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Waterberg Construction and Conservation Project



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ABOUT THE WATERBERG

Project overview and location

Your Construction and Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique construction and conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live & work in one research camp on a wild African game reserve
- 15-night programme specifically tailored
- Hands on construction work at the reserve
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
 - Maintenance and Repairs to the Reserve
 - New build projects
 - Practical Conservation Activities
- Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff
- All-inclusive experience
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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Waterberg Construction and Conservation Project

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the Waterberg Construction and Conservation Project 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.

15 Night Project at SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve



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An aerial photograph of a rural homestead in Africa. The scene features a traditional thatched-roof hut with a circular opening, a modern light blue house with a green roof and solar panels, and a wooden building with a corrugated metal roof. The homestead is surrounded by lush green vegetation and a dirt road. In the background, there are rolling hills and a prominent flat-topped mountain under a clear sky. A semi-transparent dark grey circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work
in more detail

SwebeSwebe Nature Reserve

- 2,500 acres Privately Managed Nature Reserve, part of a 15,000-acre reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere
- Work alongside the team including:
 - Construction Work – Repairs, Maintenance and New Build
 - Conservation Research
 - Cutting Edge Conservation
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Big Game & Predator Free

Your Programme – SwebeSwebe

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

- Repairs at overnight huts, Hanover House and the lookout tower
- Building a new outdoor toilet block
- Fence maintenance and road repairs
- New borehole and borehole maintenance
- Converting bow hunting hides into bird and vulture hides
- Game Drive and Bush walks
- Anti-poaching talks and fence walk
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Vegetation Management
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness



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Practical Management



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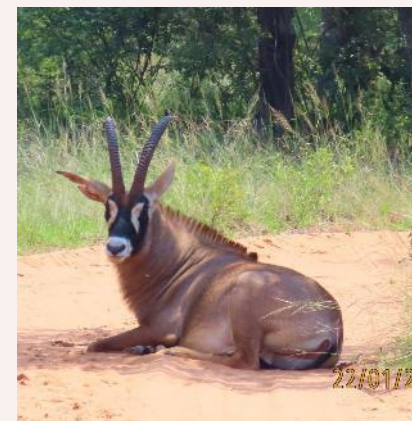
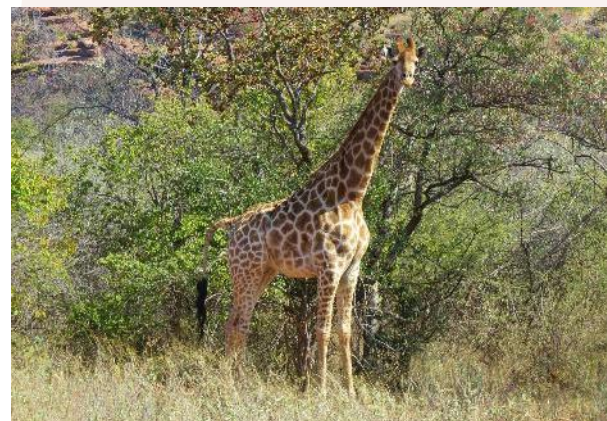
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Game Drives



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Home to over 30 Species of Mammal



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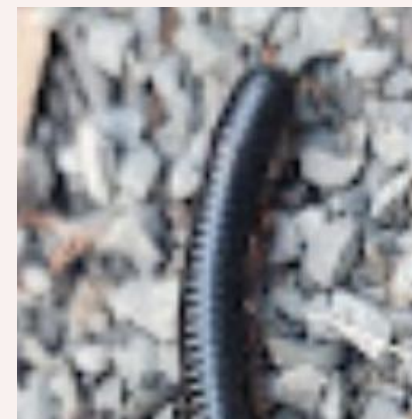
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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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Big Five Game Reserve



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PRE-DEPARTURE PACK 15

An aerial photograph of a rural African bush landscape. In the foreground, a light blue house with a green roof and solar panels is visible, along with a traditional thatched hut. The background shows a vast, green bush landscape with a dirt road winding through it. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'AFRICA' is overlaid on a red circular graphic in the upper left, and 'ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE' is overlaid in large white letters in the center. Below it, the subtitle 'Living in the African Bush' is written in white.

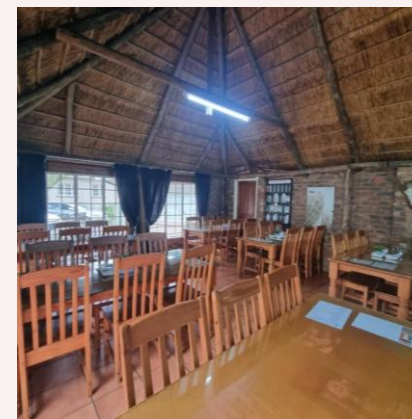
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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Living in the African Bush

Emerald Guest House, Johannesburg – First Night

- As you arrive in South Africa mid-afternoon, you will be staying for one night in Johannesburg, at the Emerald Guest House. This is close to the airport
- 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 Hanover Nature Reserve by lunchtime.



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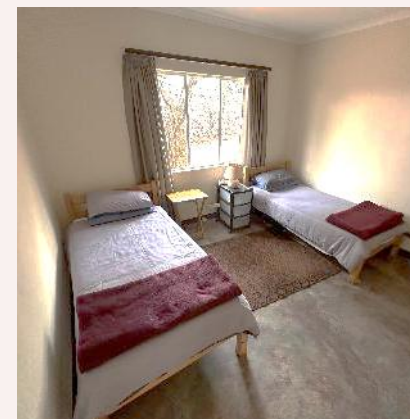
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SwebeSwebe – Hanover Nature Reserve Accommodation

Students and academic groups will be accommodated at our purpose-built camp on Hanover Nature Reserve, designed to provide comfort and foster community living.

The camp features shared twin and triple rooms with communal ablution facilities. At the heart of the camp is a spacious communal area, equipped with a shared kitchen and dining space, which also serves as a hub for relaxation, lectures, and group activities.

For evening gatherings, there's a cozy firepit/boma area where students can unwind and cook meals over the fire under the stars. On weekends, groups are welcome to enjoy the main farmhouse and pool area.



Food at the Project

At SwebeSwebe 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.

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

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

An aerial photograph of a rural African homestead. In the foreground, there is a traditional thatched-roof hut with a circular opening. To its right is a modern, light blue house with a green metal roof and solar panels. The property is surrounded by lush greenery and a dirt road winds through the background. A large, semi-transparent graphic overlay is on the left side of the image, containing text.

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PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Travel details

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

Flights

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
WB711	14/03/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	20:30	Kigali (KGL)	07:30 + 1 Day
WB108	15/03/2026	Kigali (KGL)	11:50	Johannesburg (JNB)	15:40

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 55x38x20cm

Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport

Clear immigration & collect baggage to clear customs.
Meet GAP representative by the statue in the arrivals hall.
Transfer to SwebeSwebe Game Reserve (4.5 hours).
Supermarket stop off.



Cabin Baggage



Rucksack (not trolley suitcase)
No larger than 55x38x20cm

Hold Baggage



One piece maximum 23kg

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

Departure from South Africa | Arrival to the United Kingdom

Flights

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
WB109	30/03/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	16:50	Kigali (KGL)	20:40
WB712	30/03/2026	Kigali (KGL)	22:40	London Heathrow (LHR)	07:00 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 55x38x20cm

Return Journey

Transfer from SwebeSwebe Game Reserve.
Check in at the Rwandair check-in desk.



TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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Travel Documents

- Final Documents Issued 01/03/2026
- Emailed to your personal and/or college email address
- Print and take copies
- Boarding passes issued at the airport
- Passports!

Your e-ticket

Travelport ViewTrip™
This Electronic Ticket Receipt has been brought to you by Travelport ViewTrip and your travel provider. For the latest information on your travel plans, view your itinerary at [ViewTrip.com](#).

Reservation Number: RS3RGS View Electronic Ticket Receipt

Traveler		
Passenger Name	Billing Address	Delivery Address
DEBLEY, GEORGE MR	TRAVEL COUNSELLORS PHENIX TRAVEL ROSE CHURCHGATE BOLTON PIBLI 1TH	No Address On Record

Agency Information
TRAVEL COUNSELLORS LTD
Travel House
Bolton L1 1TH
UNITED KINGDOM
Agency Phone: 01204 536 084 TRAVEL COUNSELLORS PLC PHENIX FLT5
Agency IATA Number: 91277992

e-Ticket Receipt - 93294169922 - VS 801 - 28 Jun 2015 - LHR Today's Date: 29 May 2015
e-Ticket Number: 93294169922 Galileo Reservation Number: RS3RGS Ticket Issue Date: 27 May 2015

Flight Information			
28 Jun 2015	Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd (VS) 801	Economy (C)	Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd Confirmation Number: 9H9G24
Depart:	Heathrow (LHR) - Terminal 3	9:05 PM	Fare Basis: 8T
Arrive:	Johannesburg (JNB) - Terminal A	9:05 AM	Not Valid After: 28 Jun 2015

Applies to: LHR - JNB
Baggage Allowance: 1 Piece Plus

This is an important document. Make sure that you take it with you when you travel.

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:
Mr Daniel Alexander	1

What is protected?
Package holiday to South Africa (10 days)
25 Jul - 14 Aug 2015 (London Heathrow (LHR) to Johannesburg (JNB) 11:20:00 - 1:20:00)
15 Aug - 28 Sep 2015 (Johannesburg (JNB) to Cape Town (CPT) 12:10:00 - 1:40:00)
15 Sep - 18 Oct 2015 (Cape Town (CPT) to Johannesburg (JNB) 14:00:00 - 1:10:00)

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

Who is protecting your trip?
Gap Africa Projects Limited ATOL Number: 70590 Booking Ref: 4007

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 (+44) 20 7463 0355.

Unique reference number	Date of issue	ATOL Certificate Issuer	ATOL number	Package
4007	18/03/2014	Gap Africa Projects Limited	70590	Package 8T/8T

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Important Travel Advice

Under 18 Visa Requirements:
If you are aged under 18, whether travelling alone or within a group you must adhere to the regulations set for minors entering the republic of South Africa. <http://www.dfa.gov.za/index.php?id=certification/travellers/children>

Names and spellings.
It is crucial that they match what is printed on your passport. If there is a mistake this will need to be changed, otherwise you may be refused travel.

18/07/2017	Check in for your flight at the South African Airways Check In Desk, London Heathrow, terminal 2	18:00
	Depart London Heathrow	18:30
17/07/2017	Arrive Johannesburg International Airport, Terminal A	07:00

Upon arrival please clear immigration and collect your luggage to pass through Customs.

A member of the Gap Africa Projects ground team will meet you at International Arrivals Hall and take you through to Domestic Departures, terminal B. Please look out for our Meet and Greet Board.

Drop off baggage at SAA bag drop - Domestic Terminal B	18:45
Depart Johannesburg	19:45
Arrive Port Elizabeth Airport	12:20

Upon arrival you will be met by a representative from Blunden Tours and transferred to Sheshebi Game Reserve.

Sheshebi Group Conservation Experience x 14 DAYS	12:00
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Today is the final day of your placement and you will be transferred to Port Elizabeth Airport.

Check in for your flight at the SAA Check in Desk	16:30
Depart Port Elizabeth	17:30
Arrive Johannesburg Terminal B	18:10

Upon arrival please make your way to Terminal A International Departures.

Depart Johannesburg	18:55
Arrive London Heathrow, terminal 2	06:25

Group Web Page & Travel Documents

FAQs and House Rules

📄 Student Frequently Asked Questions - Click to Download

📄 Student Guidelines and House Rules - Click to Download



<https://gapafricaprojects.com/26-4755/>

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)
- Construction shoes/boots 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
- Swimwear
- Beach Towel
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power bank
- Good torch

* All work clothes should be neutral or earth tones for working in the bush. No skimpy or bright-coloured clothing to be worn

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:

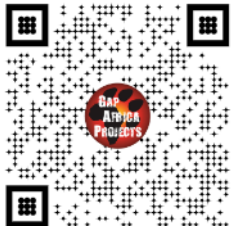
The project is located in a malaria free area.

<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

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
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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

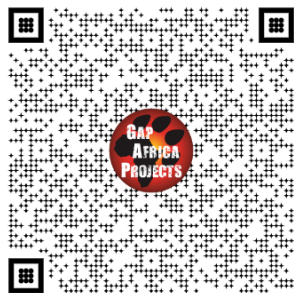
Mobile phone coverage is generally good at SwebeSwebe, although there may be some areas on the reserve where there isn't any coverage. Using an eSIM or purchasing a SIM card at the airport is another option.

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



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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!

Flightradar24 – 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

