



SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COLLEGE Q&A PRESENTATION

Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course Entabeni (Vet Nurses)



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Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Location



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Your Two Project Locations

Your trip is split between two locations, in two neighbouring provinces of South Africa. You will first observe a focused wildlife veterinary practice on a reserve in the Waterberg (**Entabeni Safari Conservancy**) before travelling to Gauteng to attend some guest lectures and tour of Johannesburg Wildlife Vet – the only small animal practice in the country that only works on wildlife. Project locations and duration are as follows:

Itinerary

4 Nights

Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng Province

8 Nights

Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Waterberg – Limpopo Province



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ABOUT THE PROJECT: KYALAMI, MIDRAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Our conservation work
in more detail

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Kyalami, Midrand and surrounding areas – Gauteng (4 Nights)

- Visit to Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary hospital.
- Assist with some animal shelter and community cases,
Society for Animal in Distress
The Dogs Trust
- Demonstration by with a K9 conservation unit.

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





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ABOUT THE PROJECT: ENTABENI SAFARI CONSERVANCY

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Entabeni Safari Conservancy

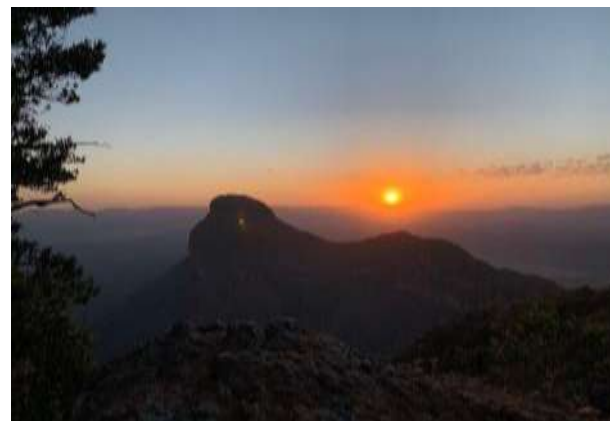
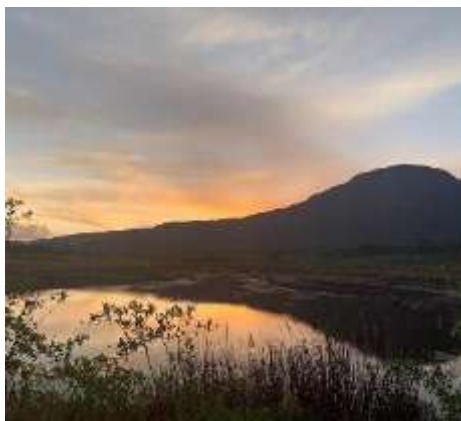
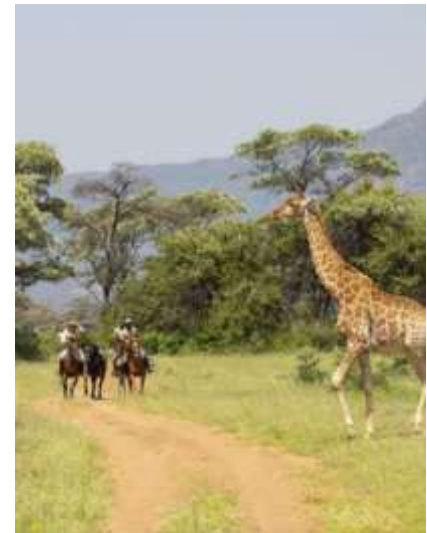
- 22 000 Hectare Privately Managed Game Reserve
- Forming part of the Waterberg Biosphere (662 059 ha)
- Work alongside the conservation team including:
 - Wildlife Vets
 - Conservation Researchers
 - Ecologists
 - Anti Poaching Unit
- Located in a Malaria free zone
- Proclaimed Protected Conservation Area
- Savannah Eco System
- Student Camp Accommodation



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Known for its dramatic landscape



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Entabeni Safari Conservancy (8 Nights)

- Introduction to Entabeni Safari Conservancy and Research Projects
- Rhino orphanage – assist with orphaned rhino calves
- Time spent with the research team conducting conservation activities
- Wildlife Veterinary work and intervention (Dr Pierre Bester)
- Build up to possible intervention and planning
- Lectures

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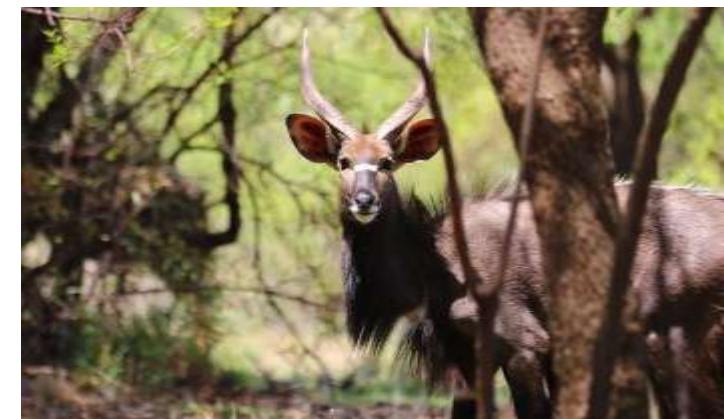
Living in the African Bush

Gauteng – Phahama Game Lodge

You will be staying in accommodation with 2 or 4 beds with en-suite facilities.

There are outdoor seating areas and a garden with swimming pool.

The lodge offers comfortable areas to relax and unwind, it has WiFi and is ideally located for the various project locations in and around Gauteng.



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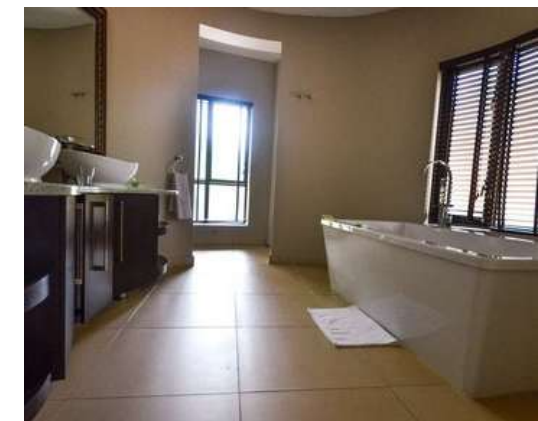
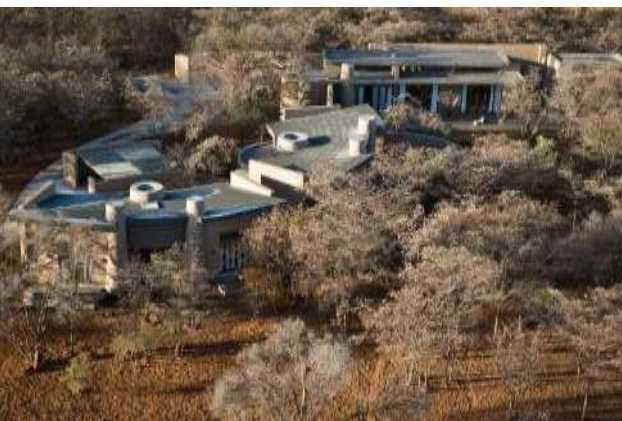
Waterberg – Entabeni Accommodation

You will stay in twin bedded rooms with ensuite facilities.

There are 4, 5 and 6 bedroom units each of which has an open plan layout with lounge and dining area and a fully equipped kitchen.

Evenings are spent at leisure around the campfire.

Only Sunday will be an off day to 'chill' in camp or do extra activities.



Food at the Project

At Entabeni all meals are included. The students will self prepare meals as a group in one of the kitchens.

Some days lunch will be at the accommodation; other days lunch will be brought into the field to be taken as a picnic.

All meals will be provided at Phahama Lodge. A packed lunch will be provided if the group are not returning to the accommodation at lunch time.

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.



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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Your free time on the project

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Optional Activities

Sunset Cruise – Enjoy the scenery and sunset by boat, which includes finger food & soft drinks

Game Drive and Boat Cruise – Remember your binoculars with lunch at Lakeside

Spa massages – Enjoy some relaxing self-care with a spa massage

Prices range from R120pp – R900pp depending upon the activity chosen.

You **must** ensure your travel insurance covers you for any optional activities you undertake.

Any activities booked and paid for locally are not covered under GAPAfrica Project's public liability insurance.

Activities are booked at the project and paid locally (cash or card)





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PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Travel details

Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

Flight

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS449	24/05/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	22:15	Johannesburg (JNB)	10:15 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 56x36x23cm

Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport

Clear immigration & collect baggage to clear customs.
Meet GAP representative by the statue in the arrivals hall.
Transfer to Phahama Lodge, Gauteng.



Cabin Baggage



Rucksack (not trolley suitcase)
No larger than 56x36x23cm

Hold Baggage



One piece maximum 23kg

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

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Departure from South Africa | Arrival to United Kingdom

Flight

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS450	06/06/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:15	London Heathrow (LHR)	06:20 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

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Return Journey

Transfer from Entabeni Safari Conservancy
Check in at the Virgin Atlantic check-in desk.

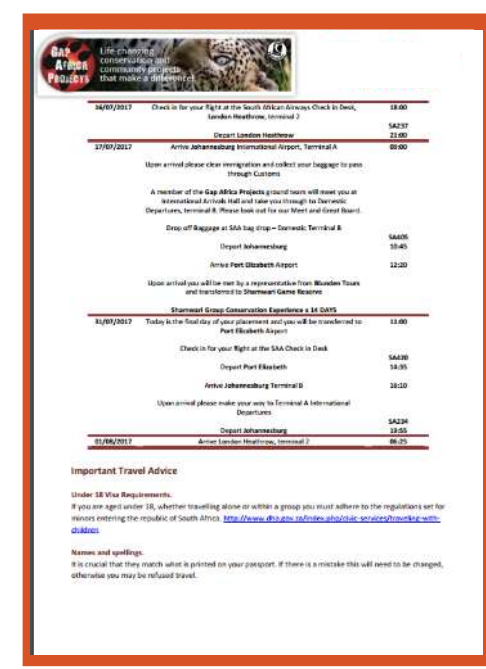
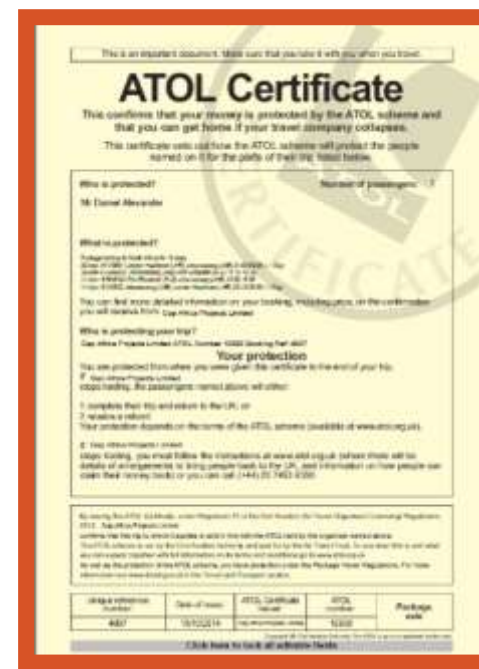


TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

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Travel Documents

- Final Documents Issued 11/05/2026
- Emailed to your personal and/or college email address
- Print and take copies
- Boarding passes issued at the airport
- Passports!





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/26-4710/>

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)
- 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)
- Working gloves
- Daypack rucksack
- Surgical gloves
- Swimwear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Good torch

Other useful items:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- Power bank
- Stethoscope

* 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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First Aid Kit

It is strongly advisable that you pack your own mini first-aid kit of everyday essentials. This should include:

- Paracetamol / Ibuprofen (or equivalent)
- Antihistamines (eases a reaction to any bites or stings)
- Antiseptic cream (e.g. savlon/germolene/sudocrem)
- Bite and sting cream
- Plasters
- Imodium (anti-diarrheal medication)
- Dioralyte (fast-acting oral rehydration treatment designed to replace fluids and body salts (electrolytes) lost during diarrhoea or vomiting)
- Tick remover

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/ladysmith>



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>

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Climate

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						
20° 6°	20° 8°	22° 6°	19° 7°	20° 7°	19° 6°	20° 5°
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
						
22° 5°	21° 4°	22° 5°	22° 6°	21° 7°	22° 6°	21° 6°

Climate

Summers in the Limpopo Province are warm, temperatures may exceed 40c and winters are mild however temperature can fall to below 0c at night and early mornings.

Have a look at the accuweather website, link below, for more information:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/sterkrivier/305655/weather-forecast/305655?city=sterkrivier>

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 does have credit card facilities.

Travel Cards are very useful; preload before travelling and the best exchange rate is used.

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 good in Gauteng and average at Entabeni, 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.

There is no Wi-Fi at the accommodation. 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



<https://shorturl.at/sxE29>

The infographic features six benefit cards arranged in a 2x3 grid. Each card has an icon at the top, a title, and a short description. The benefits listed are: Unlimited data (infinity icon), Keep using your favorite apps (phone icon), Keep your WhatsApp number (speech bubble icon), 24/7 Customer Support (chat bubble icon), Fast and Reliable Internet Connection (rocket icon), and Enjoy dual SIMs (SIM card icon).

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



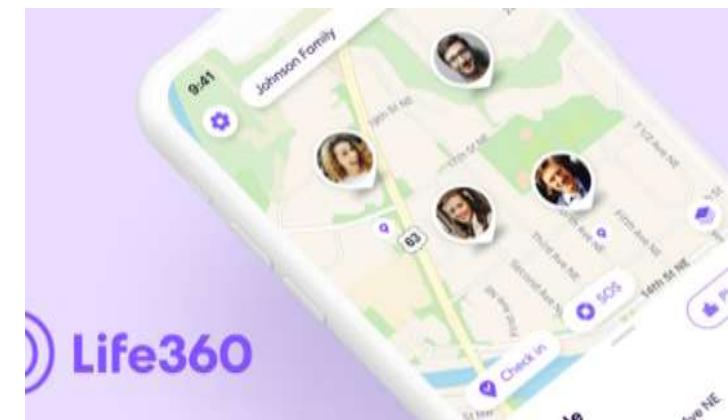
Useful Apps for Next of Kin

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!

Flightrader24 – 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



COMMUNITY DONATION BAGS

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GAP Donation Bag – The Rhino Orphanage

- Equine fecal blood test (detection of gastric/colonic ulcers) NB
- Infusion bag swivel NB
- Equine coiled IV lines NB
- Thermometer (rectal temps) NB
- 1ml/1cc Syringes
- McMaster slides x 2
- 14G Catheters
- 18G needles
- I|V extension line
- IV extension with double needle free ports
- 1ml syringes
- 100ml syringes
- Eye gel/lubricant
- Veterinary blood glucose monitor and strips



Follow instructions from your college about bringing in items from the list.

Your tutor can request a donation bag from GAP Africa Projects if space is limited.



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