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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research

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ABOUT US:

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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 over 55 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa.





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KWAZULU-NATAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location
of 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 13 nights in South Africa
- All-inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

What is a Game Reserve?

- A game reserve is a large area of protected land where wild animals can live safely.
- Wildlife is free roaming throughout the reserve allowing them to thrive in their natural habitat.
- Reserves are either Government Owned (National Parks) or Privately Owned/Managed.
- Most reserves will have physical boundaries i.e. electrified fence line.
- Due to physical boundaries, wildlife must be managed due to restraints on population growth, migration and resources.
- Wildlife is protected but also utilised as a tourist attraction (Eco Tourism) which creates funding for conservation efforts and research.





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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 13-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:

13 Night Itinerary

7 Nights

Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities

6 Nights

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research



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Location





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7 Nights at Zingela Nature 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



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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.



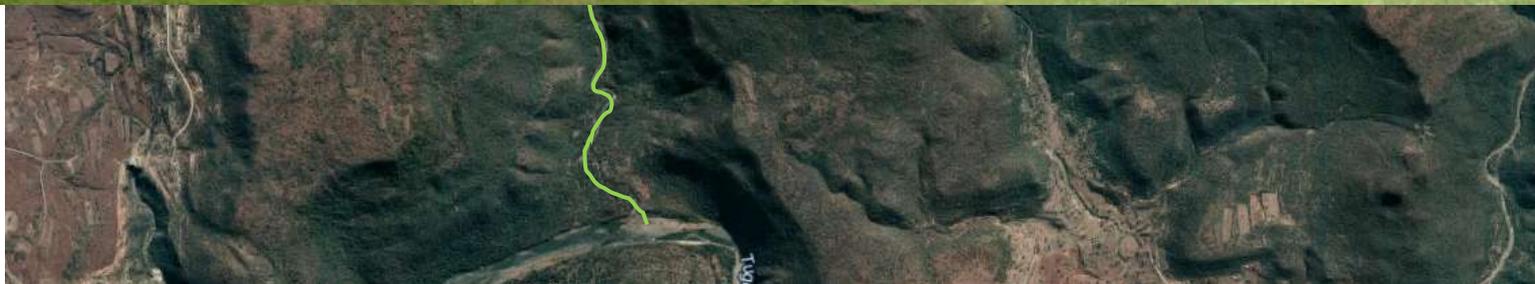
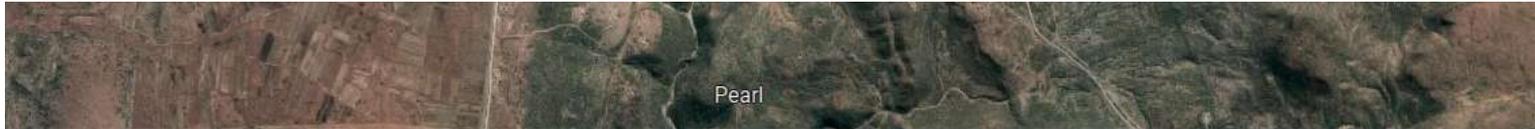
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ZINGELA TO NAMBITI

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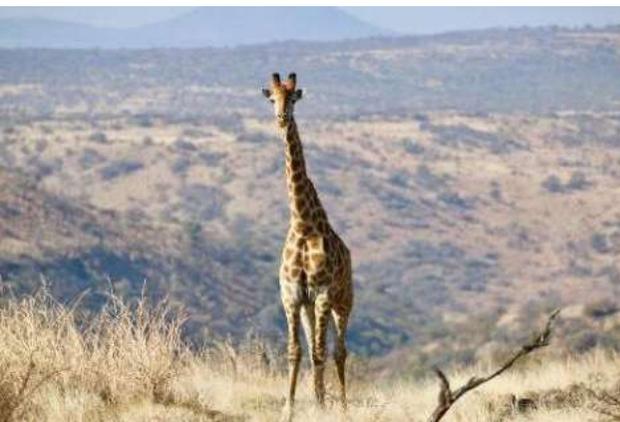
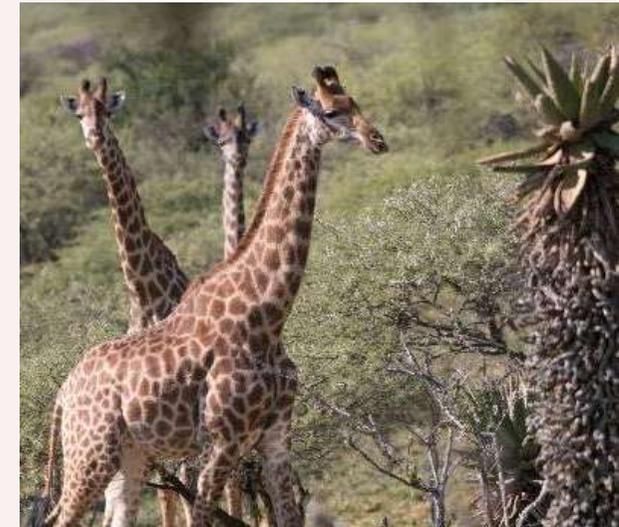
Giraffe Migration and Research Project

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



ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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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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River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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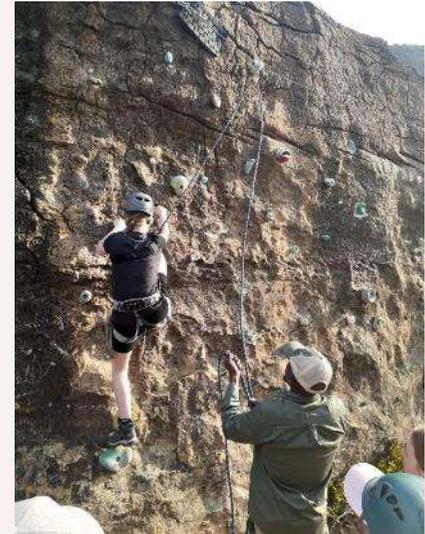
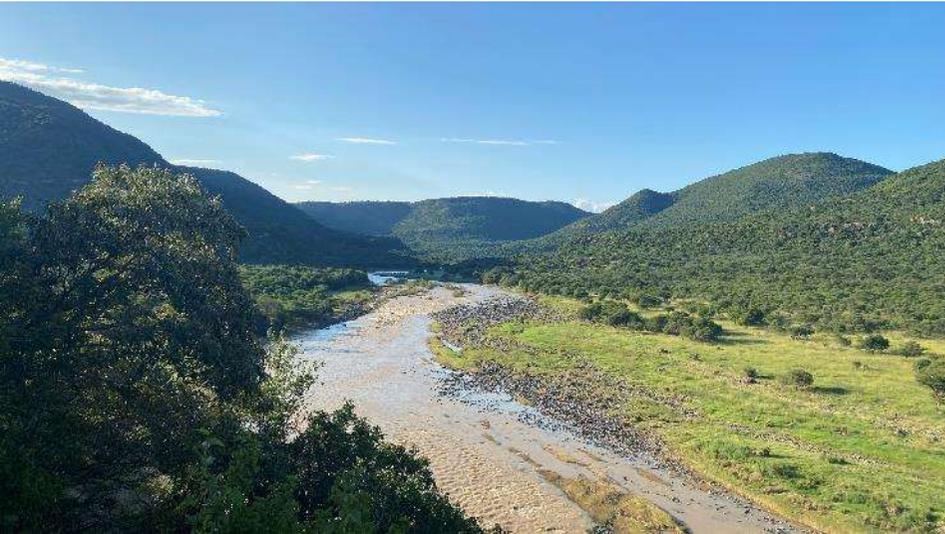
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ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE



Abseiling and Rock Climbing





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6 Nights at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve



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Nambiti Game Reserve

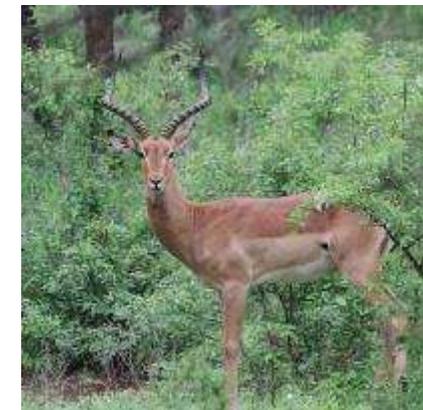
Nambiti Game Reserve is a magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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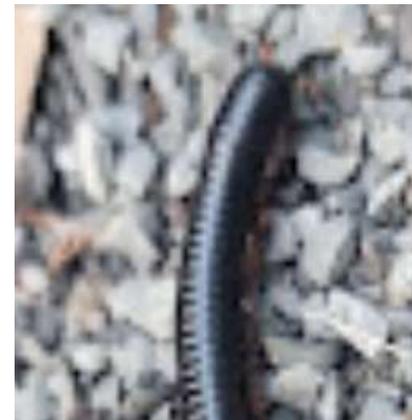
Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



YOUR PROJECT

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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
- Bush Walk
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development



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Nambiti Research Team



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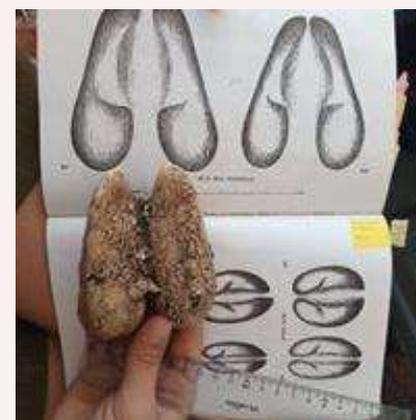
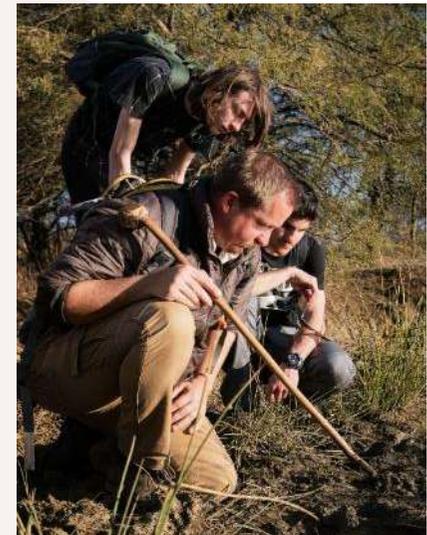
Use of Telemetry Tracking



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Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors



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NAMBITI GAME RESERVE



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

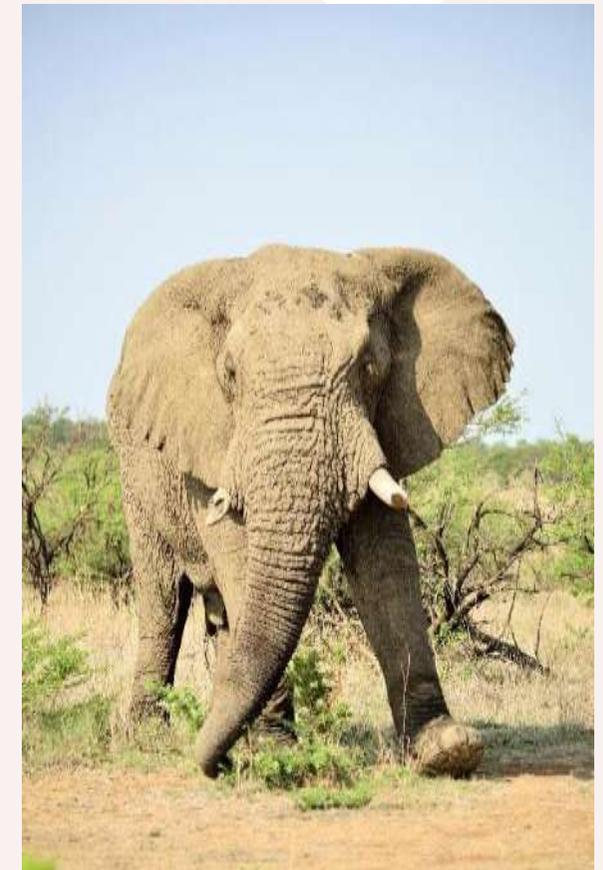
Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

Matriarch collared so GPS range data available

Herd population data

Elephant impact assessments from February '23

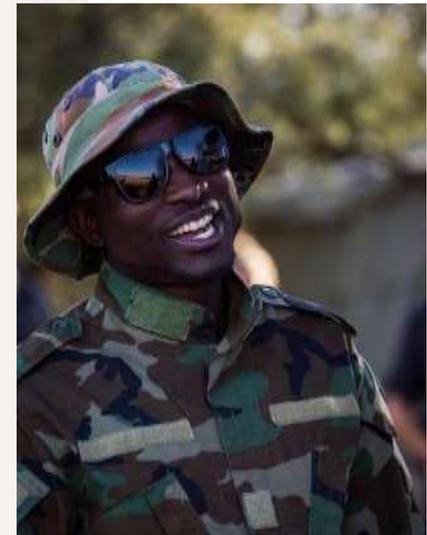
Long term ongoing project looking at elephant impact on vegetation



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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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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

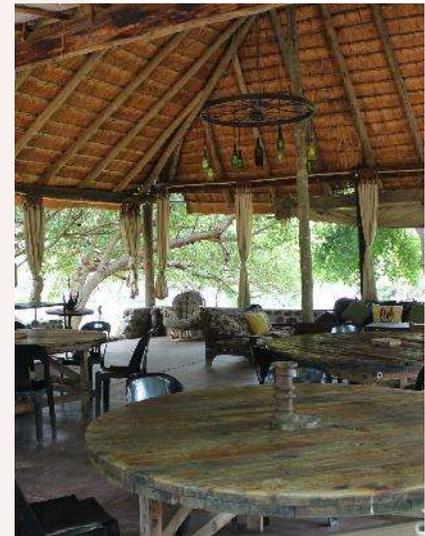
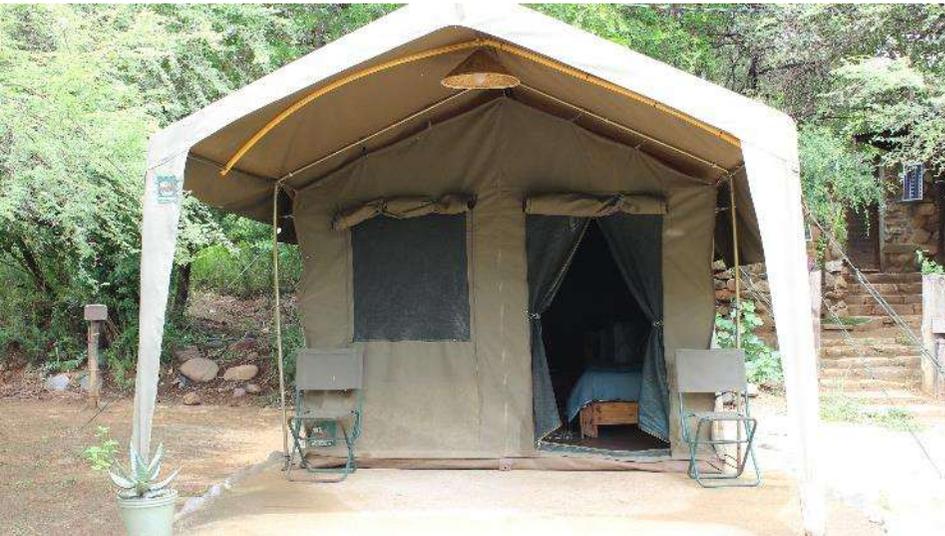
Life in the African Bush



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Game Reserve Camps - Zingela



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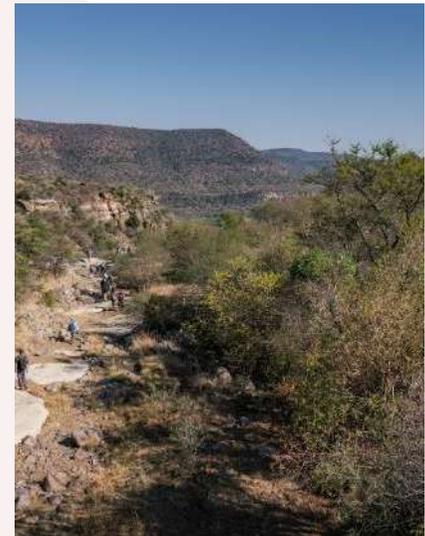
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Game Reserve Camps – Zingela



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Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti

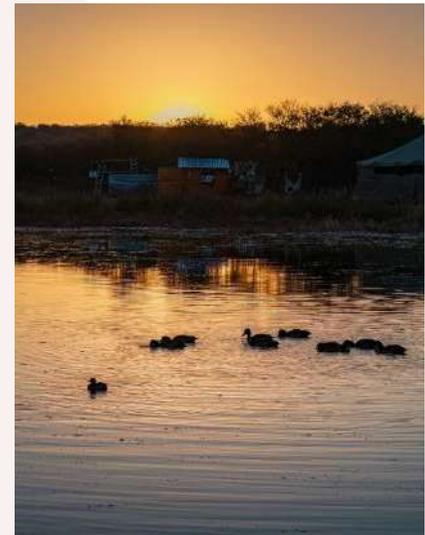
In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room.



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Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti



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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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Life on project – Life long memories



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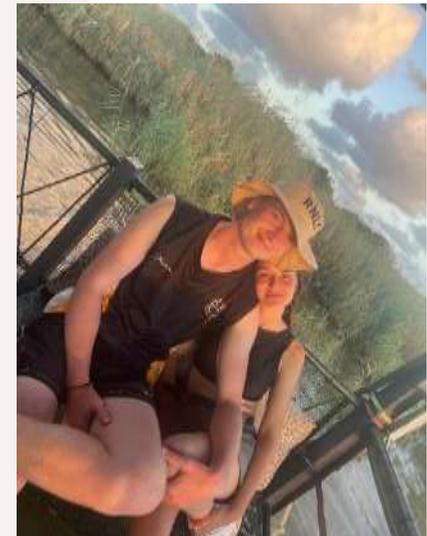
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Life on project – Life long memories



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



“Being at Nambiti really developed my knowledge of animal behaviours”



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



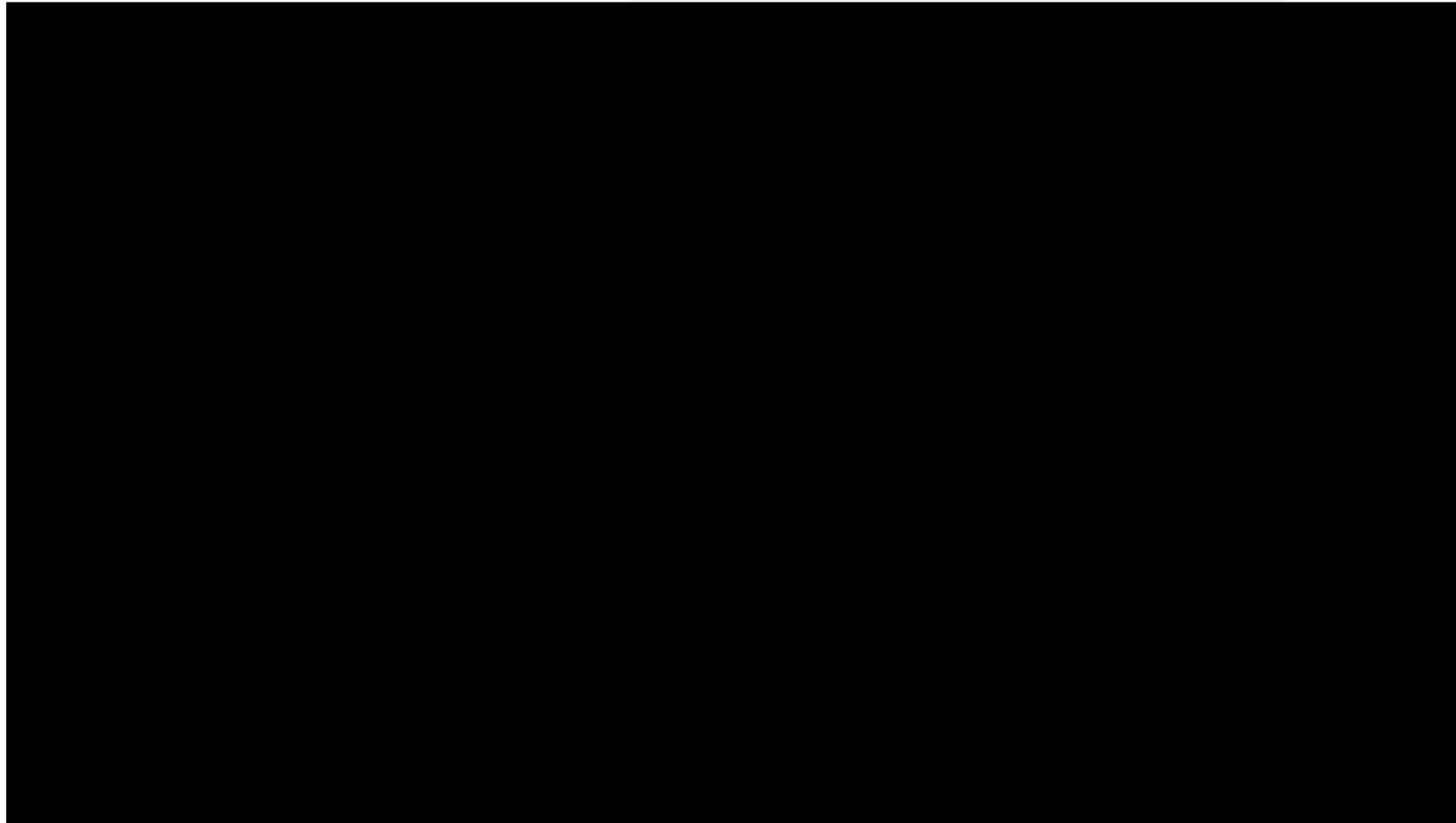
Our guide was **amazing**, we got the **opportunity** to take part in talks and demonstrations by APU

Reference: GAP Africa Projects Post Project Trip Questionnaire 23/24

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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!

THE NEXT STEPS

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What is Included?

- Flights from London Heathrow
- 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 project
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visas/travel documents

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

College Expectations

As part of travelling with the college

- Behaviour
- Attendance
- Work Submission

THE NEXT STEPS

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 26th March | Arrive SA: 27th March 2026

Depart SA: 09th April | Arrive UK: 10th April 2026

Trip cost:

£2595.00* Based on a group of 36 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return the online booking form by 16th May
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 23rd June
- 50% instalment payment of £1147.50 to be paid by 05/12/2025
- Balance payment of £1147.50 to be paid by 30/01/2026
- Payment plans available
- 13/03/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

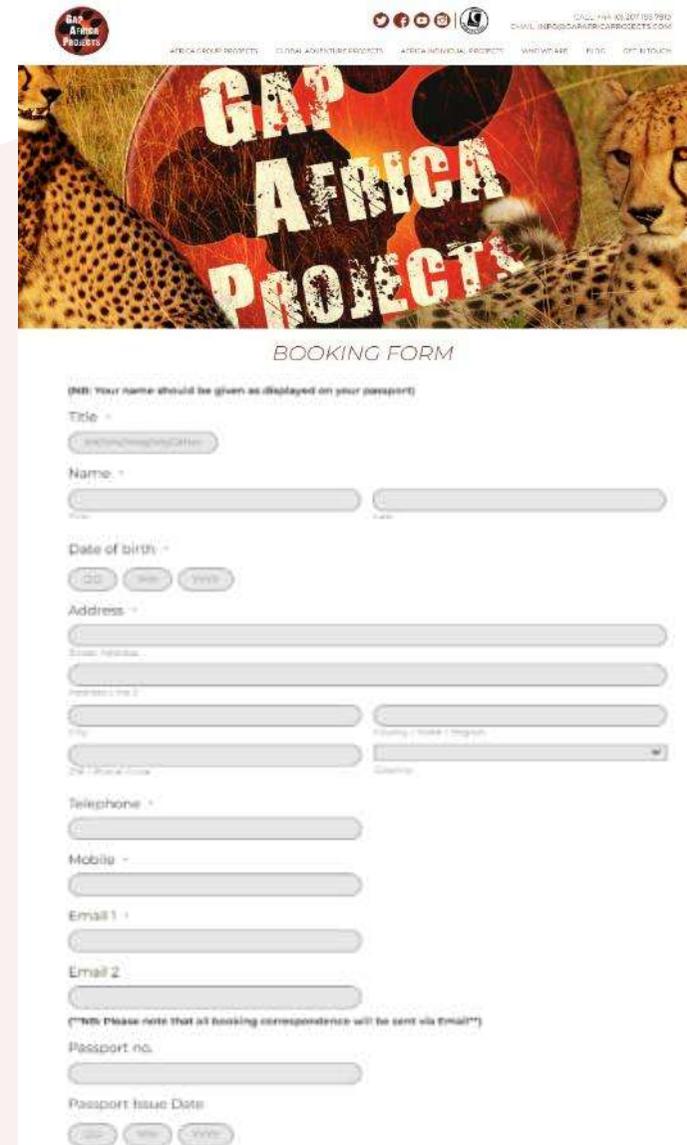
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Booking Form

- Please submit by 16/05/2025
- No deposit required at this stage of booking
- Passport fields are 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' booking form. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GAP Africa Projects logo and social media icons. Below the navigation bar is a banner image featuring two cheetahs and a red circular graphic with the text 'GAP AFRICA PROJECTS'. The main heading of the form is 'BOOKING FORM'. The form fields include: Title (with a dropdown arrow), Name (with first and last name input fields), Date of birth (with a date picker), Address (with multiple input fields), Telephone (with a dropdown arrow), Mobile (with a dropdown arrow), Email 1 (with a dropdown arrow), Email 2 (with a dropdown arrow), Passport no. (with a dropdown arrow), and Passport Issue Date (with a date picker). A note at the bottom of the form states: '(NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email)'. The form is set against a light background with a large, faint circular graphic behind it.

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Group Web Page

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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 7879.

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

Title *

Name *

Date of birth *

Address *

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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.

Dear Chloe,

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

We have received your deposit payment and your payment is now confirmed upon the details below. The final balance and due date is detailed on your invoice.

Please remember that you can contact me to discuss anything in this document as well as any other aspect of your expedition and I am so glad to be your personal travel advisor for the entirety of your placement.

Warm regards,
The GAP Africa Team

Passengers Travelling
Miss Chloe
Placement(s)
Zulu Land Conservation Research [04/03/23 - 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	Depart	Arrive	From	To
04/03/2023	D	15:00		Manchester (MAN)	
04/1209	A	18:00		London Heathrow (LHR)	
05/03/2023	D	18:20		London Heathrow (LHR)	
0405	A	07:25 + 1 D		Johannesburg (JNB)	
18/03/2023	D	20:15		Johannesburg (JNB)	
0405	A	10:50 + 1 D		London Heathrow (LHR)	
19/03/2023	D	09:35		London Heathrow (LHR)	
041300	A	19:40		Manchester (MAN)	

Your Booking
Travel Advice
Names and spellings
Passport expiry date
Passport Copies
Travel Insurance

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CONFIRMATION INVOICE

Miss Chloe
Ref: Z3-REA-LALZ/051

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Total cost of the arrangement as quoted above: £2,239.00

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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?

You can find more detailed information on your booking, including prices, on the confirmation you will receive from Gap Africa Projects Limited.

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.
If Gap Africa Projects Limited stops trading, the passengers named above will either:
1 complete their trip and return to the UK, or
2 receive a refund.
Your protection depends on the terms of the ATOL scheme (available at www.atol.org.uk).

If Gap Africa Projects Limited stops trading, you must follow the instructions at www.atol.org.uk (where there will be details of arrangements to bring people back to the UK, and information on how people can claim their money back) or you can call (444) 20 7463 6360.

Unique reference number	Date of issue	ATOL Certificate issuer	ATOL number	Package sale
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[Click here to view all available flights](#)

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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