



# RISEHOLME COLLEGE PROJECT INFORMATION PACK



## KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife & Community

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# TRIP OVERVIEW

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## Riseholme College – Booking Reference 4848

### Travel Dates:

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### International Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
TBC	23/05/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	TBC	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC + 1 Day
TBC	05/06/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC	London Heathrow (LHR)	TBC + 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 max dimensions 56x36x25 cms

### Project:

KwaZulu Wildlife & Community Project – Bonamanzi and St Lucia

### Trip Cost:

£2750.00–£2896.00 per person (to be confirmed once flights are available)

£300.00 Deposit

50% Instalment due 01/02/2027

50% Balance due 29/03/2027





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# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location  
of the project

## KwaZulu 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 12-night academic module split between a conservation reserve, the surrounding community, and including 3 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:

### 12 Night Itinerary

#### 9 Nights

Bonamanzi Game Reserve and Hluhluwe surrounds

#### 3 Nights

St Lucia Coastal Project

It's important to remember that wildlife does not work to an agenda, therefore activities may change at short notice!



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## Bonamanzi (9 Nights)

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve, 4000 hectares 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 recognized as one of the best birding destinations in Southern Africa.





## St Lucia Wetlands (3 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. Snorkelling at Cape Vidal is tide and current dependent.

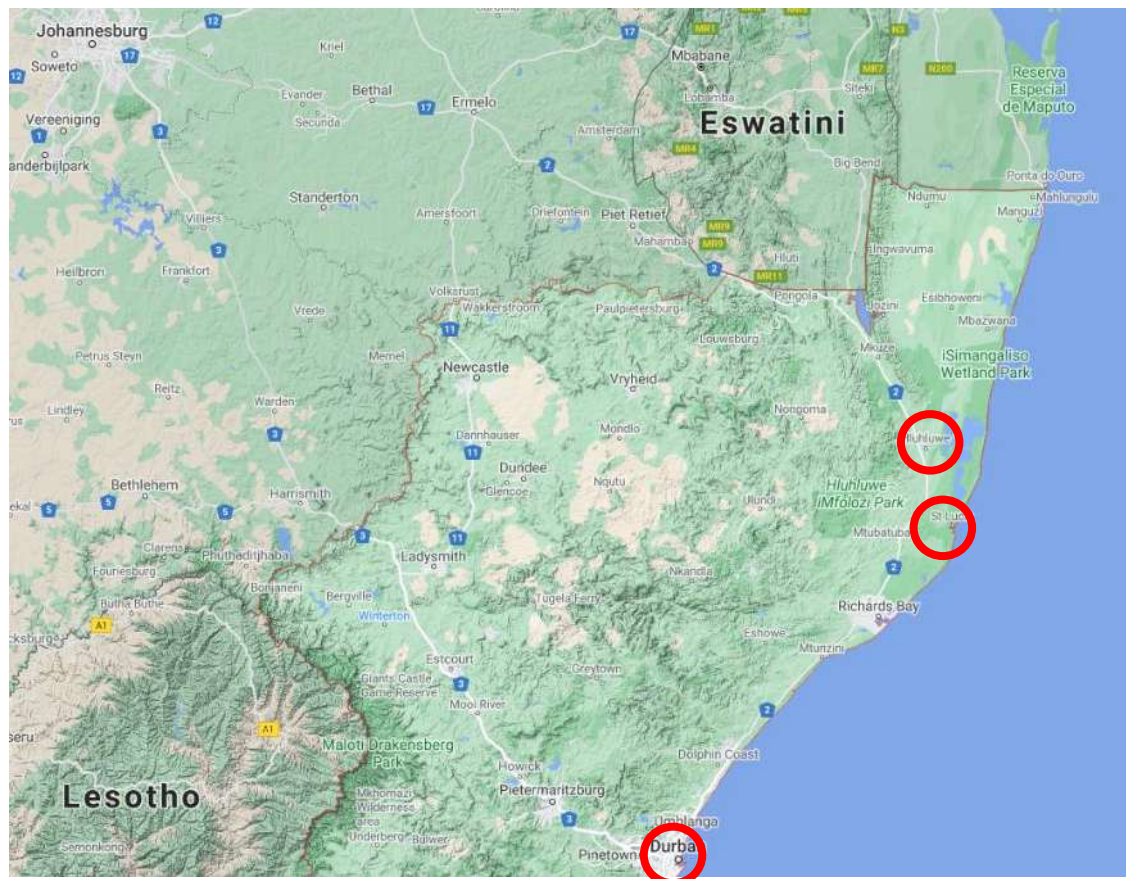


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## KwaZulu Wildlife & Community Location

South Africa a world leader in conservation







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# 9 Nights at Bonamanzi/ Hluhluwe



## KwaZulu Wildlife & Community – Bonamanzi

Leopard/Hyena Research presentation and tracking, night drive, camera traps

Bird ringing – Erect mist nets, free birds from nets, collect data, release birds

Anti-poaching boat patrol in search of hippo snares & gill nets on the Hluhluwe River





## KwaZulu Wildlife & Community – Hluhluwe

Snake Pharm anti-venom research /reptile centre – volunteering and optional snake handling course

Dumazulu – Zulu Cultural experience





## Hluhluwe–iMfolozi Park

Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park – is the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. It consists of 96000 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.



## KwaZulu Wildlife & Community - Hluhluwe

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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# 3 Nights in St Lucia

A 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.

- A Hippo and Crocodile tour in the Estuary
- A visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and beach
- Tour and talk at the Crocodile Research Centre
- Bird walk (over 400 species in prime habitat)
- Whale Watching Tour (Seasonal and additional cost)







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# **ONLINE NATURE GUIDE COURSE**

Bushwise



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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:**

**Invitations will  
be issued  
throughout  
the year**







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# **DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING**

Centre for Global Citizenship  
Studies (CGCS).



## Diploma in International Volunteering with a Wildlife Conservation specialism

Delivered by the Centre for Global Citizenship Studies (CGCS), this Level 3 Diploma is designed to turn your hands-on experience in South Africa into a recognised qualification, giving you academic credit and evidence you can use for university applications, personal statements and job interviews.

Beyond the subject knowledge, you'll build and evidence skills in: leadership, adaptability, teamwork, critical thinking, cultural intelligence, and personal resilience.

The course is designed to fit around your trip with online learning completed at your pace. The modules include:

- Prepare (Before your trip)
- Specialise (Pre-trip learning)
- Participate (During your trip)
- Reflect (After your trip)

Each module comes with course notes, videos, recommended readings, and compulsory assignments.

You will cover: Biodiversity & Ecosystem, Wildlife Protection, Community Engagement, Legal & Ethical Considerations.

**Cost: £425**  
**Enrolment upon**  
**payment of the fee**







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# **ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE**

Life in the African Bush



## Bundu Camp – Bonamanzi

Chalet style accommodation is provided during your time in Bonamanzi Game Reserve. You will be accommodated in twin rooms, 2 rooms share bathroom facilities of shower, toilet and basin.

All guests will eat together in the communal dining room or outside in the covered dining area. On one evening a Potjie competition will be held so everyone gets involved!

There isn't a washing machine, but clothes can be hand washed.





## 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.





## Food at the Project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff with the exception of 1 lunch and 1 dinner in St Lucia

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?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals a day
- All activities as part of the project
- Airport meet/greet
- 24/7 In country support

## NOT Included

- UK transfers
- Personal Travel Insurance \*
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from project
- 1 lunch and 1 dinner at St Lucia
- 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)
- 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





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