



# DN COLLEGES GROUP (NORTH LINDSEY COLLEGE & DONCASTER COLLEGE)

## PROJECT PRESENTATION



# KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife & Community

**GLOBAL** reach. **ADVENTURE** for all. **PROJECTS** to inspire.



# 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 WILDLIFE & COMMUNITY 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 wilds 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 10 nights in South Africa
- 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

## KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife Community

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu Wildlife & Community 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 10-nights academic module split between the conservation reserve and the surrounding community with 2 nights at St Lucia Coastal Unit.



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

The project split and duration are as follows:

### 10-Night Itinerary

#### 8 nights

Bonamanzi Game Reserve and Hluhluwe surrounds

#### 2 nights

St Lucia Coastal Project

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## Location



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# **8 NIGHTS BONAMANZI/HLUHLUWE**

A Big Four Game Reserve

# BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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## Bonamanzi Game Reserve – 8 Nights

Bonamanzi Game Reserve is a magnificent 10,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 4 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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## Bonamanzi

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve, 10,000 acres in size with the Hluhluwe River on its Eastern border.

Proclaimed a Natural Heritage Site in 1995 in recognition of the biodiversity of the Reserve it offers sand forests, savanna and wetland areas. This diversity is why Bonamanzi is recognised as one of the best birding destinations in Southern Africa.



# BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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# BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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## Birds /Reptiles



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## Your Conservation Programme

Students will be taught and work alongside the field guides and the conservation team. The following examples depict the day-to-day activities that may be undertaken as part of the project.

- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Elephant Monitoring
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera Trapping
- Night Drive
- Alien Vegetation Control / Reserve Maintenance
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development



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## Use of Telemetry Tracking



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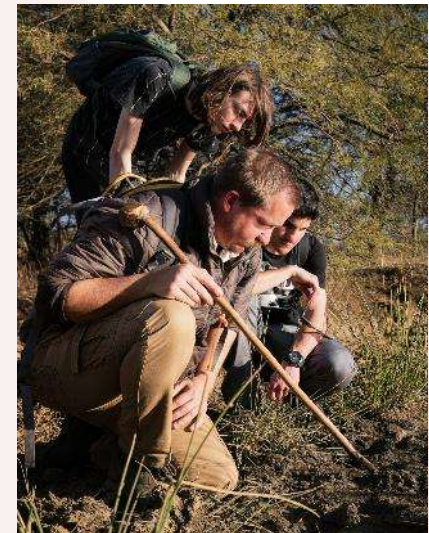
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## Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors



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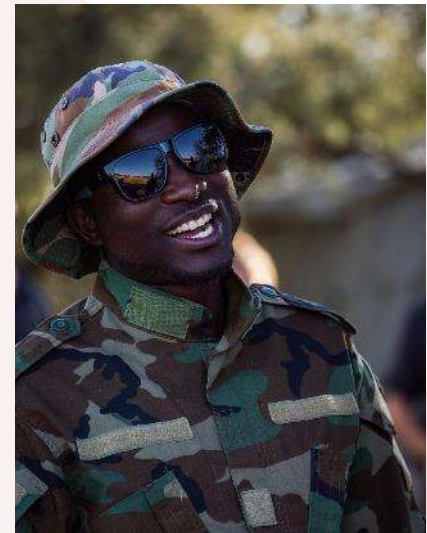
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## Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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## Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about the correct placement of cameras, best location etc.

Never know what we'll find!



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## Night Game Drives



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# BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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## Bird Ringing



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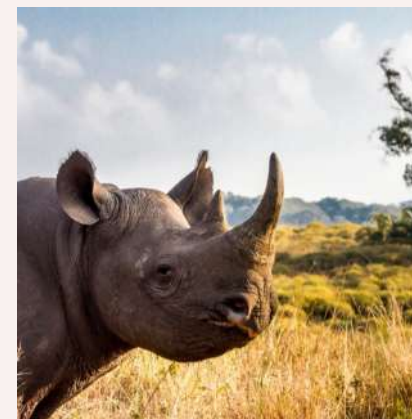
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## Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park

Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park - is the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. It consists of 96,000 ha of wilderness and has the Big 5 as well as cheetah, hyena, African wild dog among many other mammals, reptiles and birds.

Students will have an inciteful game drive in open game viewers.



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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, Project Rhino



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## Community – GAP Donation Bags



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# **2 NIGHTS AT ST LUCIA**

A Coastal Adventure

## St Lucia Wetlands (2 Nights)

**St. Lucia** is situated on the northern side of the estuary, the largest in Southern Africa and is totally surrounded by the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands Park and World Heritage Site. The area is famous for its wetlands and is a fantastic opportunity to witness crocodiles and hippos in their natural environment.



# ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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## Your Conservation Programme – St Lucia

Whilst at St Lucia you will get the opportunity to take part in some amazing activities but also time to relax in the beautiful coastal resort of St Lucia.

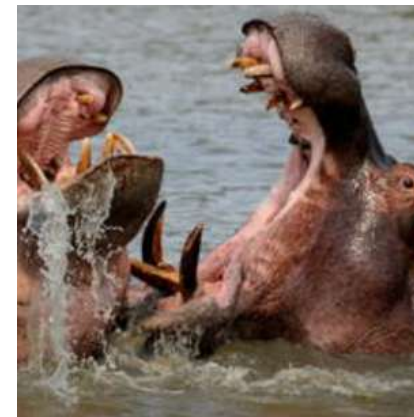
- Hippo and Crocodile tour in the Estuary
- Visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and beach
- Visit to the Crocodile Centre
- Whale Watching Tour (seasonal and additional cost)



# ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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## Estuary Hippo and Crocodile Tour



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# ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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## Cape Vidal Nature Reserve



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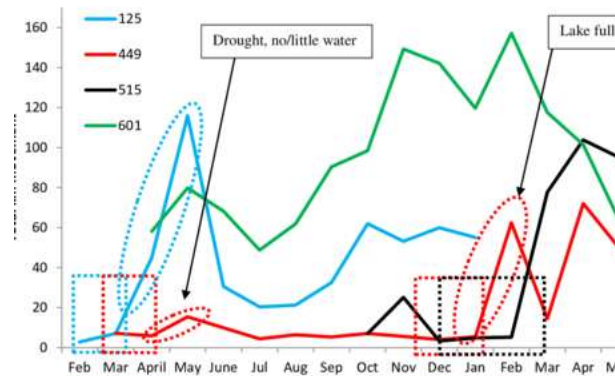
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# ST LUCIA – COASTAL ADVENTURE

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## Crocodile Research Centre



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# **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**

Life in the African Bush

# ACCOMMODATION

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## Bundu Camp - Bonamanzi

Chalet style accommodation is provided during your time in Bonamanzi Game Reserve. Twin roomed chalets are shared and have communal ablutions with the adjoining chalet.

All guests will eat together in the communal dining room or outside in the covered dining area.



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## Bundu Camp - Bonamanzi



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## St Lucia Coastal Accommodation

Guest House style accommodation is provided during your time in St Lucia. Rooms are shared and have communal ablutions.

The guest house is located in the heart of St Lucia's Main Street and is the ideal location to explore the surrounding areas.



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## St Lucia Coastal Accommodation



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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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# **ONLINE NATURE GUIDE COURSE**

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## Exclusive Bushwise Nature Guide Course

Bushwise is a leading nature guide training provider, and we've partnered with them to offer an exclusive 6-week 'Explore Nature' online course – giving you a real-life insight into the training of a South African Nature Guide.

Connect with the South African bush before you even travel!



Modules include Introduction, Geology, Weather & climate, Astronomy, Ecology, Biomes, Taxonomy, Plants, Arthropods, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, Ethology, Conservation management, Historical human habitation.

Your wildlife journey starts here! Build a strong foundation in field guiding, wildlife, and ecology, so that you're fully prepared for the hands-on experience in South Africa.

### Course Start Dates:

5 January 2026

30 March 2026

22 June 2026

14 September 2026





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# **BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE**

The next steps to the trip of a  
lifetime!

# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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## What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife and Community Project?



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



"The staff were **amazing**, we got the **opportunity** to take part in talks and anti-poaching bush walks."



"I got to observe animals **up close**, which really **developed** my **knowledge** of animal behaviours"

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

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"It was the most **amazing** experience I've ever had."



"I learnt so many new things that have **educated** me **beyond** the classroom."



"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
- Three meals per day
- All activities as part of the project
- 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
- Tips

\* Provided by the college – please confirm with your college the details of the insurance provided.



# THE NEXT STEPS

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## Project dates & key deadlines

### Confirmed trip dates:

Depart UK: 28/06/2026 | Arrive SA: 29/06/2026

Depart SA: 09/07/2026 | Arrive UK: 10/07/2026

### Trip cost:

£2,550.00 Based on a group of 18 (confirmed once flights have been held)

### Key deadlines are:

- Return the online booking form by 01/10/2025
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 10/10/2025
- 50% instalment payment of £1125.00 to be paid by 09/03/2026
- Balance payment of £1125.00 to be paid by 04/05/2026
- 15/06/2026 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

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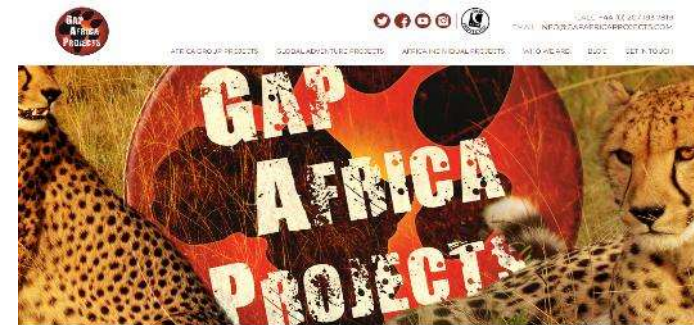
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## Booking Form

- Please submit by 01/10/2025
- 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



### BOOKING FORM

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

Title \*

Name \*

Date of birth \*

Address \*

Telephone \*

Mobils \*

Email 1 \*

Email 2 \*

(\*\*NB Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email\*\*)

Passport no.

Passport Issue Date



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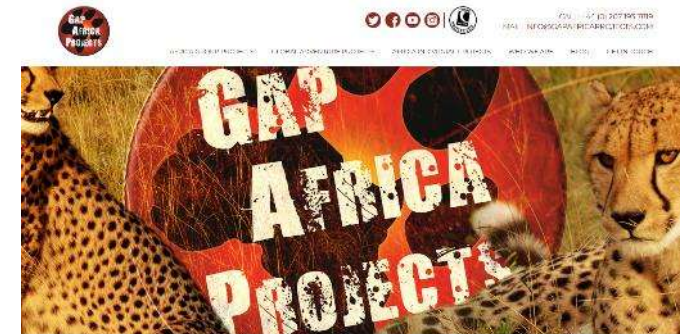
## Group Web Page

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## Booking Form

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### BOOKING FORM

Your Globe 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 also get in touch using our short enquiry form, or by calling +44 (0) 207 193 7819.

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

Title \*

Name \*

Date of birth \*

Address \*

Telephone (Do not enter +44 for UK numbers) \*

Mobile (Do not enter +44 for UK numbers) \*

Email 1 \*

Email 2 \*

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

Passport No.

## 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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