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## KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project



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# TRIP OVERVIEW

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## Wyke 6<sup>th</sup> Form College – Booking Reference 4742

### Travel Dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
ET729	22/03/2026	Manchester (MAN)	18:30	Addis Ababa (ADD)	07:05 +1 Day
ET809	23/03/2026	Addis Ababa (ADD)	08:45	Johannesburg (JNB)	13:05
FA283	05/04/2026	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	09:45	Johannesburg (JNB)	10:55
ET808	05/04/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	14:30	Addis Ababa (ADD)	20:45
ET726	06/04/2026	Addis Ababa (ADD)	00:05	Manchester (MAN)	08:30

\*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

**Baggage Allowance** – 1 piece of checked baggage @ 20kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs maximum dimensions 56x36x23cm

### Project:

KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location  
of the project



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## KwaZulu-Natal Community and Volunteering Project

The KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering project is located in the KwaZulu-Natal province in the North coast of South Africa.

It is both near the town of Ladysmith close to Durban (3 hours) on the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast in South Africa; it is close to the beautiful St Lucia Wetlands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

The main project location is Nambiti and the surrounding community, a drive of around 6 hours from Johannesburg, Nambiti is situated near the town of Ladysmith.

The second element of your project is a stay in Howick and a visit from the Singakwenza (We Can Do It) early childhood education project before a visit to the Lily of the Valley Orphanage.

The final element of the project is located in St Lucia, this is a small but quaint village that is becoming a top tourist destination, St Lucia is famous for its huge population of wild hippos.



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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.

You will spend 10 nights at this stunning location.

You will be involved in community work and some conservation activities.



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## Howick

**Howick** is a town in the Kwa-Zulu Natal province. It is known as the 'place of the tall one'. It is home to Howick Falls, the second highest in South Africa. Standing at over 95 metres, water falls over the dolerite cliffs on its way to the Indian Ocean.

You will spend 2 nights in Howick working with the Singakwenza (We Can Do It) Project to support children at the Lily of the Valley Orphanage.



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## St Lucia Wetlands

**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.



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Students will be taught and have the opportunity to work alongside several inspiring professionals -

**Project Rhino.** - Project Rhino aims to educate school children on the conservation of Rhinos and the Rhino poaching crisis. It aims to increase relationships with game reserves and the neighboring communities. Project Rhino has reached over 700,000 school children in South Africa, educating these children about the importance of the natural world and the wildlife around them. Children attend presentations and are encouraged to produce artwork in support of the local wildlife. The education links directly to the Zulu culture

**Move Africa** - Champion and encourage girls on how to use menstrual cups as a sustainable solution to period poverty. In Africa 3 out of 10 girls miss out on a week of school every month, due to not being able to afford menstrual products. This has a huge impact on the girl's outlook. Move Africa's aim is to equip young women with sustainable sanitary products and relevant education about menstrual cycles



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**Ndumu Charitable Foundation** – Focuses primarily on improving early childhood development and education within communities, particularly in the refurbishment of creches and nurseries. Projects include building and improving play equipment, painting the classrooms, digging vegetable gardens and talking to staff about the importance of correct nutrition. Ndumu are also passionate about installing libraries in primary schools.



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**Singaklwenza** is a not for profit early childhood education project that trains parents, educators and carers to provide fun, educational activities to enable young children to develop through play. The activities are supported by resources made solely from recycling.

Please ensure you **adhere to the following strict dress code** when working in the community:

Shoulders to be covered, tops to fully cover tummy/stomach and the length of shorts must be closer to knee length. As GAP Africa Projects, we ask you not to wear strappy vest tops, cropped tops, or short shorts. You would be best wearing a full-length t-shirt with leggings/trousers/long skirt or 'longer' shorts (that come closer to your knee).



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**Kingsley Holgate Foundation** – has supported conservation efforts and communities bordering wildlife parks throughout Africa for over a decade. Their Early Childhood Development programme works to improve the nutrition and education of over 3000 local children who live in rural communities on the boundaries of wildlife reserves.

**Woza Moya** – This charity aims to reduce poverty through arts and crafts. Woza Moya assists those in need to develop skills and learn how to turn their skills into an income by using local products. Woza Moya provides ongoing business mentorship to ensure the crafting can become a self-sustaining business. Since 2002 over 350 crafters have been supported



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**Khula Natural Health Clinic** – A busy community health facility in St Lucia, founded in 2017 focusing on children’s and women’s health, through safe and affordable treatments using homeopathic remedies to complement Western medicine.

**Bonamanzi Conservation Foundation** – manages the day-to-day conservation management and research of the Big 4 Game Reserve. The foundation began in 2012 to re-establish land as a game reserve for wildlife. Wildlife conservation and community development are the foundation’s main objectives. Bonamanzi has an ongoing relationship with Cumbria’s Safari Zoo who are active in helping the reserve with their K9 unit.



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St Lucia Estuary is the largest estuarine system in southern Africa it is home to one of the largest free-roaming Hippo populations in South Africa, there are also around 1200 Nile Crocodiles in the area.

Estuary Hippo and Crocodile Tour

A boat tour of the estuary includes the opportunity to witness hippos, Nile crocodiles and many birds of prey. On the banks of the estuary, you can often see buffalo, zebra and antelope.



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## Community Development Activities



ANY QUESTIONS?

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## Example itinerary

Travel overnight from the UK to Johannesburg. Spend the first night in Johannesburg.

Early morning transfer to Nambiti Game Reserve, orientation and dinner

Early morning game drive, after breakfast, depart for a creche refurbishment project for the day. After dinner a talk on Zulu Culture by Project Rhino

Community outreach with Project Rhino, then return to the creche to continue with the project. After lunch reserve management work at Nambiti

Visit a school with Move Africa. After lunch, a Zulu arts and craft workshop with Woza Moya. Dinner and a talk by Woza Moya on empowering local craftsmen

Anti-Poaching and K9 demonstration along with a snare sweep. Afternoon at leisure relaxing by the pool followed by a braai by the lake.

After breakfast you will be involved with Right to Sight Outreach in the community supporting Ugogos. After dinner night drive and animal tracking.

Spend the day at a Community School Eco-Club Project followed by an afternoon to relax and pack.

Early morning bush walk before departure for Howick.

Spend the day helping Singakwena, an early childhood education project.

Transfer to St Lucia with a tour of the craft markets and town in the afternoon, followed by a Hippo and Crocodile estuary sunset boat tour

Explore the local natural health clinic with a talk and tour of the facility, the afternoon is time to relax at the beach.

Depart St Lucia to Durban for your flight to Johannesburg and your overnight flight back to the UK.

Arrive back in the UK for your transfer back to college.



# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in Africa



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## Airport Bird and Game Lodge, Johannesburg (First Night)

As you arrive in South Africa in the afternoon, you will be staying for one night in Johannesburg, at the Airport Bird and Game Lodge Hotel situated close to the airport terminal. Rooms will be shared, and a buffet dinner and breakfast will be included.

You will leave the hotel nice and early the next morning, arriving at Nambiti Game reserve by lunch time.

A representative from Champagne Shuttles will meet you in the hotel reception.

If for any reason you cannot locate the representative, please call +27 (0) 74 892 5192 or +27 (0) 84 581 6492.



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## Game Reserve Camp – 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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## The Knoll Guest Farm – Howick

You will stay at The Knoll Guest Farm. You will be accommodated in twin/triple rooms in the bunk house and west wing, with access to ensuite facilities.

The Knoll is situated in Hilton, a small town in the Midlands Meander of KwaZulu-Natal, which forms part of Howick.



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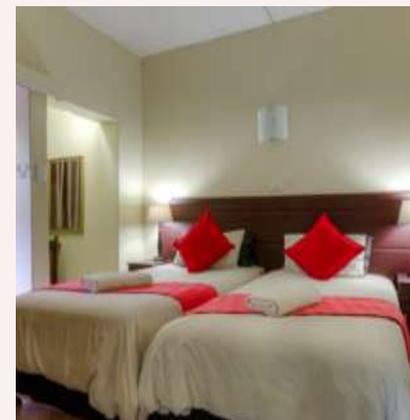
## Shonalanga Accommodation – St Lucia

Guest House style accommodation is provided during your time in St Lucia.

You will be accommodated in twin rooms with ensuite facilities.

There are no facilities for washing clothes at the accommodation but there are launderettes nearby which are not expensive.

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



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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.

## 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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# USEFUL INFORMATION

Inclusions/Exclusions &  
Recommended Kit List

# WHAT'S INCLUDED

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## What is included?

- UK Transfers
- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day unless specified
- 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 the 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.

# USEFUL INFORMATION

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## Suggested kit list

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

- Wellington boots (long or short for travel Jan – April)
- 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 (Jun – Aug) – pack plenty
- Padded jacket/windbreaker (Jun – Aug) although it can get very cold on an open vehicle
- Socks and Underwear
- Change of casual clothes for evenings
- Sandals / comfy shoes to wear after work hours
- Warm hat (Jun – Aug / Hat for sun protection (all year)
- Gloves for warmth (Jun –Aug)
- Working gloves
- Daypack rucksack
- Micro-fibre sleeping bag liner (extra warmth Jun –Aug )
- Swimwear
- Beach Towel (micro-fibre takes less space)
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Binoculars
- Good torch (headlamp/torch is best)

### Other useful items:

- Camera
- Power bank

\* 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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