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PROJECT INFORMATION PACK

Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course

Entabeni (Vet Nurses)

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Myerscough College – Booking Reference 4711

Travel Dates:

8th March – 21st March 2026

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
WB711	08/03/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	20:30	Kigali (KGL)	07:30 + 1 Day
WB108	09/03/2026	Kigali (KGL)	11:50	Johannesburg (JNB)	15:40
WB109	21/03/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	16:50	Kigali (KGL)	20:40
WB710	21/03/2026	Kigali (KGL)	22:40	London Heathrow (LHR)	06:20 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage @ 10kgs with max dimensions 55x38x20 cms

Project:

Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course - Entabeni

Trip Cost:

£2795.00 per person

£300.00 deposit

£1247.50 Instalment due 17/11/2025

£1247.50 Balance due 12/01/2026

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PROJECT LOCATION

The Waterberg overview

ABOUT THE WATERBERG

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A place that promotes the connection between people and nature

The Waterberg contains pristine habitats, abundant bird and wildlife and has a natural unspoilt beauty. The Waterberg is an escarpment of massive sandstone buttresses and outcrops, incorporating many rivers, streams and wetlands, stretching for 150 km in a long arc.

The Waterberg has many special and unique characteristics which is why UNESCO approved the area for biosphere reserve status in 2001.

The Waterberg is a critical conservation area for; African wild dogs, with the last free-roaming pack in South Africa; black and white rhino, with the third largest population within South Africa; and the Cape Vulture, with the largest colony of 800 breeding pairs.

ABOUT ENTABENI

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ENTABENI SAFARI CONSERVANCY

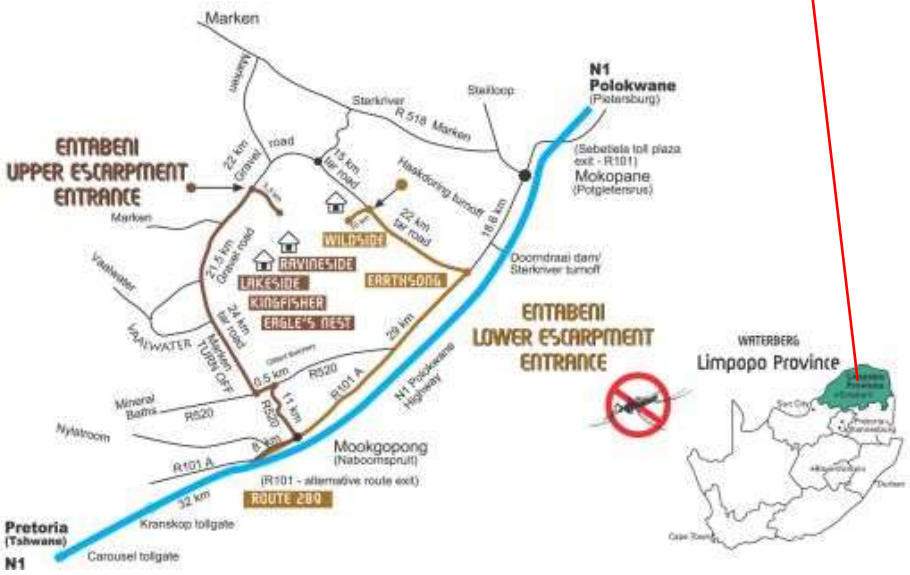
Location

The Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course – Entabeni is based at the 22,000-hectare Entabeni Safari Conservancy in the Limpopo Province of South Africa.

Located a pleasant 4 hour drive from Johannesburg; in the **malaria-free** area of the Waterberg, Limpopo Province

Entabeni is set within a tranquil, natural setting boasting changing vistas, diverse eco-systems and a breath-taking mountainous backdrop. Entabeni is the integration of a 22,000 hectare Big 5 Game Reserve, a resort and luxurious lodges.

It boasts spectacular scenery, with mountains, waterfalls and unspoilt ravines.



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Our conservation work in more detail

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Your two project locations

Your trip is split between two locations, in two neighbouring provinces of South Africa. You will first visit the Gauteng Province where you will have a tour of the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet - the only small animal practice in the country that only works on wildlife; assist with some shelter and community cases, learn about a K9 conservation unit and participate in lectures and debates. You will then observe a focused wildlife veterinary practice on a reserve in the Waterberg, Limpopo Province (Entabeni Safari Conservancy). Project locations and duration are as follows:

Itinerary

4 Nights

Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng Province

8 Nights

Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Waterberg – Limpopo Province

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ABOUT THE PROJECT: KYALAMI, MIDRAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Our conservation work in more detail

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Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng (4 Nights)

- Introduction to Wildlife Veterinary work in the Context of African Wildlife (Dr Zoe Glyphis – Local Wildlife Vet)
- Visit to Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary hospital.
- Assist with some animal shelter and community cases
- Assist with a K9 conservation unit.
- Dart shooting practice

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Dr Zoe Glyphis – Wildlife Veterinarian – Predator Specialist

Dr Zoe Glyphis has become one of South Africa's leading predator specialists and is on the forefront with veterinary medicine and veterinary assistance of wild dog, hyena and cheetah conservation all over South Africa.

She is helping and assisting several NGO groups and organizations with their efforts to increase predator ranges and to establish safe and genetically viable populations in new conservation areas.

Introduction of Darting Techniques

Learn the basic principles for darting wildlife.

Each student will have the opportunity to use the gas powered dart gun at the range.

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Possible Lectures & Debate

- Drugs used in wildlife medicine
- Calculating doses in wildlife
- Logistics of wildlife transportation: customised vehicles, crates and equipment
- The Game Trade-Auction and value of livestock
- Game capture systems
- Darting wildlife
- Boma management and rehabilitation
- Orphaned Rhino rehabilitation
- Parasite control
- Managing game reserves and Land Capacity Model
- Species control - predator pits
- State veterinary disease control in practice
- Documentation required: Red Cross Permits

Kyalami – Johannesburg Wildlife Vet

A registered wildlife veterinary hospital and rehabilitation centre in South Africa, dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing indigenous wildlife.

Led by Dr Karin Lourens, a wildlife vet with 22 years of experience, the non-profit treats small to medium mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and arachnids—free of charge.

Their mission combines expert care with conservation, education, and research.

📺 *Featured in a Netflix documentary about a pangolin pup's journey back to the wild.*

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Kyalami - Society for Animals in Distress

Care is provided by vets, vet nurses, animal health technicians, and welfare assistants.

The focus: accessible veterinary care for vulnerable communities and rescue organisations.

Students assist professionals in treating rescued horses, dogs, cats, and small animals—rehabilitated for rehoming.

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Kyalami –Pit-Track K9 antipoaching unit

A registered non-profit dedicated to wildlife protection through skilled K9 units and frontline anti-poaching operations.

Students will meet the K9 team, attend a talk on the poaching crisis, watch a live demo, and assist with physio care for working dogs.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT: ENTABENI SAFARI CONSERVANCY

Our conservation work in more detail

Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course – Entabeni

This course provides the opportunity for hands-on practical wildlife experience for pre-vet/vet nurses/technicians or those studying in the veterinary field.

Based at the reserve's student camp working directly with the monitoring team; this department runs and manages the day-to-day decisions and monitoring of the wildlife and ecosystem of the reserve.

The team and their work are crucial to the management and welfare of all wildlife on the reserve, as they monitor the animals' conditions, herd structures, locations and behaviours.

Time will be spent working with the reserve's veterinarian and other local wildlife vets with whom the team work.

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Entabeni Safari Conservancy (8 Nights)

- Introduction to Entabeni Safari Conservancy and Research Projects
- Rhino orphanage – assist with orphaned rhino calves
- Time spent with the research team conducting conservation activities
- Wildlife Veterinary work and intervention (Dr Pierre Bester)
- Build up to possible intervention and planning

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Dr Pierre Bester – Wildlife Veterinarian

Rhino orphanage veterinarian, Dr Pierre Bester has a mixed animal practice treating large and small domestic animals as well as wildlife. The main scope of his work includes the immobilisation, treatment, and translocation of African wildlife, including megaherbivore: rhinos and elephants.

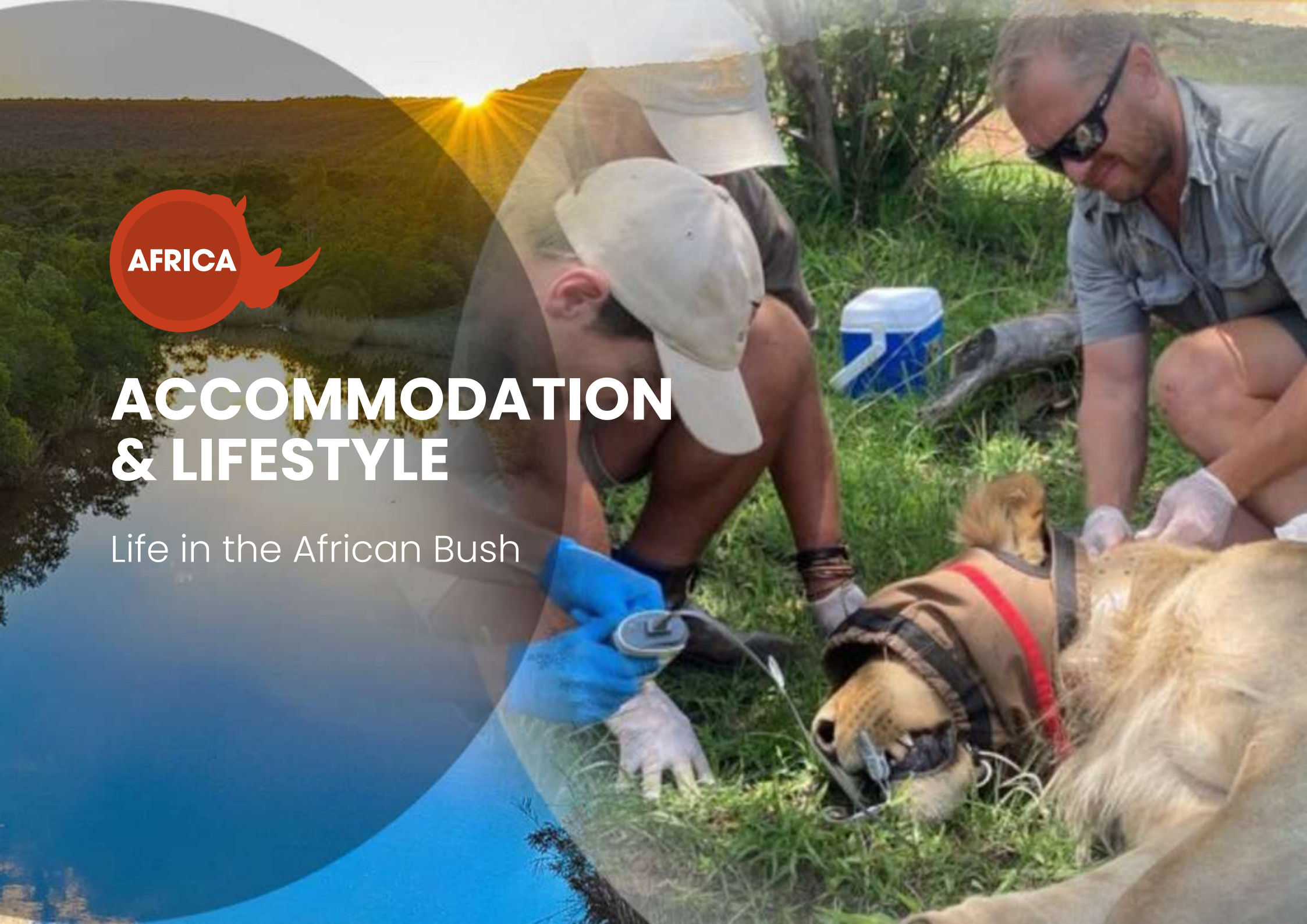
He has been involved with the immobilisation and translocation of thousands of rhinos, as well as countless other species.

The Rhino Orphanage

The Rhino Orphanage was the first-ever specialised, non-commercial centre dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, raising and release of orphaned rhinos back into the wild.

Although newborn rhinos can weigh up to 50kgs, they are essentially "helpless" and require protection so that they may survive and ultimately thrive.

Rhino calves and rhino mothers are closely bonded. Rhino young are fiercely protected by their mothers in the wild, so when a rhino mother is killed, the rhino orphan becomes particularly vulnerable, and their longevity is endangered. Under normal circumstances, rhino calves will stay with their mothers for around 3 years. For this reason, the rhino orphans in their care typically require the same intensity and timeframe of nurturing from the carers.



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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

ACCOMMODATION

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Gauteng – Phahama Game Lodge

You will be staying in accommodation with 2 or 4 beds with en-suite facilities.

There are outdoor seating areas and a garden with swimming pool.

The lodge offers comfortable areas to relax and unwind, it has WiFi and is ideally located for the various project locations in and around Gauteng.

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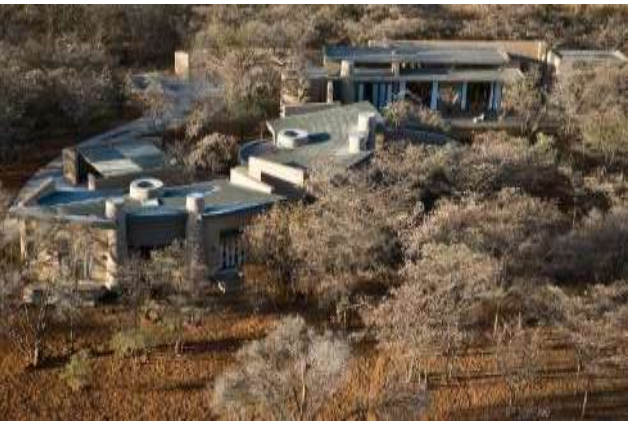
Waterberg - Entabeni Accommodation

You will stay in twin bedded rooms with ensuite facilities.

There are 4, 5 and 6 bedroom units each of which has an open plan layout with lounge and dining area and a fully equipped kitchen.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the campfire.

Only Sunday will be an off day to 'chill' in camp or do extra activities.



Food at the Project

All meals will be provided at Phahama Lodge A packed lunch will be provided if the group are not returning to the accommodation at lunch time.

At Entabeni all meals are included. The students will self prepare meals as a group in one of the kitchens.

Some days lunch will be at the accommodation; other days lunch will be brought into the field to be taken as a picnic.

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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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Your free time on the project

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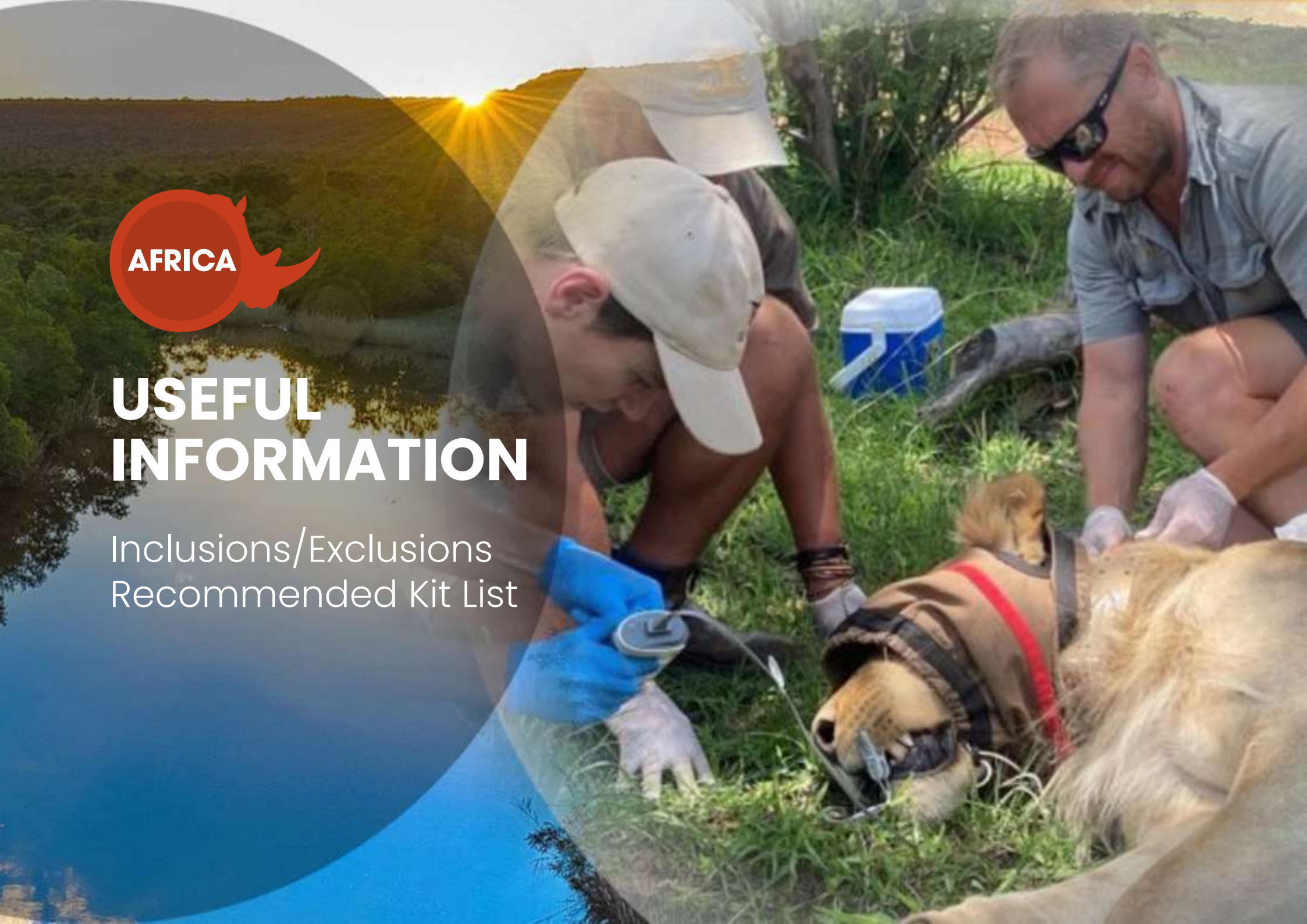
Activities/Excursions (own cost and optional)

There will be free time/days off, where you'll be able to do some additional activities at your **own cost**. These are **optional**.

All activities are booked and paid for (**cash** or, sometimes, **card**) upon arrival at the project.

More information will be given closer to the time. N.B 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 public liability insurance.



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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
- Surgical gloves
- 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
- Stethoscope

* 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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