



# WILTSHIRE COLLEGE Q&A PRESENTATION



## Waterberg Biomonitoring Research & Equine



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# **ABOUT THE WATERBERG BIOSPHERE**

Project overview and  
location

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## Waterberg Conservation Project and Horse Trails

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg Biomonitoring Project and Waterberg Horse Trails offer a bespoke course to each institution dependent on their own personal objectives and learning needs.

This is not a Safari Holiday!

A full day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the days task and research goals.

### 12 Night Itinerary

8 Nights at Welgevonden Game Reserve

4 Nights at Waterberg Cottages



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## Waterberg Biomonitoring Programme – Location



A rhinoceros is the central focus, shown in profile facing left. It is standing in a savanna with tall grass and some trees. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise, with a large, semi-transparent circular graphic overlaying the scene. In the upper left, there is a red circular icon with a flame-like shape extending from it, containing the word 'AFRICA'.

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# **ABOUT THE PROJECT: WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE**

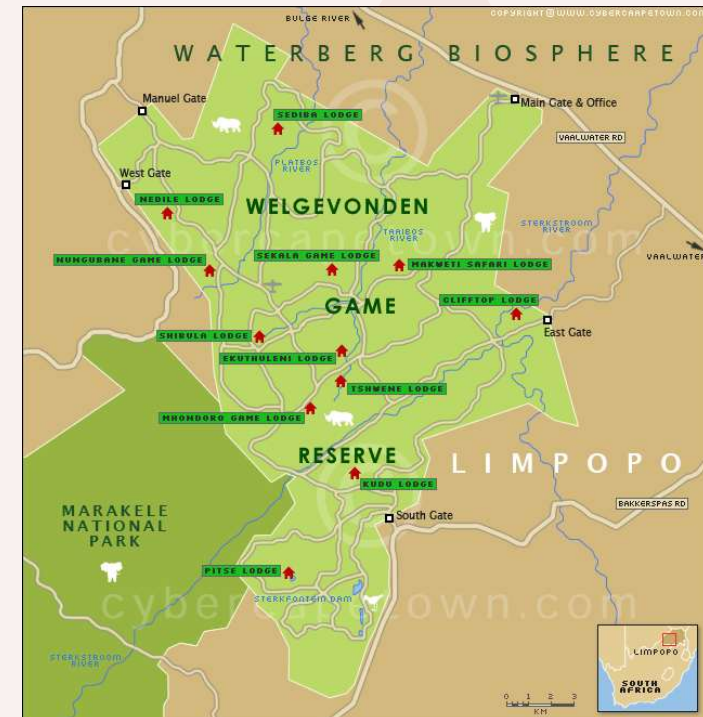
Our conservation work  
in more detail

# ABOUT WELGEVONDEN

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## Welgevonden Game Reserve (8 Nights)

- 36,000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
  - Wildlife Vets
  - Conservation Researchers
  - Ecologists
  - Anti Poaching Unit
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Research Camp Accommodation



## Your Conservation Programme – Biomonitoring Research Team

As part of your project, you will be heavily involved with the day-to-day field work conducted by the biomonitoring team. Activities include, but are not limited to:

- Game transects – estimates of numbers, body condition and herd structure
- Telemetry tracking of collared animals
- White Rhino monitoring and condition scoring
- Camera Trap Surveys (Black Rhino and other cryptic animals)
- Nocturnal species ID and night game drive
- Wildlife breeding management (buffalo, rhino & big cats)
- Mortality/kill recording
- Visit temporary holding bomas (enclosures)
- Animal tracking
- Waterberg Wild Dog Project
- Collecting fecal samples for research
- Local wildlife auction (Only on certain weekends)
- Alien plant species eradication
- Vegetation Condition and biomass Assessments
- Waterberg Biodiversity Project Data Collection with experts in their fields

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## Home to the BIG 5



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Home to over 60 Species of Mammal



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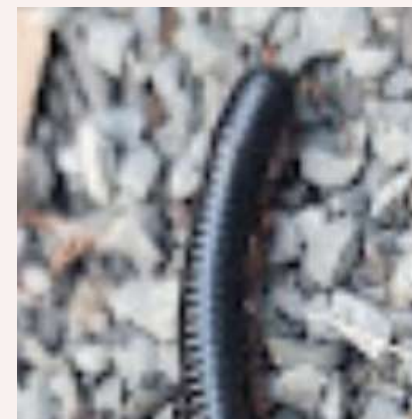
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## Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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## Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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## Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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## Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population

Behavioural observations, body condition, herd structure, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are occurring; keeping tabs on the localities and activities of Black and White Rhino on Welgevonden.



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## Research – Elephant Monitoring



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

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## Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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A rhinoceros is the central focus, shown in profile facing left. It has thick, grey, wrinkled skin and a prominent horn. The background is a savanna landscape with acacia trees and a sunset sky in shades of orange and purple. The image is overlaid with semi-transparent circular shapes in shades of orange and purple.

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# **ABOUT THE WATERBERG EQUINE & WILDLIFE PROJECT**

Our conservation work  
in more detail

## Waterberg Equine and Wildlife Project (4 Nights)

### Equine activities

- Grooming
- Feeding
- Outrides (game monitoring on horseback)
- Herding (bringing horses in and moving camps)
- Basic farriery and trimming of hooves
- Lunging
- Horse desensitising
- Poisonous plant removal
- Collecting wire and dangerous objects in bush
- Filling dangerous holes
- Basic veterinary care
  - Wound treatments
  - Preventative treatments
  - Injections
  - Deworming
  - Weekly tick dipping of horses

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## Outrides (game monitoring on horseback)



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# YOUR PROJECT

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## Wildlife Conservation Activities



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# YOUR PROJECT

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## Wildlife Conservation Activities



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# YOUR PROJECT

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## Bush Clearing, Natural Horsemanship



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# YOUR PROJECT

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## Community Development



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# YOUR PROJECT

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## Community Development



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# **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**

Living in the African Bush

## Welgevonden Accommodation

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two people per tent in single beds, each tent also has lighting and electricity supply.

There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. The communal facilities include a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area, storage fridge and laundry.

The centre also has access to Wi-Fi and the camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve. Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.



## Food at the Project

Ingredients for three meals a day are provided, on a self cook basis. Students will take part in communal cooking and keeping the kitchen tidy. This creates a vibrant and social camp atmosphere.

All meals are provided in the communal dining room, there is an outside area for dining as well. Bring your own snacks.

Meals will either be served at the facility or in the field 'picnic' style, this depends on activities either planned or unscheduled.

## 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.



## Sample Menu – Self-Prepared Projects

You will work in small groups to plan, self-prepare, cook and clear up after your evening meal. You will need to agree a group rota to cover:

- Agreeing the menu for the next day
- Preparing the ingredients (including the night before if anything needs defrosting)
- Cooking dinner
- Washing up and cleaning the kitchen and dining area
- Storing leftovers

Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
<p>Examples will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cereal</li> <li>• Porridge</li> <li>• Toast (margarine, peanut butter, jam)</li> <li>• Fresh fruit</li> <li>• Yoghurt</li> <li>• Assorted egg dishes</li> </ul>	<p>Selection of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wraps or sliced bread</li> <li>• Fillings such as cheese, ham, salad</li> <li>• Boiled eggs</li> <li>• Fresh fruit</li> <li>• Crisps</li> <li>• Snack bars</li> </ul>	<p>Example menus could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spaghetti bolognese</li> <li>• Pasta dishes</li> <li>• Beef lasagne</li> <li>• Chicken pieces, rice and veg</li> <li>• Chicken and veg stir-fry with rice</li> <li>• Pork sausages, veg and mashed potato</li> <li>• Chicken or beef kebabs with mixed salad and rolls</li> <li>• Braais – chicken, wors, or kebabs</li> </ul>

We must know of any dietary requirements and allergies at least 6 weeks before departure.

## Accommodation – Waterberg Cottages

The group will be accommodated in the beautiful historic thatch cottages surrounded by gardens, horses, animals and views of the bushveld.



## Food at the Project

All meals are provided. Hosts create wholesome home-cooked style meals made with local ingredients. Dinners are served in the evenings, lunches will be made by the group and breakfast will be self-service.

There will be opportunities to taste local dishes including the traditional 'braai' (BBQ) and to enjoy meals outdoors.

## 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.



## Sample Menu

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Toast, butter, jam & spreads, cereals (muesli, all bran flakes), yoghurt, fresh muffins	Toast, butter, jam & spreads, cereals (muesli, all bran flakes, corn flakes), yoghurt, fruit, hot oat porridge with syrup	Toast, butter, jam & spreads, cereals (muesli, all bran flakes), yoghurt, muffins	Toast, butter, jam & spreads, cereals (muesli, all bran flakes), yoghurt, hot oats porridge with syrup	Toast, butter, jam & spreads, cereals (muesli, all bran flakes), yoghurt, fresh muffins	Toast, butter, jam & spreads, cereals (muesli, all bran flakes), yoghurt, fruit, hot oat porridge with syrup
Assorted quiches (spinach & feta, biltong & pepperdew) with a green salad	Chicken or beef wraps, potato salad  Vegetarian: falafel	Beef or chicken burgers and french fries  Vegetarian: vegetarian patties	Packed lunch: ham, lettuce, tomato, mayo sandwiches, crisps, fruit	Traditional mince babotie and yellow rice with a green salad  Vegetarian: veggie bake	Chicken schnitzels, potato salad and ciabatta bread  Vegetarian: roast vegetables
Mild thai chicken curry and basmati rice  Vegetarian: vegetable curry and basmati rice	Braai (barbeque) boerewors sausage & mielie pap, tomato relish, beetroot salad, garlic bread  Vegetarian: vegetarian sausage or skewers	Spaghetti bolognese & ciabatta bread  Vegetarian: same pasta but with lentils instead of beef	Venison lasagne with salad  Vegetarian: vegetable lasagne	Pizza	Carbonara pasta with roast veggie platter  Vegetarian: carbonara pasta without bacon

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# **PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

Travel details

## Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

### Flights

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS449	17/06/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	20:50	Johannesburg (JNB)	08:50 + 1 Day

\*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

**Baggage Allowance** – 1 piece of checked baggage @ 23kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs and max dimensions 56x36x25 cms

### Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport

Clear immigration & collect baggage to clear customs.  
Meet GAP representative by the statue in the arrivals hall  
who will assist with your transfer to Welgevonden Game Reserve.

## Departure from South Africa | Arrival to United Kingdom

### Flights

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS450	30/06/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:25	London Heathrow (LHR)	06:30 + 1 Day

\*Always check the flight timings on your final document

**Baggage Allowance** – 1 piece of checked baggage @ 23kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs and max dimensions 56x36x25 cms

### Return Journey

Transfer from Waterberg Cottages.



## Cabin Baggage



Rucksack (not trolley suitcase)  
No larger than 56x36x25cm

## Hold Baggage



One piece maximum 23kg

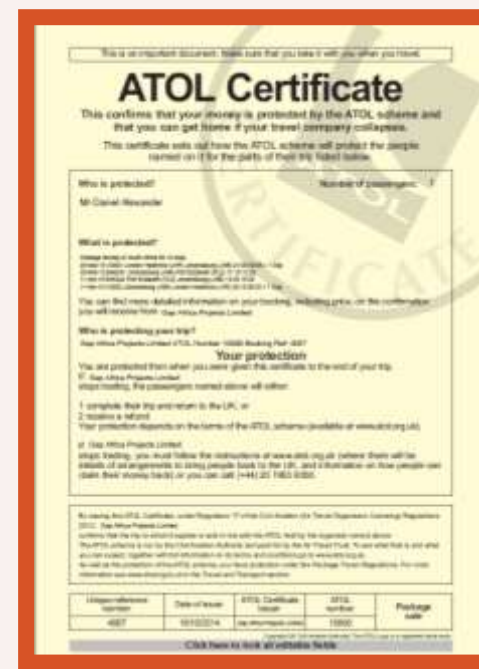
To allow for ease of transfer to the project a soft holdall/ soft suitcase is preferred.

# TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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## Travel Documents

- Balance Due:  
23/04/2026
- Final Documents Issued:  
04/06/2026
- Emailed to your personal and/or college email address
- Print and take copies
- Boarding passes issued at the airport
- Passports!



## Group Web Page & Travel Documents

### FAQs and House Rules

📄 Student Frequently Asked Questions - Click to Download

📄 Student Guidelines and House Rules - Click to Download



Student - Frequently Asked Questions

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#### Gap Africa Projects - General Guidelines and House Rules:

As a participant in Gap Africa Projects, I understand and agree to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Timeliness and Curfew: I commit to respecting designated timings, including early mornings and curfew times.
2. Behavioural Expectations: I agree to uphold the behavioural standards set by my institution, maintaining respect for others and the local culture.
3. Language and Conduct: I recognise that the use of foul language is inappropriate and will respectfully challenge any instances of it among fellow participants.
4. Smoking and Vaping: I agree not to smoke or vape inside any buildings or vehicles, utilising only designated smoking areas for such activities.
5. Alcohol Policy: I agree to comply with my institution's alcohol policy and ensure that if I choose to drink, I do so responsibly and without becoming intoxicated during any activities.
6. Substance Use: I understand and agree that the use of narcotic substances is strictly prohibited.
7. Community Interaction: I will refrain from giving money or food directly to individuals in the community, as it may perpetuate a culture of dependency.
8. Health and Dietary Needs: I will inform Gap Africa Projects of any medical conditions, mental health concerns, or dietary restrictions at least six weeks before travel.
9. Personal Supplies: I commit to bringing any preferred snacks or foods if I know I am a picky/fussy eater.
10. Insurance: I agree to obtain appropriate travel and medical insurance that covers all activities during the trip.

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# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Recommended Kit List and  
other Useful Information

## 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
- Riding hat
- Jodhpurs
- Riding boots
- Swimwear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Good torch

### Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power Bank

\* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones. No skimpy/revealing or brightly-coloured clothing.

## 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 project is located in a malaria free area.

<http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-risk-areas.htm>

## 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.true Traveller.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>

# USEFUL INFORMATION

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## Climate

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## Climate

### Limpopo Province

January is the hottest month in Limpopo with an average temperature of 23°C (73°F) and the coldest month is June at 13°C (55°F). The wettest month is November with an average of 100mm of rainfall.

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

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/polokwane>

## 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.

On day trips/excursions it is also a nice gesture to show your appreciation for the guide.

## 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 at shops in large towns, the reserve and the cultural tour company do not have credit card facilities.

Wise Travel Card offers up to £500.00 with no transfer fee for Gap Africa Project Travellers:



<https://wise.prf.hn/l/XZJx9gq>

## Phones & Internet

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

Some Wi-Fi is available at the accommodation however 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

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



<https://shorturl.at/sxE29>

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## Trip Clothing

Online shop available for trip clothing:

GAP Trip Hoodie

GAP Africa Polo Shirts

GAP Africa Caps

GAP Africa Beenie

GAP Africa 500ml Bottle



<https://hyvfsu-vu.myshopify.com/>



SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
A - Half Chest	49	51	56	61	65	69	73	78	83
B - Body Length	64	67	70	73	76	79	82	86	90
C - Sleeve Length	57.5	59	60.5	62	63.5	65	66.5	68.5	70.5

All garment measurements are shown in centimetres (cm). Garment sizes are approximate and for guidance only.

SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL
To Fit Chest Size	34 inch	36 inch	40 inch	44 inch	48 inch	52 inch	56 inch	60 inch	64 inch



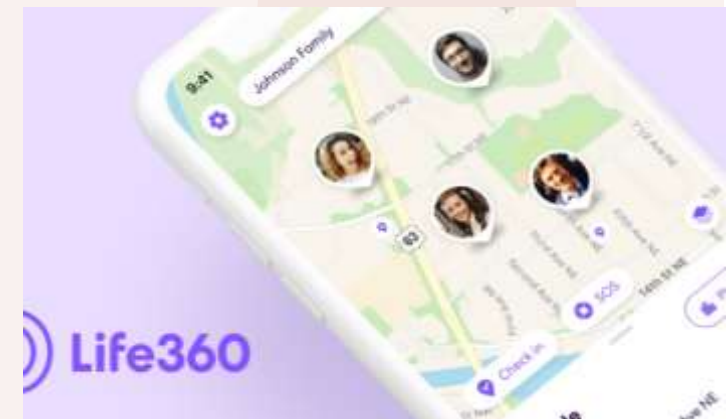
## Useful Apps for Next of Kin

We recommend that Next of Kin also download and set up the following app, we have found this to be useful in knowing where are students whilst on the trip!

Flightrader24 – very useful for tracking flights, showing departure times, any delays and flight location in travel.

Life360 – is great for following them on their journey.

Merlin Bird App



## Rider Survey

<https://forms.office.com/e/LnPEYbbk7T>



## Community GAP Donation Bags

- Reading books and activity books
- Stationery - pencil cases, pens, crayons, colouring pencils, chalk, Skipping ropes
- Jigsaws, puzzles, playing cards and games
- Sports kit (football kit, boots, shirts, deflated balls, bibs, socks etc)
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, facecloths and towels

### Donkeys:

- Donkey Harnesses (your group's total project cost includes the purchase of a set of harnesses for fitting in South Africa)
- Any old pony mouth bits (snaffle type)
- Small halters
- Halter leads
- Grooming brushes
- Any form of sheepskin for donkey cart extra padding

### Dogs:

- Any old dog blankets, dog bowls, towels, jerseys

**Follow instructions from your college about bringing in items from the list, ensuring all items are in a clean and good condition.**

**Your tutor can request a donation bag from GAP Africa Projects if space is limited.**





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