



BISHOP BURTON COLLEGE PROJECT INFORMATION PACK



KwaZulu-Natal Agriculture and Conservation Research

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Bishop Burton College – Booking Reference 4823

Travel Dates:

30th May 2026 – 10th June 2026

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
BA55	30/05/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	22:15	Johannesburg (JNB)	10:15 + 1 Day
TBC	31/05/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	TBC
BA54	10/06/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:15	London Heathrow (LHR)	06:20 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece of checked baggage @ 20kgs & 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs 56x36x23cms

Project:

KwaZulu-Natal Agriculture and Conservation Research

Trip Cost:

£2795.00 per person (to be confirmed once flights are available)

£300.00 Deposit

£1247.50 Instalment due 08/02/2026

£1247.50 Balance due 05/04/2026



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location
of the project

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KwaZulu-Natal Agriculture and Conservation Research

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation and Agriculture Research 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-night academic module split between three locations.



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

6 Nights

Baynesfield Estate, Richmond Agriculture and Conservation Activities

2 Nights

The Old Mushroom Farm, Howick Agriculture Tour

2 Nights

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

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Baynesfield Estate, Richmond and The Old Mushroom Farm, Howick (8 Nights)

Baynesfield Estate is a large, historic, and working agricultural estate in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. It was established by Joseph Baynes in the late 19th century and is now a diverse farming operation, including agricultural research. The Old Mushroom Farm in **Howick** was once a working mushroom farm, now transformed into a unique lifestyle destination.



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Nambiti Game Reserve (2 Nights)

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 an unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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KwaZulu-Natal Agriculture and Conservation Project- Location

South Africa a world leader in agriculture and conservation





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8 Nights at Baynesfield Estate and The Old Mushroom Farm

Agriculture and Conservation
Research

Agriculture Visits and Research Projects

Avocado Heritage Farm– Set on a South African heritage site, this internationally acclaimed avocado farm exports high-quality fruit to Europe and practices award-winning sustainable farming. You will be introduced to:

- Innovative pruning techniques and tree manipulation methods to enhance yield
- The use of manmade windbreaks for fruit quality improvement
- On-site compost production and application for soil health
- Global standards of sustainable agriculture

Community Agriculture Project– You will be involved in developing this Agri-village on an existing 900 ha commercial farm. Projects include:

- Education & training for the community (teaching children vital farming skills)
- Food security – vegetable gardens
- Commercial nursery – protect threatened habitat (Cape Parrot Project)
- Crops & livestock



Agriculture Visits and Research Projects

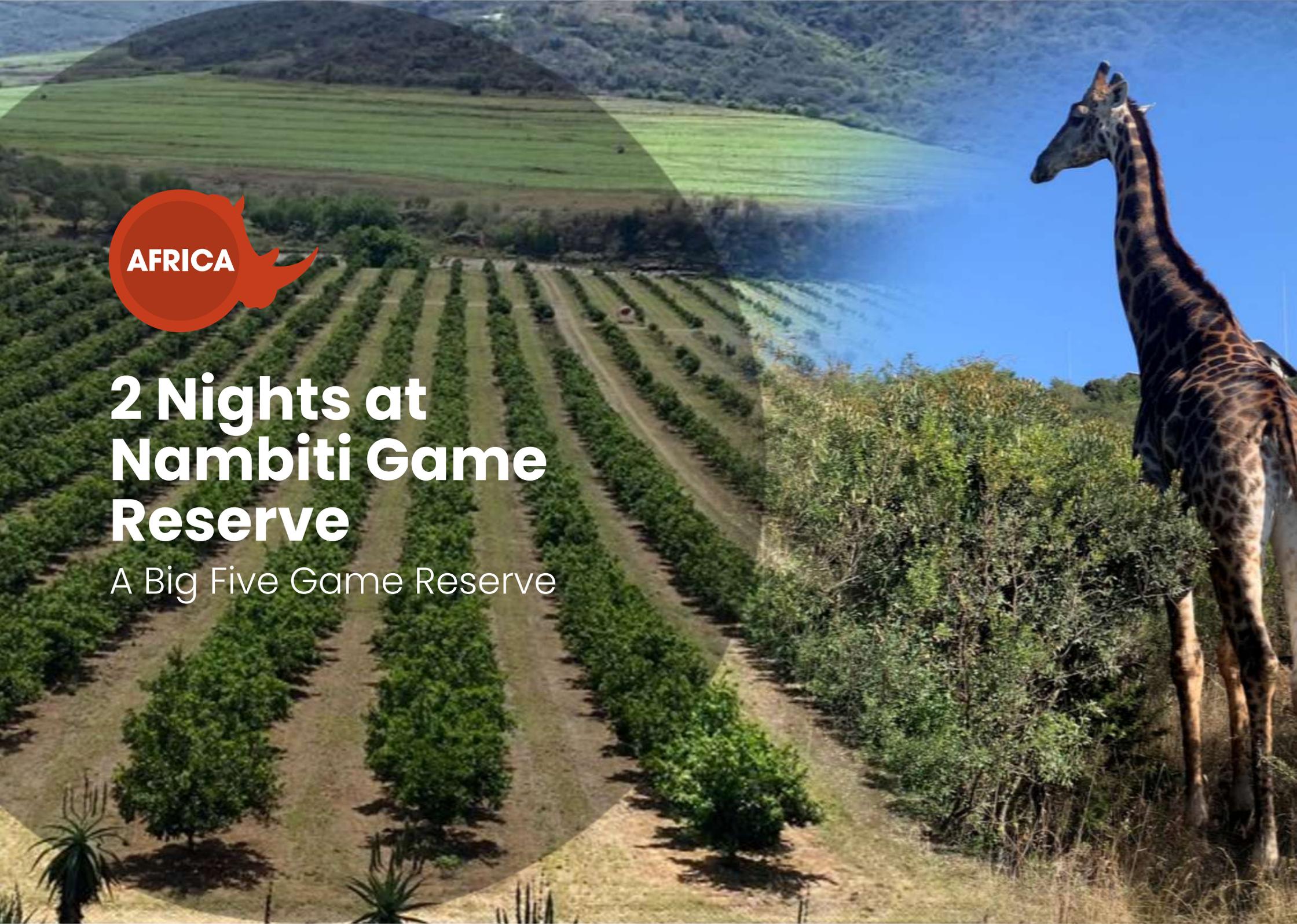
Commercial Dairy Farm– You will be introduced to:

- Herd runs with vet
- AI Presentation and practical
- Pasture walks, plate metre checks on dry matter content and impact of fertiliser regimes on pastures

Local Farm Visits, Howick. You will have guided tours of local:

- Dairy Farms
- Cheese Farms
- Organic Farms



A giraffe stands on a grassy hillside in the foreground, looking towards the left. The background features a vast landscape with a large circular inset showing a different view of the same area. The inset shows a dirt road winding through a field of young trees, with rolling hills and a blue sky in the distance. The giraffe is positioned on the right side of the frame, with its head and neck clearly visible. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with a clear blue sky and lush green vegetation.

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2 Nights at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve

YOUR PROJECT

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Your Conservation Programme – Nambiti

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

- Big Five Game Drive
- Bush Braai
- Rhino Monitoring and Anti-Poaching Presentation
- Predator Drive
- Bush Walk
- Evening Night Drive



A giraffe stands on a grassy hillside on the right side of the image, looking towards the left. The background features a valley with neat rows of young trees, a blue lake, and rolling green hills under a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'AFRICA' and the main title.

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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

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Baynesfield Estate– Richmond

Escape to tranquility at Baynesfield Retreat. Guests can take full advantage of all amenities, including access to a private dam, and exploring scenic walking trails.

Accommodation is in lodges with access to shared hot and cold showers with regular flushing toilets.



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Old Mushroom Farm – Howick

A unique farm-stay in the heart of the KZN Midlands countryside. The original farm buildings have been renovated into modern self-catering units.

Accommodated in self-contained houses/cottages, each with hot and cold showers, regular flushing toilets and an equipped kitchen.



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Game Reserve Camp – Nambiti

Groups are accommodated on the reserve in shared safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets.



Food at the Project

Baynesfield Estate - All meals are fully-catered. Students are expected to clear up after meals.

Old Mushroom Farm - All meals are fully-catered. Students are expected clear up after meals. Fresh produce will be harvested from the community garden.

Nambiti - All meals are provided in a communal dining area. Students are expected to help clear up after meals.

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.

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?

- 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

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

* We recommend that you take out personal travel 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.

- 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
- Water shoes

* 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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