a predator avoidance strategy. This study is particularly timely with the planned introduction of female cheetah onto the reserve, providing a unique opportunity to observe changes in antelope vigilance in response to increased predation threats.

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Research Projects

Small Predator Management - All species need to be identified, mainly via camera trapping. A catalogue of animals is being made so we can identify as many individuals as possible on the reserve. More information is desperately required by the reserve, especially in relation to prey species.

Large Predator Management - Lion, leopard, brown hyena and caracal have an impact that needs to be identified and recorded. Mapping their home ranges and activities.

Conservation Management - Aspects of the physical management of the environment and other supporting infrastructure is needed to manage a game reserve. Fencing, road and tracks, erosion, planning and mapping all need monitoring to ensure the success of the reserve's biodiversity.

Mega Herbivore Management - Feeding habits and their impact on the ecosystem need to be reported on.

YOUR PROJECT

Community Projects & Zulu Culture

A chance for academic groups to meet the locals living around the game reserves

The opportunity to meet chiefs and experience traditional Zulu culture first hand

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats, Project Rhino and Rhino Art

7 Nights at Zingela Nature Reserve

River Research and Adventure

YOUR PROJECT

Your Conservation Programme – Zingela

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
- Educational Bush Walks – Ecology & Botany
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development
- Camera Trapping and Data Processing

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Activities and Adventure– Zingela

- Abseiling
- Rock Climbing
- Swimming
- Kayaking / White water rafting

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Research Projects

Giraffe Research Project - In the past five years, considerable progress has been made in compiling and producing a species-wide assessment of population size and distribution. The continued growth of these populations however is limited by the ability of that ecosystem to support a particular number of Giraffes due to space, water and forage availability (i.e. limited carrying capacity).

Over population of Giraffe can have deleterious effects on indigenous flora which may in turn adversely affect other animals within the conservation area; it is necessary to calculate a sustainable carrying capacity for a specific area.

Through our ongoing Giraffe Conservation Project, we aim to gather all the data necessary for generating a conservation plan for our Giraffe. This will help in planning for the future expansion of conservation areas or for reducing the population size through game capture.

Bush Walks and Ecology Trails

One of the unique aspects of the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation project is the ability to utilise the reserves for walking trails and ecology lessons.

Groups will be accompanied by professional guides as they navigate through the reserve observing the smaller aspects of the flora and fauna that the African Bush has to offer.

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Wilderness Trail Experience

As part of your conservation experience, groups will have the opportunity to take part in a breathtaking wilderness trail between Nambiti and Zingela.

Those choosing the adventurous route* will embark on a 7km hiking trail from Nambiti to a designated point on the Tugela River.

From there, our river guides will meet the group and assist you to navigate across the stretch of river into Zingela.

A true Adventure!!!

* A road transfer will also be available between reserves for anyone who doesn't wish to participate in the trail.

Adventure Activities - Zingela

White Water Rafting & Kayaking

There is an excellent 20km stretch of rapids and pools in this section of the Tugela Canyon including the intimidating Washing Machine and Finger Rock rapids.

Abseiling & Rock Climbing

The cliffs overlooking the Tugela Canyon provide dizzying abseil sites. Face your fear or watch other participants step over the edge. Registered, experienced guides are there to provide reassurance and safety.

ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

ACCOMMODATION

Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti

In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in shared comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets.

All meals are provided in a communal dining area. Students are expected to help clear up after meals.

ACCOMMODATION

Game Reserve Camps - Zingela

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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.

On weekends a braai (BBQ) is often organised.

Please advise us of any dietary requirements in advance so we can ensure that you are adequately catered for.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &
Recommended Kit List

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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 the 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.

USEFUL INFORMATION

AFRICA

Suggested kit list

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

- **Wellington boots** (long or short for travel **Jan – April**)
- 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 (**June – Aug) -** pack plenty
- Padded jacket/windbreaker (**June - Aug**) although it can get very cold on an open vehicle even in summer
- Socks and Underwear
- Change of casual clothes for evenings
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Warm hat (**June - Aug** / Hat for sun protection (all year)
- Gloves for warmth (**June –Aug**)
- Working gloves
- Daypack rucksack
- Micro-fibre sleeping bag liner (for extra warmth)
- Swimwear
- Beach Towel (micro-fibre takes less space)
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Binoculars
- Good torch (headlamp/torch is best)

Other useful items:

- Camera
- Power bank
- Water shoes

* 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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