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PROJECT INFORMATION PACK

Sibuya
Conservation Experience

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Oaklands College Booking Reference 4781

Travel Dates:

14th June 2026 – 27th June 2026

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
KQ0101	14/06/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	18:25	Nairobi (NBO)	05:00 + 1 Day
KQ0760	15/06/2026	Nairobi (NBO)	07:45	Johannesburg (JNB)	10:55
TBC	15/06/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC	Port Elizabeth (PLZ)	TBC
TBC	27/06/2026	Port Elizabeth (PLZ)	TBC	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC
KQ0765	28/06/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	01:15	Nairobi (NBO)	06:20
KQ0100	28/06/2026	Nairobi (NBO)	09:10	London Heathrow (LHR)	15:30

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece of checked baggage @ 20kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs 56x36x23cms

Project:

Sibuya Conservation Experience

Trip Cost:

£2699.00 per person

£300.00 deposit

£1199.50 Instalment due 23/02/2026

£1199.50 Balance due 20/04/2026

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work in more detail

ABOUT SIBUYA GAME RESERVE

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Sibuya Game Reserve

Sibuya is a Malaria-free Eco destination, on the Eastern Cape's Sunshine Coast, between Port Elizabeth and East London.

Sibuya Game Reserve incorporates the unique East Cape Valley Bushveld, Grasslands and Coastal Forests. Antelope abound, including the rare Bontebok and Oribi. Elephants, giraffe and plains zebra silhouetted against an Indian Ocean backdrop complete a truly memorable picture.

The ancient floodplains and pristine coastal forest host an abundance of wildlife: nearly 400 bird species and 45 species of recorded wildlife including the "Big Five". The lush vegetation ensures a high density of animals and special game-viewing experiences are guaranteed.

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The Sibuya Wilderness Experience offers students and participants the unique and exciting opportunity to get hands-on experience in the conservation efforts of Sibuya Game Reserve.

The team of passionate conservationists work tirelessly to save endangered and threatened terrestrial and marine wildlife from extinction.

Students will take part in short and long-term projects which are intended to create sustainability for generations to come. Tasks may vary from physical work to interesting and interactive lecture-based content.

The newly launched Programme focuses on an impactful rescue and anti-poaching scope for wildlife and a strong marine conservation aim. By exposing participants to the conservation work and nurturing in them a hands-on mentality, the team believe they can make a difference.

Conservation does not stop at conserving nature alone but includes a responsibility to uplift local and impoverished communities. This responsibility includes environmental education of the community as to its role in and the benefits of conserving biodiversity and further stresses the importance of conserving natural resources.

YOUR PROJECT

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Your Conservation Programme

- Lion monitoring
- Elephant monitoring
- Rhino monitoring
- Fencing and Alien Plant clearing
- Community Outreach
- Coastal Dunes and Rocky Shores
- Kayaking
- Insect Identification
- SANCCOB visit

Presentations and Talks on:

- Lion Conservation
- Elephant Ecology
- Rhino Conservation
- Ornithology (Birds)

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Conservation Programme – The Bush

There is so much opportunity in this newly established and expanding reserve. They are in the process of incorporating more land, and 'rewilding' needs to take place, so students are exposed to unique hands-on conservation and monitoring.

Key species monitoring: This involves locating the ecologically significant terrestrial species (elephant, white rhino, lion), identifying individuals using identikits and then monitoring their behaviour.

Reserve maintenance: fence and road maintenance as well as alien plant removal are important tasks on the reserve where students will have a chance to be physical and get their hands dirty.

Insect surveys: Tasks include collecting data on insects, reptiles and anything else crawling along the ground. From digging the holes to finding the specimens and identifying them – students will be part of this exciting research.

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Conservation Programme – Ocean and Estuary

The unique aspect of this reserve is that it is accessible by boat along the Kariega River and incorporates the river, estuary and ocean – all important contributions to Sibuya's biodiversity and for which the team have a great responsibility to conserve.

Rocky shores and coastal dunes – Learn about and monitor the coastal marine environment's biodiversity which includes the largest dunes in the southern hemisphere!

Outreach Project – This takes place with the coastal village's community and an important aspect is the beach and riverside clean-up.

Sample Itinerary

Week 1

Welcome presentation, elephant monitoring, elephant conservation talk, camera trap set up

Rhino conservation talk, rhino monitoring

Fence management, alien plant removal

Bird count, ornithology presentation

Community outreach (delivering dog food), town trip

Leisure time/adventure activities

Week 2:

Lion conservation presentation, lion monitoring, buffalo management

Alexandria Dune Trail, rocky shore practical

Boat cruise

Wildlife monitoring drive and picnic

Camera trap collections and farewell dinner

It's important to remember that wildlife does not work to an agenda, therefore activities may change at short notice!

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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

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Sibuya – River Camp and Forest Camp

Together with the team, the group will be accommodated and hosted at River Camp and Forest Camp.

Happy family vibes.

Participants will share comfortable four bedded rooms with en-suite bathrooms, including full board (three meals a day).

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Sibuya – River Camp

Together with the team, the group will be accommodated and hosted at the beautiful River Camp. Happy family vibes.

Participants will share comfortable four bedded rooms with en-suite bathrooms, including full board (3 meals a day).

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Sibuya –Forest Camp

Together with the team, the group will be accommodated and hosted at Forest Camp. Happy family vibes.

Participants will share comfortable four bedded rooms with en-suite bathrooms, including full board (3 meals a day).

Food at the Project

Three meals a day are provided.

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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Life on the Reserve

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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Activities/Excursions

There will be free time/days off, where you'll be doing some additional activities. Most are **included in the price of your trip**. Any additional activities and excursions are booked and paid for in advance.

More information will be given closer to the time. Your travel insurance **must** cover you for any additional activites you choose to do.

Any activities booked and paid for locally are not covered under GAPAfrica Project's personal liability insurance.

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ONLINE NATURE GUIDE COURSE

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Exclusive Bushwise Nature Guide Course

Bushwise is a leading nature guide training provider, and we've partnered with them to offer an exclusive 6-week 'Explore Nature' online course – giving you a real-life insight into the training of a South African Nature Guide.

Connect with the South African bush before you even travel!

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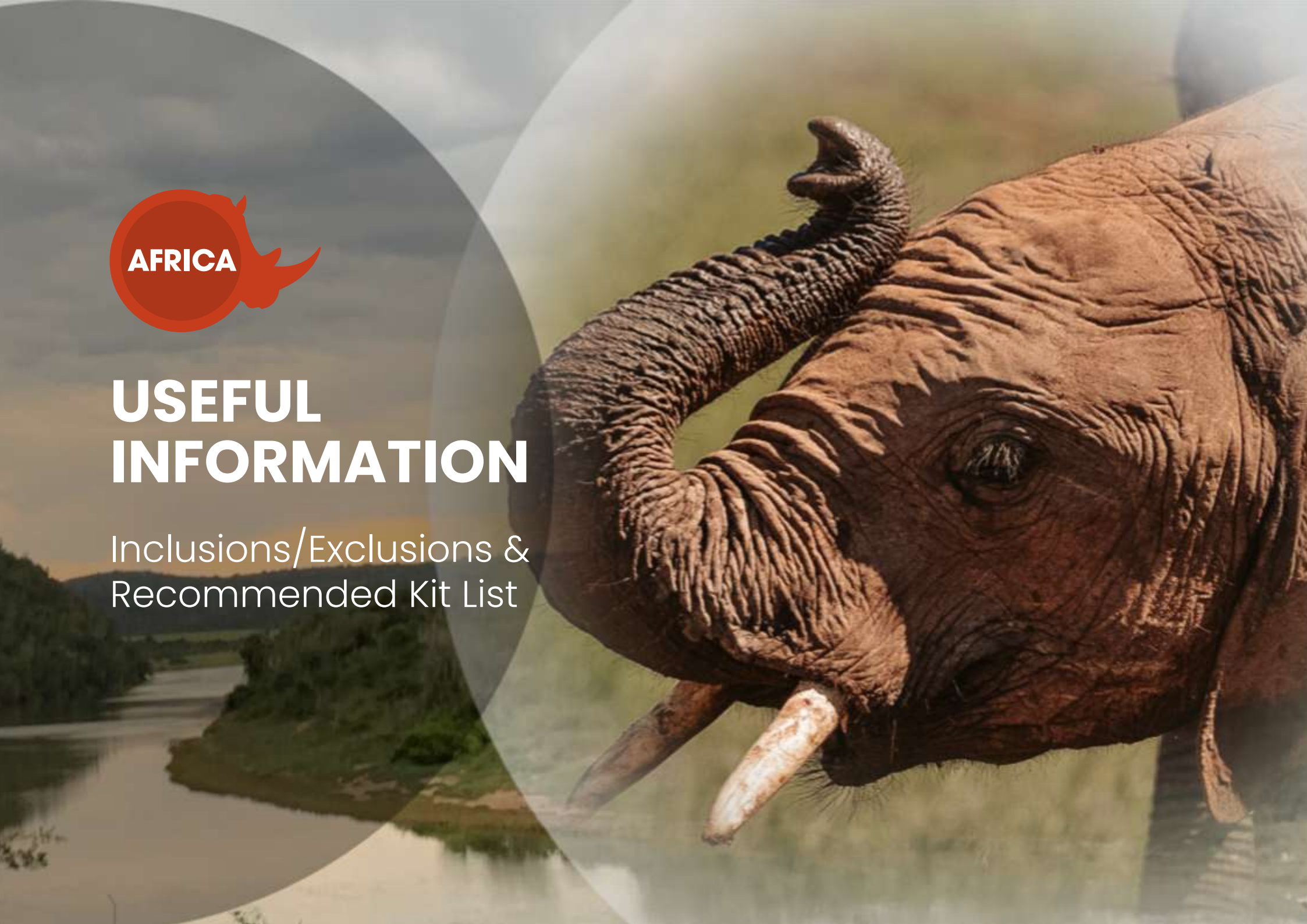
Modules include Introduction, Geology, Weather & climate, Astronomy, Ecology, Biomes, Taxonomy, Plants, Arthropods, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, Ethology, Conservation management, Historical human habitation.

Your wildlife journey starts here! Build a strong foundation in field guiding, wildlife, and ecology, so that you're fully prepared for the hands-on experience in South Africa.

Course Start Dates:
5 January 2026
30 March 2026
22 June 2026
14 September 2026



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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
- ATOL protection
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In country support

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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 you take out insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed

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
- Swimwear
- 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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