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Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course Entabeni (Vet Nurses)



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TRIP OVERVIEW

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Bath College – Booking Reference 4678

Travel Dates:

5th July 2026 – 18th July 2026

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS449	05/07/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	22:25	Johannesburg (JNB)	10:25 + 1 Day
VS450	18/07/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:25	London Heathrow (LHR)	06:30 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage @ 10kgs max dimensions 56x36x23 cms

Project:

Waterberg Wildlife & Veterinary Course – Entabeni

Trip Cost:

£2795.00 per person

£300.00 deposit

£1247.50 Instalment due 16/03/2026

£1247.50 Balance due 11/05/2026



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PROJECT LOCATION

The Waterberg
overview

ABOUT THE WATERBERG

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A place that promotes the connection between people and nature

The Waterberg contains pristine habitats, abundant bird and wildlife and has a natural unspoilt beauty. The Waterberg is an escarpment of massive sandstone buttresses and outcrops, incorporating many rivers, streams and wetlands, stretching for 150 km in a long arc.

The Waterberg has many special and unique characteristics which is why UNESCO approved the area for biosphere reserve status in 2001.

The Waterberg is a critical conservation area for; African wild dogs, with the last free-roaming pack in South Africa; black and white rhino, with the third largest population within South Africa; and the Cape Vulture, with the largest colony of 800 breeding pairs.



ABOUT ENTABENI

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ENTABENI SAFARI CONSERVANCY

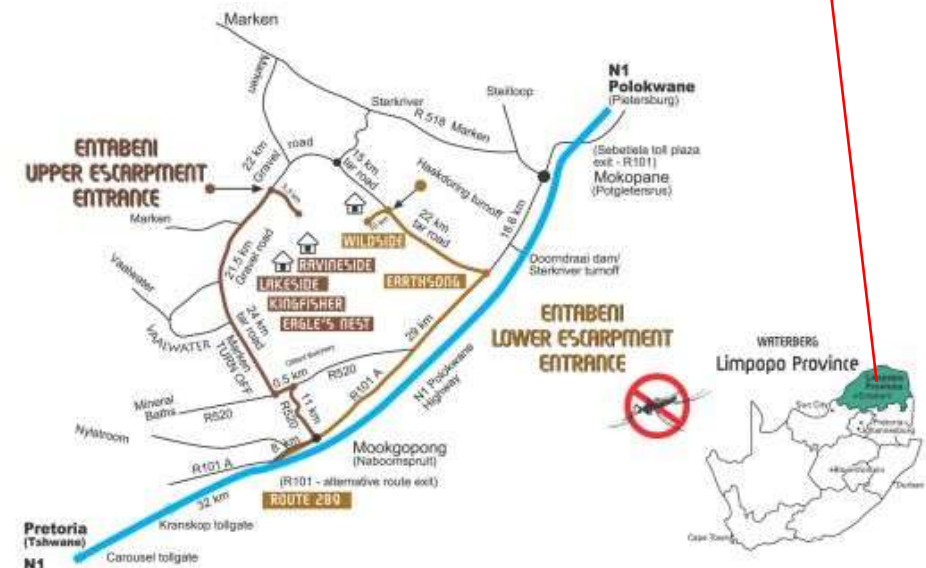
Location

The Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course – Entabeni is based at the 22,000-hectare Entabeni Safari Conservancy in the Limpopo Province of South Africa.

Located a pleasant 4 hour drive from Johannesburg; in the **malaria-free** area of the Waterberg, Limpopo Province

Entabeni is set within a tranquil, natural setting boasting changing vistas, diverse eco-systems and a breath-taking mountainous backdrop. Entabeni is the integration of a 22,000 hectare Big 5 Game Reserve, a resort and luxurious lodges.

It boasts spectacular scenery, with mountains, waterfalls and unspoilt ravines.





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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work
in more detail

ABOUT THE WATERBERG

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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, Limpopo Province (**Entabeni Safari Conservancy**) before travelling to 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. Project locations and duration are as follows:

Itinerary

4 Nights

Gauteng Veterinary Impact – Gauteng Province

8 Nights

Entabeni Safari Conservancy – Waterberg – Limpopo Province



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ABOUT THE PROJECT: GAUTENG

Our conservation work
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Gauteng Veterinary Impact

- Visit to Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary hospital
- Assist with sterilising at a charity animal hospital (dependant on case load)
- Visit the Dogs Trust shelter for dogs from disadvantaged areas to assist
- K9 conservation unit talk and demonstration

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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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Kyalami – Society for Animals in Distress

Vet care is provided by Vets, Vet Nurses, Animal Health Technicians and Animal Welfare Assistants.

The organisation's focus is to provide access to veterinary care for all, to serve vulnerable communities and animal care organisations.

Students will assist professional Masterton method practitioner and veterinarians at the rescue centre with horses, dogs, cats and other small animals.

The animals have been rescued from impoverished circumstances and are rehabilitated to be rehomed.



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Gauteng – Dogs Trust

The Dogs Trust is a charity caring for township dogs in need. It Provides, Protects, and Educates.

The focus is on finding animals that are abused, neglected or injured, removing and rehoming severe cases, and improve living conditions by providing shelters, food and water.

Students may assist with deworming (dogs and rescue goats), walking, socialising, cleaning, and preparing meals for the pups.



Kyalami –Pit-Track K9 Antipoaching Unit

Pit-Track is a registered NPC Non-Profit Company specialising in K9 Conservation and Anti-Poaching, made up of highly skilled, and dedicated operators,, who have devoted their lives to the protection of wildlife.

Pit-Track has operated extensively on anti-poaching operations and has continued to remain in the field on the frontline of the war against poaching.

Students will meet the K9 antipoaching team. A talk about the poaching crisis will be delivered as well as a K9 demo. Students then have the opportunity to assist these working dogs with any physio needs.





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ABOUT THE PROJECT: ENTABENI SAFARI CONSERVANCY

Our conservation work
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Waterberg Wildlife and Veterinary Course – Entabeni

This course provides the opportunity for hands-on practical wildlife experience for pre-vet/vet nurses/technicians or those studying in the veterinary field.

Based at the reserve's student camp working directly with the monitoring team; this department runs and manages the day-to-day decisions and monitoring of the wildlife and ecosystem of the reserve.

The team and their work are crucial to the management and welfare of all wildlife on the reserve, as they monitor the animals' conditions, herd structures, locations and behaviours.

Time will be spent working with the reserve's veterinarian and other local wildlife vets with whom the team work.



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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
- Introduction to Wildlife Veterinary work in the Context of African Wildlife (Dr Zoe Glyphis – Local Wildlife Vet)
- Dart shooting practice
- Lectures

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Dr Pierre Bester – Wildlife Veterinarian

Rhino orphanage veterinarian, Dr Pierre Bester has a mixed animal practice treating large and small domestic animals as well as wildlife. The main scope of his work includes the immobilisation, treatment, and translocation of African wildlife, including megaherbivore: rhinos and elephants.

He has been involved with the immobilisation and translocation of thousands of rhinos, as well as countless other species.



The Rhino Orphanage

The Rhino Orphanage was the first-ever specialised, non-commercial centre dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, raising and release of orphaned rhinos back into the wild.

Although newborn rhinos can weigh up to 50kgs, they are essentially “helpless” and require protection so that they may survive and ultimately thrive.

Rhino calves and rhino mothers are closely bonded. Rhino young are fiercely protected by their mothers in the wild, so when a rhino mother is killed, the rhino orphan becomes particularly vulnerable, and their longevity is endangered. Under normal circumstances, rhino calves will stay with their mothers for around 3 years. For this reason, the rhino orphans in their care typically require the same intensity and timeframe of nurturing from the carers.



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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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Introduction of Darting Techniques

Learn the basic principles for darting wildlife.

Each student will have the opportunity to use the gas powered dart gun at the range.



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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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

Gauteng – Fair Glen Guest House

You will be staying in twin bedded accommodation with en-suite facilities.

There is a swimming pool and outdoor seating area and the guest house has WiFi.

The guest house offers comfortable areas to relax and unwind and is based in an equestrian-themed suburb.

Ideally situated for the visits to the Johannesburg Wildlife Vet Practice and Animals in Distress.

Food at the Project

All meals will be provided at Fair Glen Guest House; 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.



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 – Entabeni

At Entabeni all meals are included. Ingredients for three meals a day are provided, on a self cook basis. 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. This depends on the activities either planned or unscheduled.

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WEEKEND ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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Activities/Excursions (own cost and optional)

There will be free time/days off, where you'll be able to do some additional activities at your own cost. These are **optional**.

All activities are booked and paid for (**cash** or, sometimes, **card**) at the project.

More information will be given closer to the time. N.B Your travel insurance **must** cover you for any additional activities you choose to do.

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





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

Other useful items:

- 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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