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PRE-DEPARTURE 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

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ARRIVAL

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Arrival at Johannesburg International Airport (OR Tambo)

Upon arrival at Johannesburg 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 assist you in checking in for your onward flight at the Domestic Terminal, Terminal B, for your FlySafair flight to Port Elizabeth.

On arrival at Port Elizabeth Airport, you will be met by a representative you will be met by a representative from Sibuya to transfer you to your accommodation., the transfer will take around 2 hours.

If for any reason you cannot locate the representative, please call Chris Ovens +27 82 920 5804.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Chris Ovens (Project Manager)

Gap Africa Projects
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24 Hour Emergency Only

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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 Eastern Cape Province is malaria and bilharzia free.
http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-risk-areas.htm

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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.truetraveller.com/?tag=4480

Travel Adapter

It is important you take the right travel adapter so you can charge your phone, and other devices, whilst away.

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

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Climate

Summer (November – April)

Expect intense heat in the daytime with occasional thunderstorms in the afternoon. Vegetation is dense and lush due to the summer rains and the bush teems with newborn animals. A very good time for bird watching.

Autumn

At the end of the summer rains the water holes are full, temperatures begin to drop at night and the vegetations starts to change colour

Winter (May – October)

During winter the temperatures are pleasant during the day but very cold at night. Visibility in the bush is very good making winter an excellent time for game viewing.

Spring

The bush changes to lively green vegetation and temperatures are pleasant.

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

https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/kenton-on-sea/3527/weather-forecast/3527

Tipping

Whilst there is no obligation, it is a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the rangers and housekeeping staff by leaving a small tip/donation for the staff at the reserve 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/l/XZJx9gq

Phones & Internet

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

Some Wi-Fi is provided free of charge at the accommodation. 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

Holafly

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

https://shorturl.at/sxE29

ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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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).

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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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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

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

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