



# SCOTLAND'S RURAL COLLEGE PROJECT PRESENTATION



## Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course (Vet Professionals)



**GLOBAL** reach. **ADVENTURE** for all. **PROJECTS** to inspire.

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## GAP Africa Projects

- We are a specialised travel company that offers academic trips and volunteering opportunities for groups and individual travellers, in a number of locations worldwide
- We pride ourselves on curating experiences which are personalised to your needs and requirements
- Our first project travelled in 2012
- Full ATOL Bonding
- Working with over 55 Colleges and Universities around the UK
- A small dedicated team in the UK and South Africa





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# **ABOUT THE WATERBERG**

Project overview and  
location

# ABOUT THE WATERBERG

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## Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live in a research camp on a wild African game reserve
- 12 night programme specifically tailored for Veterinary Nurse students
- Two project locations
- Learn about conservation management
- Project Activities include:
  - Pioneering Conservation Research
  - Conservation Activities
  - Veterinary interventions and activities
- Dedicated vehicles and conservation staff
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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## Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course (Vet Professionals) – Location



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## What is a Game Reserve?

- A game reserve is a large area of protected land where wild animals can live safely.
- Wildlife is free roaming throughout the reserve allowing them to thrive in their natural habitat.
- Reserves are either Government Owned (National Parks) or Privately Owned/Managed.
- Most reserves will have physical boundaries i.e. electrified fence line.
- Due to physical boundaries, wildlife must be managed due to restraints on population growth, migration and resources.
- Wildlife is protected but also utilised as a tourist attraction (Eco Tourism) which creates funding for conservation efforts and research.



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## Your Two Project Locations

This unique 12-night project will allow you to experience two different project locations in two neighbouring provinces of South Africa. You will first stay in the Gauteng Province where you will have a tour of the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet - the only small animal practice in the country that only works on wildlife; assist with some shelter and community cases and learn about a K9 conservation unit. You will then travel to the north of the country staying in the Waterberg Biosphere - the **Welgevonden Game Reserve** (the core, Big 5 monitoring and conservation experience). Project locations and duration are as follows:

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### 4 Nights

Veterinary Impact Work - Gauteng Province

### 8 Nights

Waterberg Biomonitoring Project - Welgevonden Game Reserve - Waterberg - Limpopo Province



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# **ABOUT THE PROJECT: KYALAMI, MIDRAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

Our conservation work  
in more detail

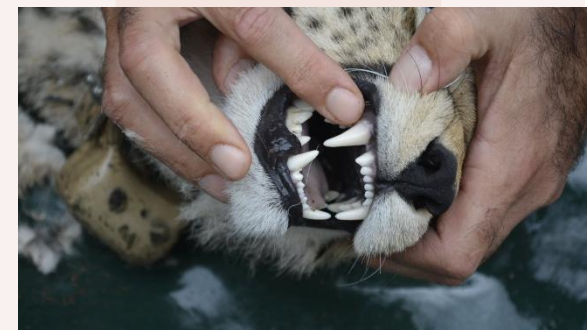
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## Veterinary Impact Work– Gauteng (4 Nights)

- Visit to Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary hospital.
- Assist with some animal shelter and community cases
- Assist 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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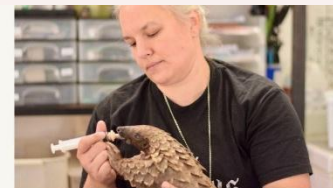
## Gauteng – Johannesburg Wildlife Vet

A registered wildlife veterinary hospital and rehabilitation centre in South Africa, dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing indigenous wildlife.

Led by Dr Karin Lourens, a wildlife vet with 22 years of experience, the non-profit treats small to medium mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and arachnids—free of charge.

Their mission combines expert care with conservation, education, and research.

📺 *Featured in a Netflix documentary about a baby pangolin's journey back to the wild.*



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## Gauteng – Society for Animals in Distress

Care is provided by vets, vet nurses, animal health technicians, and welfare assistants.

The focus: accessible veterinary care for vulnerable communities and rescue organisations.

Students assist professionals in treating rescued horses, dogs, cats, and small animals—rehabilitated for rehoming.



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## Gauteng – Pit-Track K9 antipoaching unit

A registered non-profit dedicated to wildlife protection through skilled K9 units and frontline anti-poaching operations.

Students will meet the K9 team, attend a talk on the poaching crisis, watch a live demo, and assist with physio care for working dogs.





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# **ABOUT THE PROJECT: WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE**

Our conservation work  
in more detail



## Welgevonden Game Reserve

- Over 36,000 hectares
- Home to 100+ mammal species, including the Big Five and rare and endangered species.
- Its diverse habitats support a rich variety of antelope and over 300 bird species.
- Dedicated to conservation, balancing biodiversity protection with responsible tourism.
- The reserve's management focuses on habitat restoration, anti-poaching initiatives, and ongoing wildlife research to ensure a sustainable future for its unique ecosystem.



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## Home to the BIG 5



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Home to over 60 Species of Mammal



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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



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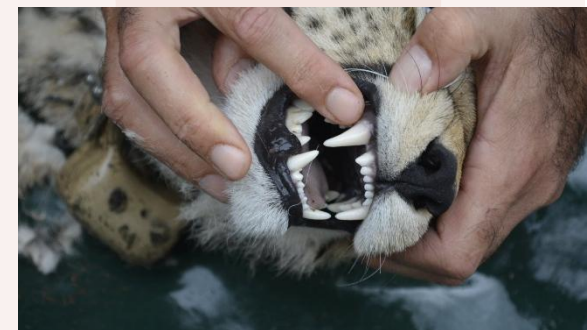
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## Welgevonden Game Reserve

- Introduction to Welgevonden Game Reserve and its Research and Ecological Biomonitoring
- Introduction to Wildlife Veterinary work in the Context of African Wildlife (Dr Peter Caldwell – Wildlife Specialist Veterinary Surgeon)
- Time spent with the research team conducting ecological biomonitoring,
- Wildlife conservation, research and veterinary work (Dr Peter Caldwell)
- Build up to possible intervention and planning
- Introduction to Wildlife Veterinary work in the Context of African Wildlife (Dr Zoe Glyphis – Local Wildlife Vet)
- Dart shooting practice

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## Bush Skills – Bush Walks, Tracking Wildlife



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## Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators



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## Camera Trap – Research and Study



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## Anti-Poaching Unit



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## Monitoring the Welgevonden Rhino Population

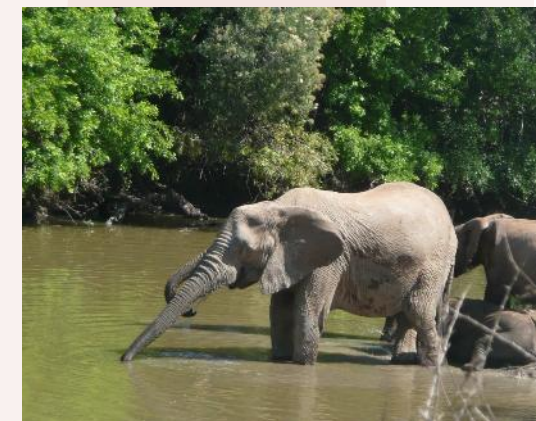
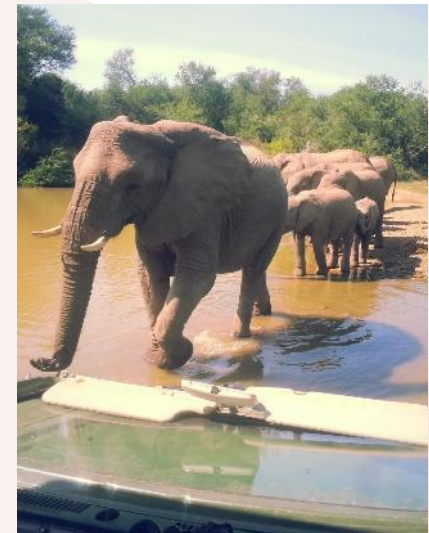
Behavioural observations, body condition, herd structure, photos and GPS locations are recorded to document where the animals are on the reserve; keeping tabs on the localities and activities of Black and White Rhino on Welgevonden.



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## Research – Elephant Monitoring



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## Monitoring Herbivore Condition and Health



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## Waterberg Wild Dog – Boma Visit



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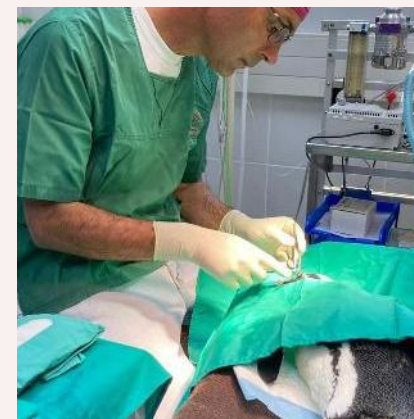
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## Dr Peter Caldwell – Wildlife Specialist Veterinary Surgeon

Dr. Peter Caldwell is a leading wildlife veterinary surgeon based in Pretoria. He owns and operates a small animal clinic and travels extensively across South Africa and beyond, treating priority and endangered species. He specialises particularly in cheetahs and serves as the primary veterinarian and advisor at Welgevonden Game Reserve. Dr. Caldwell is actively involved in wildlife conservation and research, contributing to studies on fertility control and disease management in wild animals. His expertise is frequently sought by reserves and conservation organisations.



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## Welgevonden Veterinary Intervention

A management veterinary intervention will be scheduled during your group's time on the reserve. This may include rhino DNA collection and ear-notching, the removal or fitting of tracking collars, fertility procedures, or capture for translocations. If a priority species is injured, it will receive necessary treatment. Students are encouraged to participate as ground crew and veterinary assistants if possible. However, please note that this procedure is not guaranteed, as wildlife is unpredictable, and animals will never be sedated without a valid reason.



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## Example Lectures – Welgevonden

- Reserve history
- Anti-poaching
- Fire to herbivore driven system
- Priority species
- Large predator management
- Managing wildlife reserves & land capacity model
- Boma management
- Fenced reserve population management



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## Dr Zoe Glyphis – Wildlife Veterinarian – Predator Specialist

Dr Zoe Glyphis has become one of South Africa's leading predator specialists and is on the forefront with veterinary medicine and veterinary assistance of wild dog, hyena and cheetah conservation all over South Africa.

She is helping and assisting several NGO groups and organizations with their efforts to increase predator ranges and to establish safe and genetically viable populations in new conservation areas.



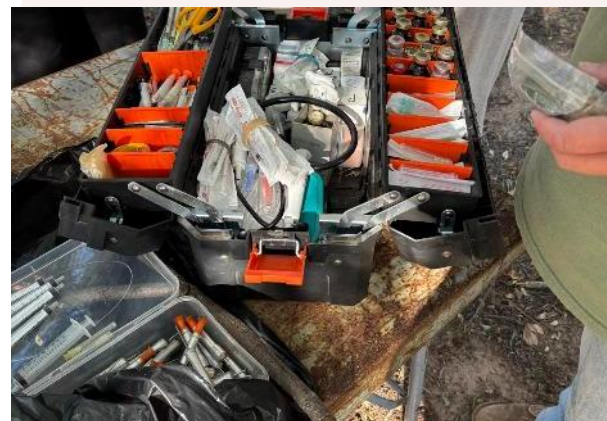
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## Practical Sessions

- Dart shooting practice
- The kit and clinic of a mobile wildlife vet
- Q & A



## Possible Lectures & Debate

- Drugs used in wildlife medicine
- Calculating doses in wildlife
- Logistics of wildlife transportation: customised vehicles, crates and equipment
- The Game Trade-Auction and value of livestock
- Game capture systems
- Darting wildlife
- Boma management and rehabilitation
- Orphaned Rhino rehabilitation
- Parasite control
- Managing game reserves and Land Capacity Model
- Species control - predator pits
- State veterinary disease control in practice
- Documentation required: Red Cross Permits





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# **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS**

Your free time on the project

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## Activities/Excursions



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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

## 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.

### Food at the Project

All meals will be provided at Phahama Game 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.



# ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

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## Welgevonden Accommodation

The student centre and camp is based on the reserve and boasts ten tents that sleep two people per tent in single beds, each tent also has lighting and electricity supply.

There are communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. There are communal facilities including a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area, storage fridge and laundry.

The centre also has access to Wi-Fi.

The camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve.



## Food at the Project – Welgevonden

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. Bring your own snacks.

Meals will either be served at the facility or in the field 'picnic' style, this depends on activities either planned or unscheduled.

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# WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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## What do previous travellers say about the Wildlife and Veterinary Course (Vet Professionals)?



"Staying at Welgevonden really developed my knowledge of animal behaviours."



"Everything exceeded my expectations, and the trip was life-changing."



"The staff were amazing, we got the opportunity to take part in practicals and demonstrations."

Reference: GAP Africa Projects Post Project Trip Questionnaire 23/24



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# **BOOKING YOUR ADVENTUR**

The next steps to the trip of a  
lifetime!

# 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
- 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
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

\* We recommend that you take out travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.

# THE NEXT STEPS

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## Project dates & key deadlines

### Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2027 | Arrive SA: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2027

Depart SA: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2027 | Arrive UK: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2027

### Trip cost:

£3298.00 – £3598.00\* Based on a group of 12 (confirmed once flights have been held)

### Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 08/05/2026
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 12/06/2026
- 50% instalment to be paid by 07/01/2027
- Balance payment to be paid by 04/03/2027
- 15/04/2027 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

# BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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## Booking Form

- Please submit by **08/05/2026**
- No deposit required at this stage of booking
- Passport fields not mandatory

## Key deadlines are:

- Deposit of £300 to confirm placement
- Instalment payment of 50% due 16 weeks before departure
- Balance payment due 8 weeks before departure

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### BOOKING FORM

(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)

Title \*

Name \*  
First  Last

Date of birth \*  
DD MM YYYY

Address \*  
Street Address   
Address Line 2   
City  County / State / Region   
ZIP / Postal Code  Country

Telephone \*

Mobile \*

Email 1 \*

Email 2

(\*\*NB: Please note that all booking correspondence will be sent via Email\*\*)

Passport no.

Passport Issue Date  
DD MM YYYY

# THE NEXT STEPS

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## Confirmation Documents

Confirmation documents will be issued and sent directly to you via email.

Please communicate with us with any questions relating to the field trip.



**Your Booking**

Travel Advice

10 Oct 2022

Ref: 22-AFA-CAL7-02-L

**Names and spellings**

It is essential that names are spelled as your passport. If there is a mistake this will result in the passport, therefore this trip will not be issued and charged for an additional fee.

**Passport expiry date**

Your passport must be valid for at least 10 days before the departure date to your country of origin. If you hold a passport other than a UK passport, you should check there specific travel advice for your country.

**Passport Copies**

We recommend that you take photographs of your passport - photo size and copy them to a separate sheet.

**Travel insurance**

It is essential that you take out the appropriate travel insurance for your trip. Please refer to the link for the policy and using booking codes when you make your travel. This is not provided for your trip.

[View Travel Insurance Information](#)

**Passengers Travelling**

Miss Chloe

**Placement(s)**

Zulu Land Conservation Research (06/03/23 - 18/03/23)

**Inclusions**

Flights, shared road transfers to and from Project, accommodation for duration, all meals and all project activities.

**Exclusions**

Insurance: any activities undertaken that are not included as part of the project.

**Your Flight(s)**

Flight No.	Date	Time	From	To
BA1399	05/03/2023	15:00	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA67	05/03/2023	18:20	London Heathrow (LHR)	Johannesburg (JNB)
BA65	18/03/2023	05:15	Johannesburg (JNB)	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA1390	19/03/2023	09:35	London Heathrow (LHR)	Manchester (MAN)

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10/10/2022

Invoice No: 22-AFA-CAL7-02-01

Booking Ref: 4413

Project/Placement, Entry Activities	City	Arrive	Departure
Zulu Land Conservation Research		06/03/2023	18/03/2023

Flight No.	Date	Time	Arrival Time	Departure Point	Arrival Point
BA1399	05/03/2023	15:00	18:05	Manchester (MAN)	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA65	05/03/2023	18:20	05:25 + 1 Day	London Heathrow (LHR)	Johannesburg (JNB)
BA65	18/03/2023	05:15	05:20 + 1 Day	Johannesburg (JNB)	London Heathrow (LHR)
BA1390	19/03/2023	09:35	10:40	London Heathrow (LHR)	Manchester (MAN)

**TRIP COSTS AND PAYMENT**

Description	Date	Amount
Total cost of the arrangements as specified above	28/09/2022	£ 2,135.00
Deposit Payment	10/10/2022	£ 1,000.00
<b>Total balance due by</b>	<b>14/11/2022</b>	<b>£ 945.00</b>

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**Payment Methods**

For all bank transfers, please use your surname and booking number 4413 as reference. For transfers outside of the UK, please ensure that international transfer charges are covered when making the transfer.

Checkover: Payable to GAP AFRICA PROJECTS LTD  
Bank Transfer: Account No: 11005758  
Reference: 20-46-75  
Swift: BARC0337  
BIC: BARC0337

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: 18
<p><b>What is protected?</b></p> <p><small>Please refer to the ATOL Certificate for more information. This ATOL Certificate covers the flight and accommodation for the duration of the trip. It does not cover the cost of the trip or any other arrangements made by the traveller.</small></p>	

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

**Who is protecting your trip?**  
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**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:

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Unique reference	Date of issue	ATOL Certificate issuer	ATOL number	Package sale
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## Group Web Page

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## Booking Form

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### BOOKING FORM

Your Global Adventure Starts here!

Please use the form below to submit your provisional booking to your selected project. You have the option to pay your initial deposit with the submission of your booking form, or we will contact you for payment once your project placement has been secured.

If you'd like to contact us to ask any initial questions or find out more about what project you'd like to go on and when, you can get also get in touch using our short enquiry form, or by calling +44 (0) 207 193 7819.

(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)

Title \*

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Ms/Dr

Name \*

First Middle Last

Date of birth \*

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Address \*

Street Address

Address Line 2

## Sustainability & Social, Economic Responsibility

**Local employment from rural communities** – our project partners employ a high percentage of staff from local communities. They advocate training to advance careers in hospitality, wildlife and conservation.

**Low environmental impact camps** – our project bush camps are built with minimal impact on the environment. Resources from the surrounding area are utilised for buildings, water is (where possible) pumped from local river sources and green energy supplies, such as solar are championed.

**Community donations and support** – we encourage all our international study groups to be proactive in donation collections and arrange for excess baggage for said donations to be taken out to South Africa in support of the local communities.

**Move Africa, supporting young females** – 3 in 10 girls in South Africa miss a week of school every month because they cannot afford basic sanitary products. Our project partners work with Move Africa alongside their partner NGOs, to distribute menstrual cups to the local communities and provide education workshops.

**Rhino Art** – Project rhino realises the enormous responsibility the youth have to ensure our wildlife is protected for many generations to come. They ensure they can reach and educate as many kids as possible through Rhino Art, using art workshops to teach about conservation. This initiative is supported by our local project partners.

**Food/crop education** – our project partners encourage food and crop education to rural communities, where cost of living to low income families and distance travelled to obtain basic resources can prove problematic. Projects include community allotments and providing education on best practice for crop rotations, harvest seasons and nutrition.

**Recycling workshops** – Litter, and in particular plastics, is a major issue and threat to the ecosystem in Southern Africa. Rural communities have limited waste removal available and it is therefore a problem escalating at an alarming rate. Recycling workshops are provided through local schools to help educate children on the importance of correctly disposing of litter and recycling plastics.



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