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White Shark Projects Marine Conservation & Community Field Trip



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GAP Africa Projects

- We are a specialised travel company that offers academic trips and volunteering opportunities for groups and individual travellers, in a number of locations worldwide
- We pride ourselves on curating experiences which are personalised to your needs and requirements
- Our first project travelled in 2012
- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with 55 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa



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ABOUT THE WESTERN CAPE

Project overview and
location

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White Shark Project – Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free Western Cape



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White Shark Project- Location



ABOUT WHITE SHARK PROJECTS

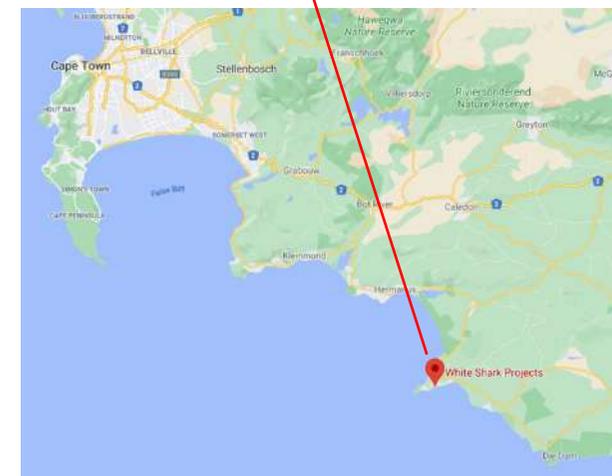
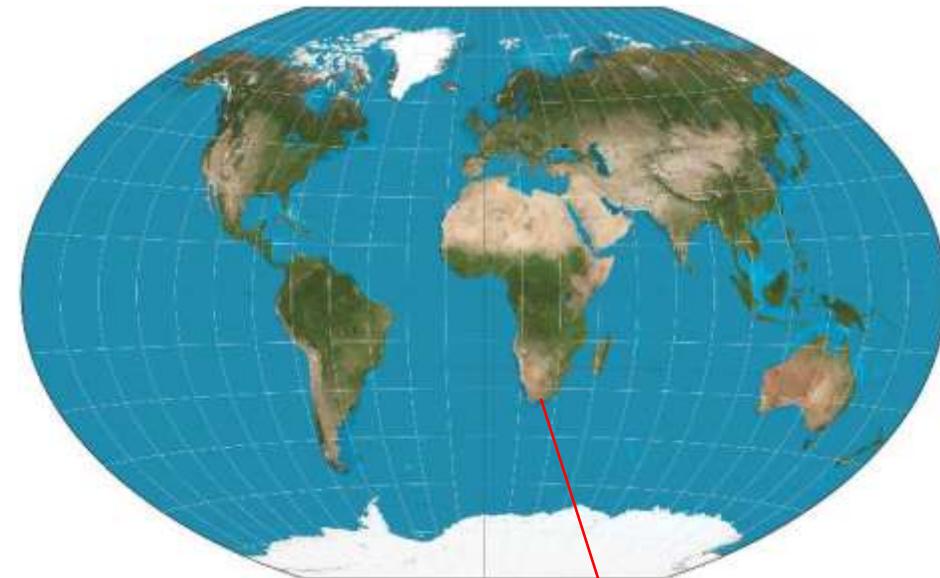
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White Shark Projects

White Shark Projects is a world leading organisation founded in 1989 purely as a research centre and has now broadened its reach by establishing a commercial arm and by funding a non-profit organisation, the South African Shark Conservancy.

The project is dedicated to the exploration and conservation of the world's greatest predators, the white shark and all other shark species in its environment.

The project works with students, eco-tourists, conservation organisations and marine resource users (subsistence fishermen, sport divers and dive operators) to gather data on shark species, correct negative misconceptions about sharks and stop the needless slaughter of over 100 million sharks annually.



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Location

The project is based at Kleinbaai which is located just outside Gansbaai, South Africa; a seaside village approximately two hours southeast of Cape Town on the Atlantic Ocean coast.

Shark trips primarily take place off Dyer and Geyser Islands which are located approximately 6 nautical miles off shore. Dyer Island is a breeding ground for the African penguin, Cape cormorants and the Cape gannet while Geyser Island is a breeding ground for the Afro-Australian Fur Seal (Cape fur seal) with approximately 60,000 locally.

The boats anchor in the deep channel between the islands, this channel is called "Shark Alley" and is a magnet for many shark species including the copper shark, the broadnose sevengill shark and the elusive migratory white shark due to the breeding colony of fur seals; this is a great area for cage diving as the islands, reefs and huge kelp beds all provide protection from the sea swell and wind.



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ABOUT THE PROJECT: WHITE SHARK PROJECTS

Our conservation work
in more detail

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ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

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Your two project locations

Your 13 night project is split between two locations, in the **Western Cape Province** of South Africa. You will first work as a volunteer with White Shark Projects in Gansbaai to assist in the conservation of the world's greatest predators, the white shark and all other shark species in its environment. You will then travel to Cape Town where you will have a chance to explore the city over two nights. Project locations and duration are as follows:

Itinerary

10 Nights

White Shark Projects – Gansbaai – Western Cape Province

3 Nights

City Tour – Cape Town – Western Cape Province

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

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Your Programme

On arrival you will receive a full induction into the programme and meet the team you will be working with on land and out at sea.

Trips out to sea on the commercial shark vessel are weather dependent but the aim is for a minimum of four trips out to sea on the group programme, one of which will be exclusive, just the volunteers and crew on the boat.

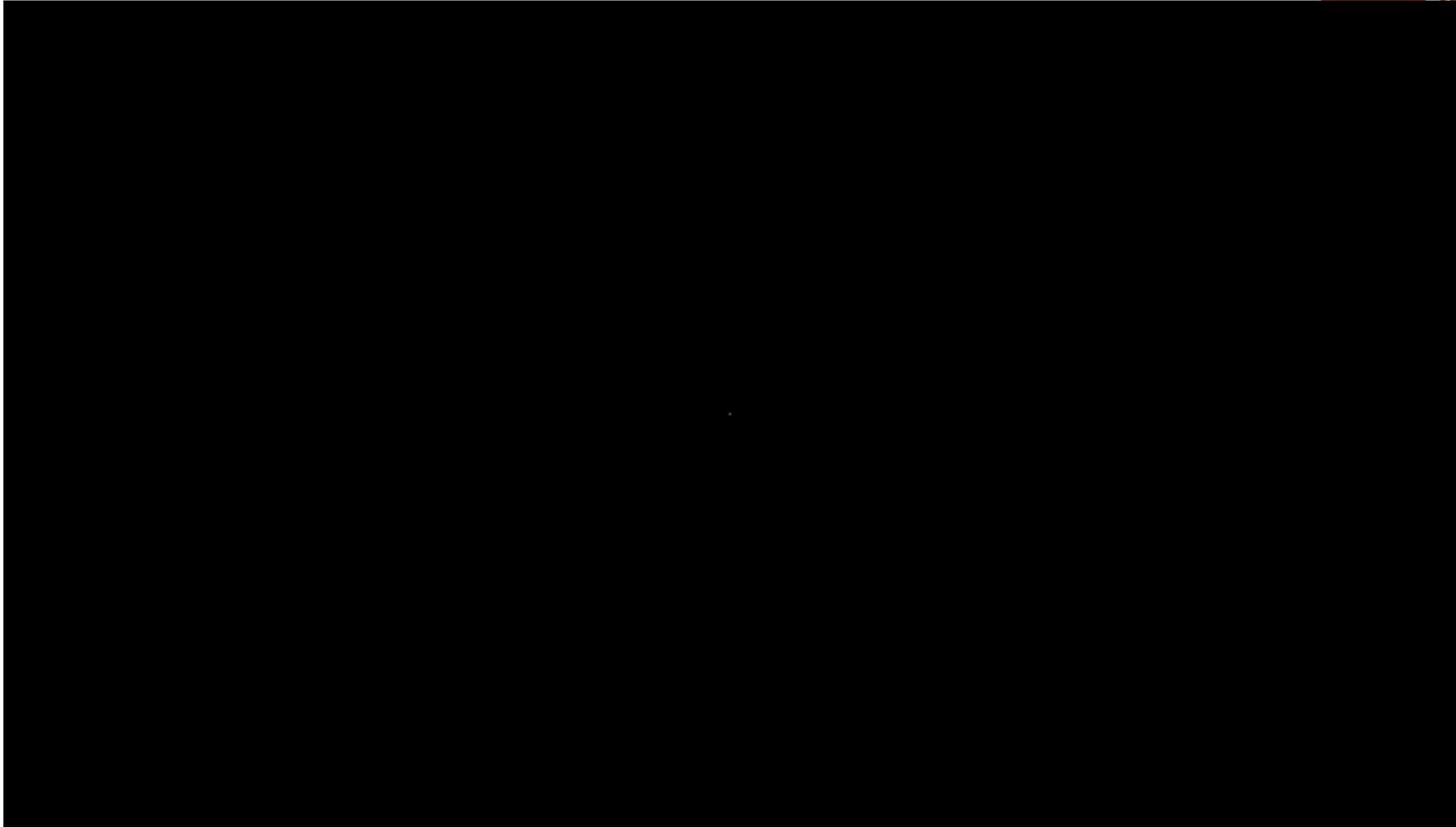
You will be taught how to collect data on free-swimming sharks. At sea you will focus on working with the sharks from above and below the water. Cage divers are responsible for recording observations on all sharks including species, sex, size, markings and behaviour.

Lectures will include basic shark biology and ecology, shark behaviours, research projects and conservation initiatives, local Cape fur seal and whale behaviour; depending on the season you may be lucky enough to see southern right whales which migrate to the area to mate and calve.



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White Shark Boat and Cage Diving

Minimum of four shifts working on the White Shark research boat (weather dependent)

Gear up in wetsuits and join the crew in preparing the shark cage diving vessel.

Learn how to prepare wetsuits and equipment and getting the boat ready for cage diving excursions.

Helping with shark data collection – ID sharks, monitor behaviour and cage interactions

Introduction to shark behaviour and marine biology by the on-site biologist.



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White Shark Boat and Cage Diving



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Local Shark Tagging

Learn how scientists tag, measure, and release small shark species.

Shark ID and behavioural observations

Capture-mark-recapture

Land fishing for small nocturnal sharks in Kleinbaai harbour

Snorkelling for small diurnal sharks at De Kelders



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Land Based Whale Watching – Hermanus & De Kelders

Data collection project on whale sightings from De Kelders cliffs

Whale observations from land

Observing and recording southern right whale movement and location



No Sea Days – Shark Ecology and Conservation Lectures

Ecology and conservation lectures

Marine lecture on shark research methods

Lecture on shark tagging methods

Shark activity and behaviour data entry – 20 year shark monitoring project

Review data collected during the week and discuss conservation outcomes



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African Penguin & Seabird Sanctuary

The African Penguin & Seabird Sanctuary (APSS) is a project of the Dyer Island Conservation Trust (DICT).

A state-of-the-art facility that provides temporary care to diseased, displaced, injured, oiled and abandoned marine birds with a special focus on the critically endangered African penguin.

Tour the facility to gain an insight into how marine bird rescue, rehabilitation and releases are part of the conservation management plan to stabilise and maintain population numbers.



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Bettys Bay Visit

Visiting the second biggest penguin site to see the endangered African penguins in their natural colony.

Penguin project ideas or things to consider:

- Instance from sea, wind direction, presence/absence etc.



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Community Swap Shop

Weekly swop shop in Makasahne township

Recycling, compassion and conservation engagement



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Beach Clean

Community project with local schools

Weekly beach clean ups – microplastics monitoring and removing rubbish, finishing gear

Rock pooling and shark mermaid case ID



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Crocodile Tour

Guided tour (if crocs are hibernating) of the crocodile ponds

Includes an underwater viewing cave and elevated walk-way to observe crocodiles in close range.

Additional cost

Crocodile Cage Diving experience: free dive with crocodiles, separated by stainless steel netting (if crocs are active)





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WHITE SHARK PROJECT ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

You will have some free time/days off, to do some activities at your own cost. These are optional.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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Cape Vineyard Visit

Embracing the cultural side of the Western Cape you can visit a local Cape vineyard.

Beer and cider tasting (non-alcoholic options for under 18s)



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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Whale Watching

Enter the natural habitat of the Marine Big 5 in South Africa, for the opportunity to observe whales in their natural habitat.

You may even get to see you have the chance to see dolphins, cape fur seals, african penguins and great white sharks.





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**ABOUT THE
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CAPE TOWN STAY**

Your two-night stay

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Cape Town – 3 Nights

Visit the beautiful city of Cape Town. You will stay in the heart of the bustling waterfront and have the opportunity to explore the city over two days/nights.

You will explore the cultural and historical delights of Cape Town with a Hop-on Hop-off Bus ticket.



ANY QUESTIONS?

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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Table Mountain Cable Car

Ride the cable car up Table Mountain for panoramic views of the mother city. There are four retail outlets stocking a selection of merchandise, as well as several food outlets, offering various meals, snacks, and beverages.



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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Two Oceans Aquarium

Experience the incredible diversity of the Indian and Atlantic Oceans at one of Cape Town's top tourist attractions, the Two Oceans Aquarium. Your day ticket allows you to return to the Aquarium on the day of your visit.



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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Robben Island

Experience a guided tour of Robben Island, discovering the island's 500 year old history, including a viewing of Nelson Mandel's cell. The tour takes 3.5 hours, including the ferry trip to and from the Island. Buses will transport you to all the historical sites around the Island.



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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in South Africa

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White Shark Project – Ocean View Volunteer House

The accommodation, located two minutes from the harbour, is in dorm rooms with shared bathroom facilities. There is a comfortable lounge with TV, kitchen, dining area, rooftop terrace and a garden.

There are lockers available to store your valuables and WiFi access.

It is located in a very safe area where you can walk freely around anytime of the day or night.



Food at White Shark Project

Basic breakfast items are provided (choice of cereals, teas, coffee, juice, bread, milk, yogurts) but you can visit the Gansbaai supermarket or the local shop nearby.

A light lunch of soup and toasted sandwiches is provided each day.

The accommodation includes a large kitchen to cook all your own evening meals.

Volunteers normally buy provisions and prepare meals together.

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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Cape Town – Never at Home Hostel

The accommodation is situated a hop and skip away from the V&A Waterfront, boasting modern shared rooms, a variety of social spaces, an on-site bar, and pool.

The accommodation includes a large shared kitchen to cook all your own evening meals, unless you are eating out.

There is wireless internet access at the hostel and good mobile phone reception in the area.



Food in Cape Town

Breakfast is provided in your accommodation.

The V & A Waterfront is within walking distance from the accommodation and is a perfect place to find somewhere to eat for lunch and dinner.

There are eateries for all tastes nestled in a beautiful picturesque area with a view of Table Mountain.

All are easily accessible and safe and provide a lovely place to eat or to grab a quick coffee to sit and watch the world go by.

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THE NEXT STEPS TO YOUR FIELD TRIP

The next steps to the trip of a
lifetime!

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WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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What do previous travellers say about the Marine Conservation & Community Field Trip?



"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

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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What is Included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Basic breakfast and lunch at the project
- Basic breakfast in Cape Town
- All activities as part of the project
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In country support

NOT Included

- UK transfers
 - Personal Travel Insurance*
 - Evening meal at the Project
 - Lunch and Dinner in Cape Town
 - Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from project
 - Any activities not specified as part of the project
 - Weekend/Free Time activities
 - Visas/travel documents
 - Tips
- * We recommend you take out insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed



THE NEXT STEPS

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 21/06/2027 Arrive SA: 22/06/2027

Depart SA: 04/07/2027 | Arrive UK: 05/07/2027

Trip cost:

£3,550.00–£3,850.00* Based on a group of 6 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return the online booking form by 15/02/2026
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 25/02/2026
- 50% instalment payment by 01/03/2027
- Balance payment by 26/04/2027
- 07/06/2027 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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Booking Form

- Please submit by **15/02/2026**
- 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

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BOOKING FORM

(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)

Title *

Name *

Date of birth *

Address *

Telephone *

Mobile *

Email 1 *

Email 2 *

(NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email!)

Passport no.

Passport Issue Date

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.



Confirmation Email Content:

Subject: 10 Oct 2022 Ref: 23-REA-LALZ/CLL

Dear Chloe,

Thank you for agreeing to book with Gap Africa Projects as part of the 6x6x6x6 Challenge trip to Zulu and Conservation Research. Please take the time to look through this document and check that everything is correct.

Passport expiry date: Your passport must be valid for at least 10 days before the departure date and you must have at least 6 months validity remaining on your passport. If you have a passport which expires 6 months or less before the departure date, you should have more than 6 months validity remaining on your passport.

Passport Copies: It is recommended that you take 3 copies of your passport - one for you and two for your sponsor.

Travel insurance: It is advised that you take out the appropriate travel insurance for your trip. It is recommended that you take out a policy which includes cover for medical expenses and repatriation costs.

Passengers Travelling: Miss Chloe

Placement(s): Zulu Land Conservation Research [06/03/23 - 18/03/23]

Inclusions: Flights, shared road transfers to and from Project, accommodation for duration, all meals and all project activities.

Exclusions: Insurance: any activities undertaken that are not included in part of the project.

Your Flight(s):

Flight	Class	Time	From	To
05/03/2023: 041209	D	15:00	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)
05/03/2023: 0405	A	10:00	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
18/03/2023: 0405	D	10:15	London Heathrow (LHR)	London Heathrow (LHR)
18/03/2023: 041300	A	10:30 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)	Manchester (MAN)

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CONFIRMATION INVOICE

Client: Miss Chloe

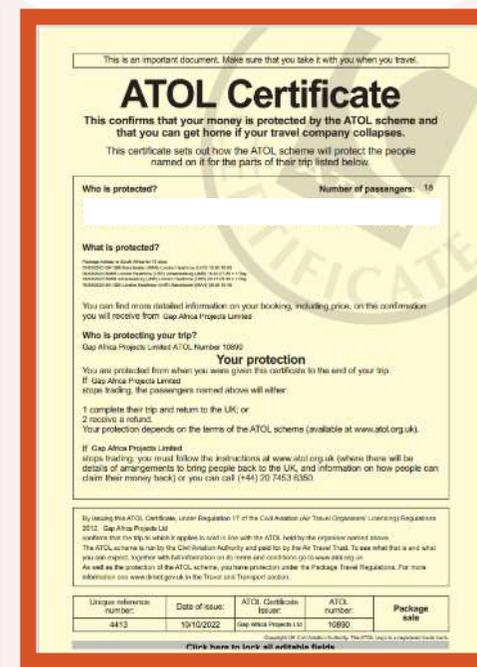
Invoice No: 23-REA-LALZ/CLL-01

Invoice Date: 10/10/2022

Invoice Total: £1,000.00

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
1	Travel Insurance	1	£100.00	£100.00
2	Accommodation	1	£900.00	£900.00
Total				£1,000.00

Payment Information: Bank of America, N.A. | Account No: 12345678901234567890 | Routing No: 026009593



ATOL Certificate

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

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: 10

What is protected?

Who is protecting your trip? Gap Africa Projects Limited ATOL Number 10890

Your protection: You are protected from when you were given this certificate to the end of your trip. Your protection depends on the terms of the ATOL scheme (available at www.atol.org.uk).

Complete their trip and return to the UK, or 2 receive a refund.

ATOL Reference: 4413 | **Date of Issue:** 19/10/2022 | **ATOL Certificate Number:** 10890 | **ATOL Issuer:** Gap Africa Projects Ltd

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Group Web Page

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Booking Form

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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.

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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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**Our greatest fear of sharks should be the fear
of their extinction.**

(Chris Fallows, Apex Shark Expeditions)



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