



# HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY PROJECT PRESENTATION



## KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research

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# **KWAZULU-NATAL PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Overview and location  
of the project



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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## 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 12 nights in South Africa
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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## KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research – Location





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# **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

Our conservation work  
in more detail



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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 12-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:

### 12 Night Itinerary

#### 6 Nights

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

#### 6 Nights

Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities





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# 6 Nights at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve



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## Nambiti Game Reserve

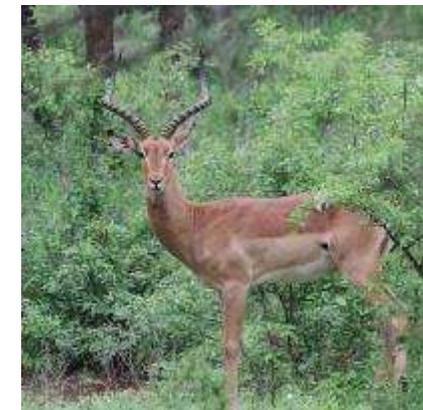
**Nambiti Game Reserve** is a magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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## Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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## 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



# NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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## Nambiti Research Team



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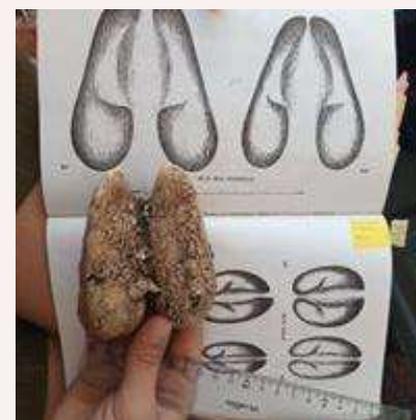
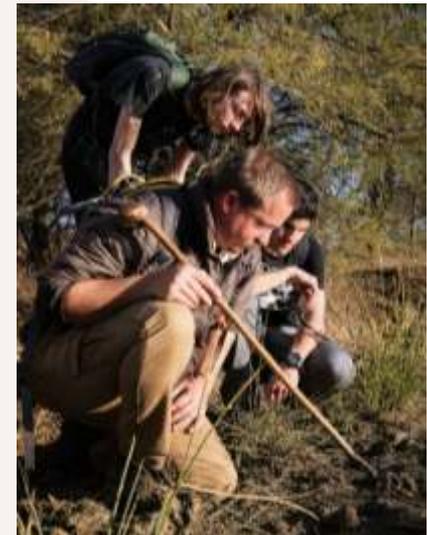
## Use of Telemetry Tracking



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## Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoor



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# NAMBITI GAME RESERVE



## Big Five Bush Walk



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## Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

Focus on Lion and Cheetah populations:

GPS coordinates from tracking collars

Can be used for movement/spatial/home range analysis



## Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Impact Assessment

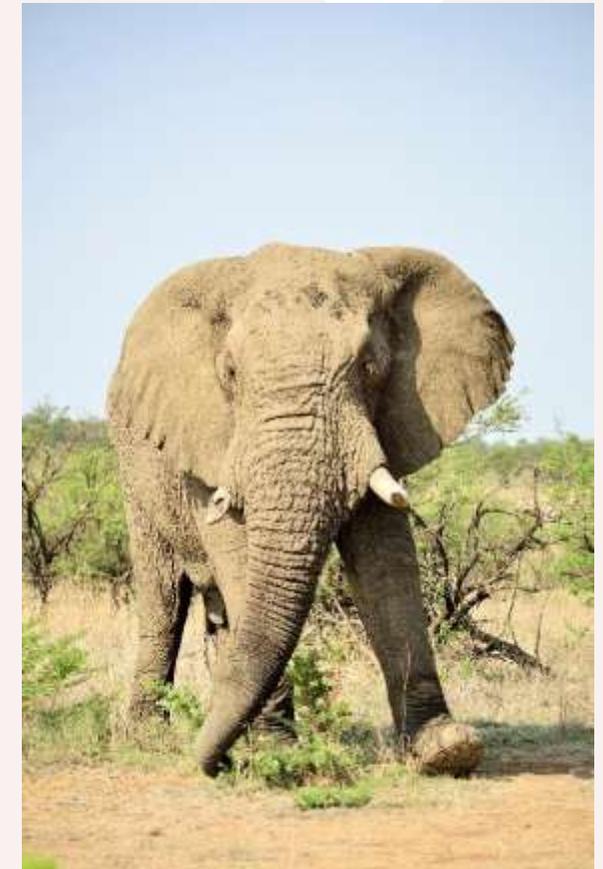
Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

Matriarch collared so GPS range data available

Herd population data

Elephant impact assessments from February '23

Long term ongoing project looking at elephant impact on vegetation



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## Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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## Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!



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## Night Game Drives



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## Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for long term conservation

Positive impact supporting not for profit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Jabong Hats & Rhino Art



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## Community – GAP Donation Bags



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# 6 Nights at Zingela Wildlife Reserve

River Research and Adventure



## 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



# YOUR PROJECT

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## Zingela River Safari

**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; You will also have the chance to participate in a host of activities during your stay.



# NAMBITI TO ZINGELA



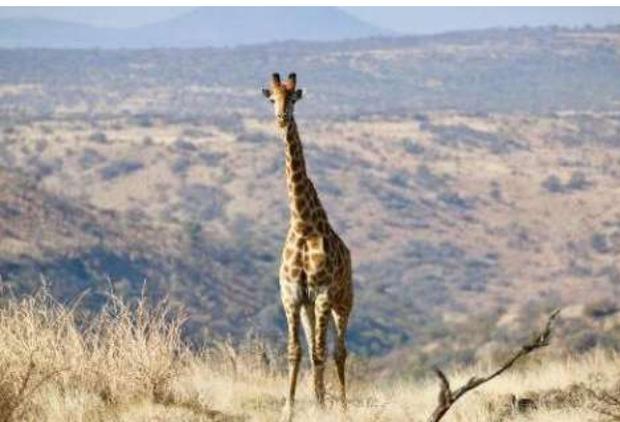
## Giraffe Migration and Research Project

Population data and database for individuals

Migration and range data through unfenced territories

Diet and vegetation impact assessment

Genetic diversity



# ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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## River Assessments

Fresh water eel project –  
understanding life cycle using GPS  
data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System



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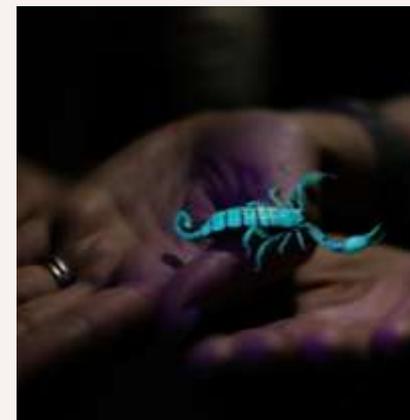
## Reptile Research and Trapping

Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned

Species frequency

Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation

Comparing herpetological diversity



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## Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany



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## Animal Welfare Outreach Program

Participants will join the camp's in-house veterinarian to assist local Zulu farmers in caring for their livestock, primarily goats, but also including dogs, cats, sheep, and cattle, depending on the participants' qualifications and experience.

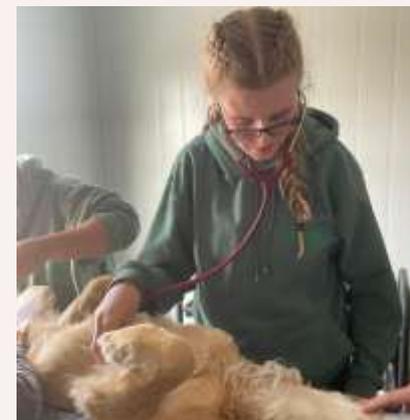
- Vaccinating and Caring for Local Farmers' Goats
- Working with Various Animals at the Homestead
- Animal Welfare Education at Local Schools



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## Animal Welfare Outreach Program



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## River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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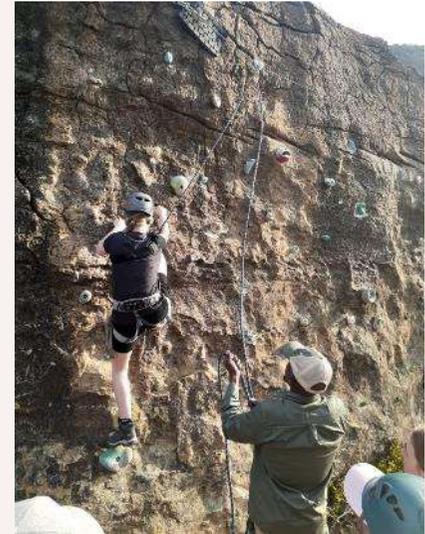
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# ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE



## Abseiling and Rock Climbing





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# **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**

Life in the African Bush



# ACCOMMODATION

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## Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti

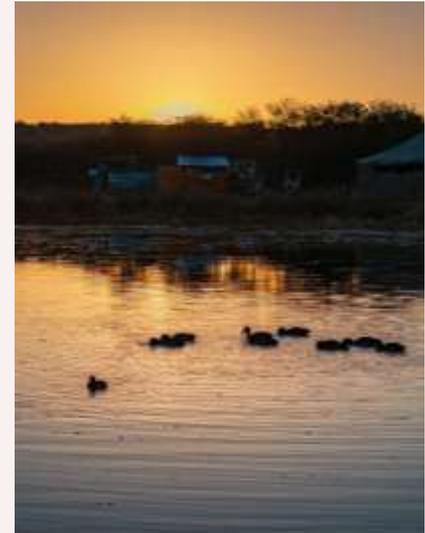
In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room.



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## Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti



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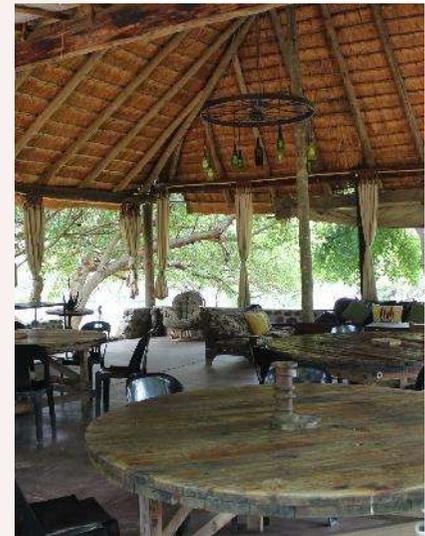
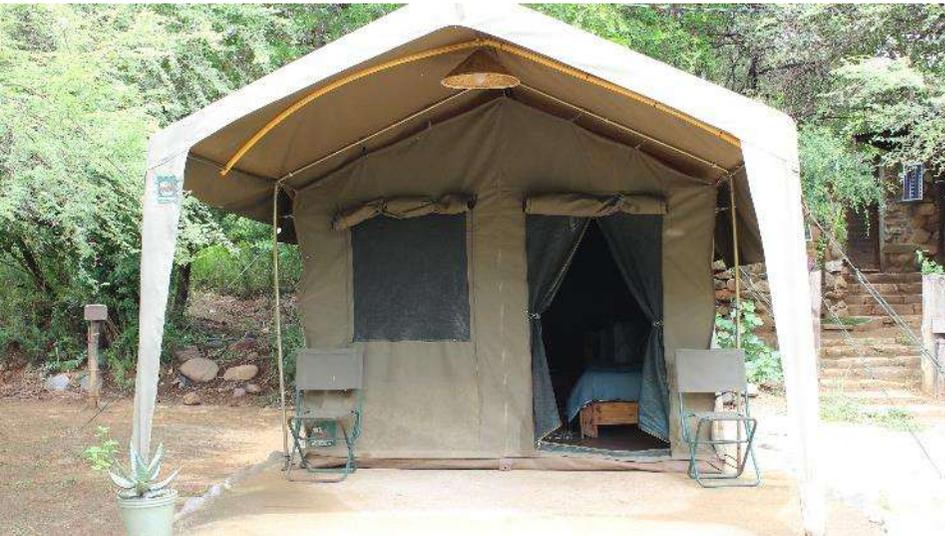
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## Game Reserve Camps - Zingela



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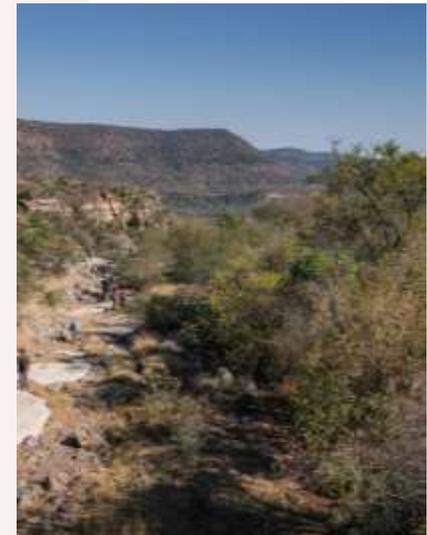
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## Game Reserve Camps - Zingela



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# ACCOMMODATION

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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.



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## Food at the project



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# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Life on project – Life long memories



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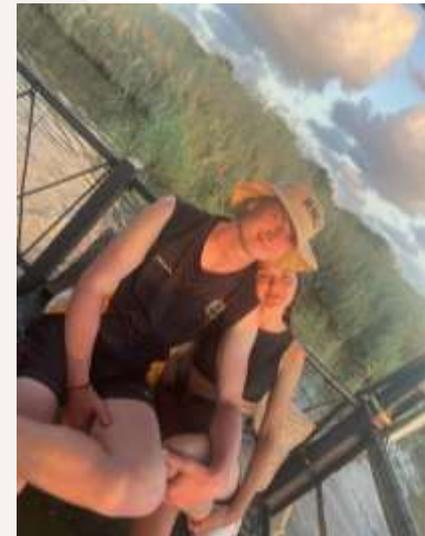
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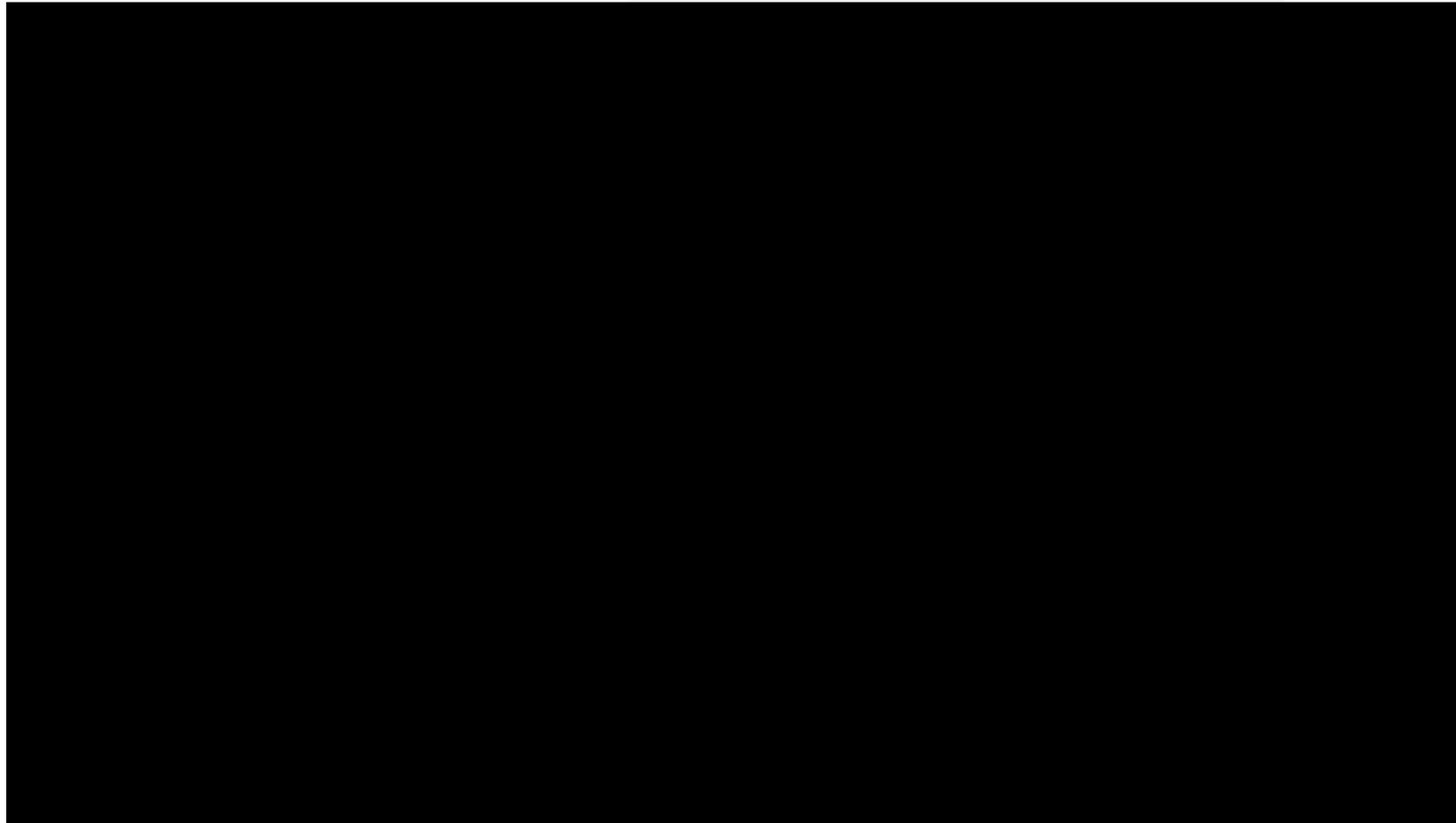
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## KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Video





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# **THE NEXT STEPS TO YOUR FIELD TRIP**

The next steps to the trip of a  
lifetime!



# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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## What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research?



"It was the most **amazing** experience I've ever had."



"I learnt so many new things that have **educated** me **beyond** classroom curriculum."



"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

# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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"Being at Nambiti really developed my knowledge of animal behaviours."



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



"Our guide was amazing, we got the opportunity to take part in talks and demonstrations by APU."

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
- 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

\* We recommend that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.

# THE NEXT STEPS

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## Project dates & key deadlines

### Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 22 Feb 2026 | Arrive SA: 23 Feb 2026

Depart SA: 07 Mar 2026 | Arrive UK: 08 Mar 2026

### Trip cost:

£2495.00\* Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

### Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 05/10/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 20/10/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1097.50 to be paid by 03/11/2025
- Balance payment of £1097.50 to be paid by 29/12/2025
- 09/02/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

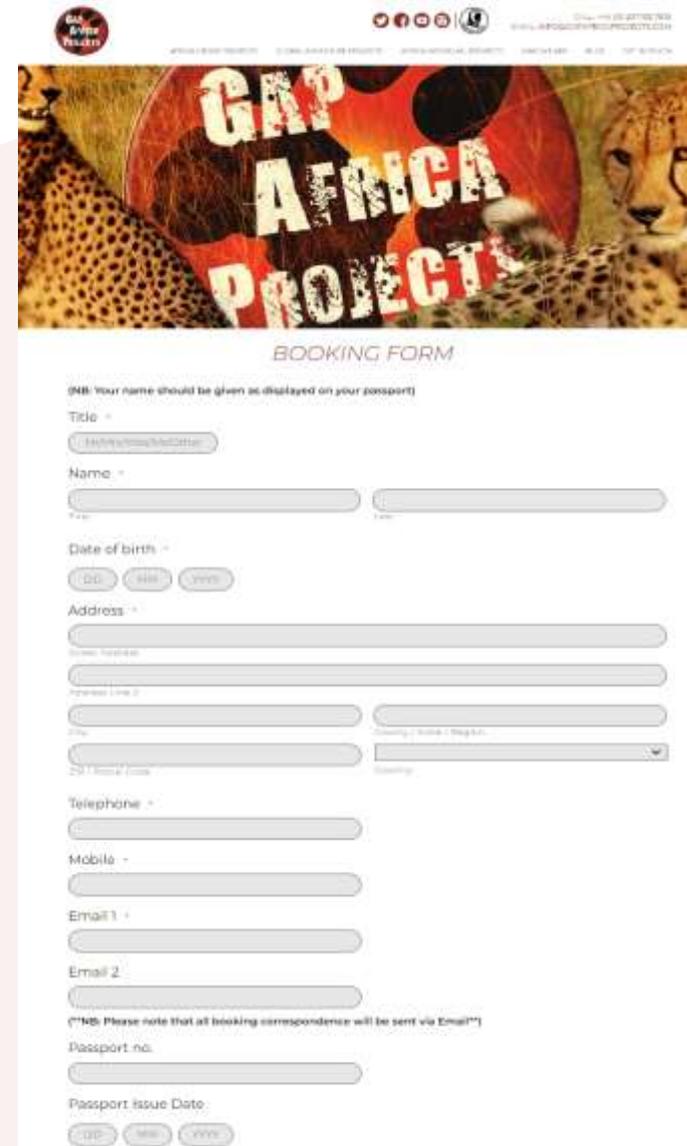
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## Booking Form

- Please submit by 05/10/2025
- 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



The image shows a screenshot of the 'GAP Africa Projects' website's booking form. At the top, there is a banner with a cheetah and the text 'GAP AFRICA PROJECTS'. Below the banner, the form is titled 'BOOKING FORM'. It includes a note: '(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)'. The form fields are: Title (dropdown), Name (first and last name), Date of birth (DD, MM, YYYY), Address (street, house no., city, country, postal code), Telephone (main and mobile), Email (two separate fields), and Passport (number and issue date). A note at the bottom states: '(\*\*NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email\*\*)'.

# THE NEXT STEPS

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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.

**Your Booking**

**Travel Advice**

**Names and surnames**

**Passport expiry date**

**Passport Copies**

**Travel Insurance**

**Passengers Travelling**

**Passenger(s)**

**Sub Land Communication Research (MUS/201 - (MUS/201)**

**Inclusions**

**Exclusions**

**Your Flight(s)**

Direction	Class	Carrier	Flight	Class	Remarks
INFLIGHT	3	BA	0461	Y	London Heathrow (LHR)
OUTFLIGHT	3	BA	0462	Y	London Heathrow (LHR)
INFLIGHT	3	BA	0461	Y	London Heathrow (LHR)
OUTFLIGHT	3	BA	0462	Y	London Heathrow (LHR)

**CONFIRMATION INVOICE**

**TRIP ITINERARY**

Origin	Destination	Class	Carrier	Flight	Class	Remarks
London Heathrow (LHR)	Munich (MUC)	Y	BA	0461	Y	London Heathrow (LHR)
Munich (MUC)	London Heathrow (LHR)	Y	BA	0462	Y	London Heathrow (LHR)
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**Summary**

Item	Amount
Total cost of the programme as specified above	1,000.00
Deposit Payment	1,000.00
<b>Total Amount due</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

**ATOL Certificate**

This certifies that your money is protected by the ATOL scheme and that you can get home if your travel company ceases.

This certificate sets out how the ATOL scheme will protect the people named on it for the parts of their trip listed below.

**Who is protected?** Number of passengers: 17

**What is protected?**

**Who is protecting your trip?**

**Your protection**

1 complete your trip and return to the UK; or  
2 receive a refund.

**ATOL Certificate**

ATOL Certificate Number	Date of Issue	ATOL Holder	Package Ref
4115	09/03/2022	GAPA Africa Projects Ltd	12890

# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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## Group Web Page

<https://gapafricaprojects.com/26-4758/>



## Booking Form

<https://gapafricaprojects.com/booking-form-26-4758-haa-kzn-harper-adams-university/>



**BOOKING FORM**

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)

Title \*

Name \*

Date of birth \*

Address \*

## 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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