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KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife & Community

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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research – Location





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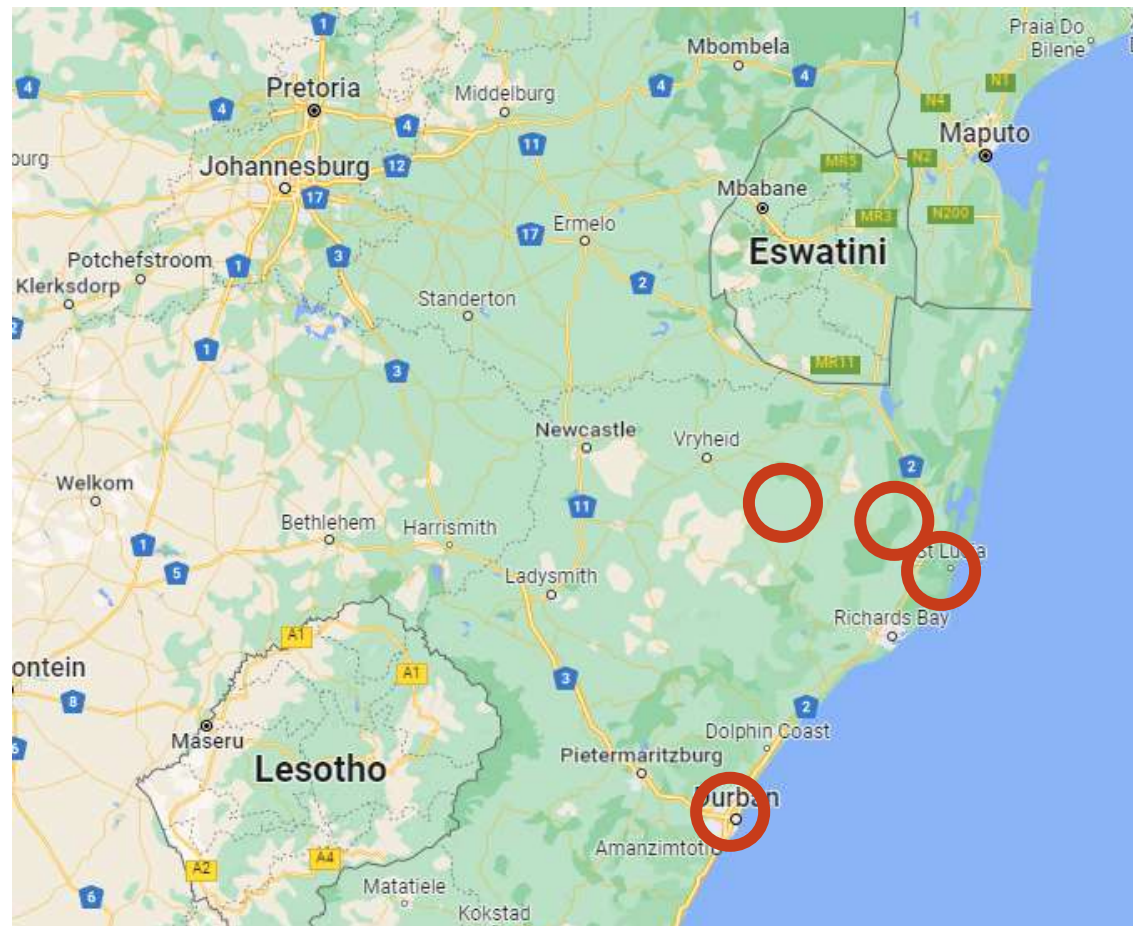
Overview and location
of the project

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Project- Location

- Staying in three locations on the Northeastern Coast
- St Lucia, Bonamanzi Game Reserve and Hlomo Hlomo



ABOUT KWAZULU-NATAL

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KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife & Community Project

St Lucia

A small coastal town situated on the northern side of the St Lucia estuary, situated within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site.

- Visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and beach
- Visit to the Crocodile Centre
- Hippo and crocodile boat tour
- iSiphaphali Butterfly dome
- Khula Health Care Clinic Visit
- Khula Creche Visit



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Bonamanzi Game Reserve

A magnificent 10,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 4 and incredible biodiversity offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.

- Game Drives
- K9 Anti-Poaching talk, walk and demonstration
- Zulu Culture Talk and Presentation
- Project Rhino community project
- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness
- Camera Trapping
- Alien Vegetation Control / Reserve Maintenance



Hlomo Hlomo Game Reserve

A Big 5 reserve of over 2000-acres the reserve is part of the uMkhuze Game Reserve of over 98,000 acres. Wild dogs are also present on the reserve

- Game Drives
- Community wildlife project
- Wild dog monitoring
- Black Rhino monitoring
- Bush Walk

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St Lucia Wetlands

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.



ST LUCIA – 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.

- Hippo and Crocodile tour in the Estuary
- Visit to Cape Vidal Nature Reserve and beach
- Visit to the Crocodile Centre
- Whale Watching Tour (seasonal and additional cost)



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St Lucia



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St Lucia's Hippos



In South Africa, intrepid naturalist Steve Backshall goes in search of the only wild animal that fills him with fear and known for their lethal aggression – the hippo.

- [Episode 1](#): The intrepid naturalist sets his sights on Africa's most deadly animal – the hippo.
- [Episode 2](#): Steve visits St. Lucia, a town where hippos roam the streets freely at night.
 - At 13:58mins see Peter Calverley from Zingela Safari and River Company – another of our projects in KwaZulu-Natal



BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Bonamanzi Game Reserve

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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



ANY QUESTIONS?

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Birds /Reptiles



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Your Conservation Programme

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

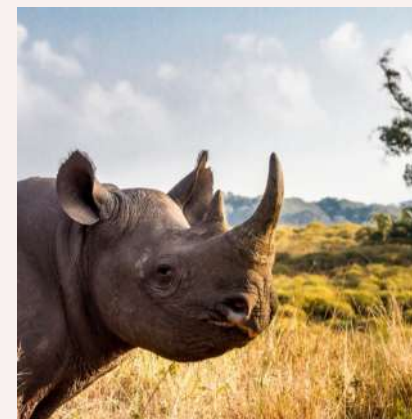
- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Elephant Monitoring
- Rhino Monitoring – Awareness
- Anti-poaching talk and fence walk
- Camera Trapping
- Night Drive
- Alien Vegetation Control / Reserve Maintenance
- Habitat and Prey Selection of Predators
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development



Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park

Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park - is the oldest proclaimed nature reserve in Africa. It consists of 96,000 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.



BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

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Community Projects & Zulu Culture

Learn about traditional Zulu culture

Community engagement essential for long-term conservation

Positive impact supporting not-for-profit initiatives

Projects: Move Africa, Project Rhino



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Hlomo Hlomo

Hlomo Hlomo is another privately owned Game Reserve, 8000 hectares in size which boasts a rich and diverse range of fauna, flora, and spacious landscapes. The reserve offers various hikes and trails with stunning views, with the opportunity to spot nyalas, as well as vultures and bateleurs soaring overhead.



KwaZulu Wildlife & Community – Hlomo Hlomo

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 Hlomo Hlomo.

- Sunset bush walk
- Wild dog monitoring
- Full day game drive – big five area
- Black rhino monitoring
- K9 anti-poaching demonstration
- Discussion on realities of rewilding community land
- Talk on illegal wildlife trafficking
- Visit a local rural school with Project Rhino





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

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.



Nyala Lodge– Bonamanzi

Chalet style accommodation is provided during your time in Bonamanzi Game Reserve. You will be accommodated in twin or triple rooms. There are three shared bathroom with a shower, toilet and basin.

The open-plan lounge and dining area provide a cozy space to unwind, while the covered veranda, with a large dining table and built-in braai, is ideal for outdoor gatherings. 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.



Home Home Game Reserve

In keeping with the Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in shared comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets.

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

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



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.



Sample Menu

| Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Scrambled eggs, savoury beans or mince or bacon toast (jam, peanut butter) | Yoghurts, muesli, cereal, fruit | Pancakes, banana, fruit | Oatmeal porridge, fruit, toast & jam | French toast (Eggy bread) |
| Quiche & salad | Macaroni cheese | Soup & homemade bread | Hotdogs | Braai broodjies (tomato, cheese, onion toasties on open fire) |
| Nachos (vegan or mince) | Beef stew & rice | Braai (barbeque) with salad | Chicken ala King & rice | Chickpea curry mild |

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 Activity

For Projects that include a stay in **St Lucia** you will have the opportunity, if travelling Mid June – October, to join a whale and dolphin watching boat trip.

Whale and Dolphin Watching – Embark upon a 2-hour boat based tour. You may be fortunate to witness a 40 ton Humpback whale breaching a mere 50 metres away from the boat. You may also see a variety of pelagic bird life, dolphin frolicking alongside the bow of the boat, sea turtles in season, shark, marlin, whale shark and other marine mammals and cetacean.

The trip is weather dependent.

Price is around R1900pp – R2000pp.

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.

The activity is booked and paid for in St Lucia with cash. There is access to an ATM.





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PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Travel details

FLIGHT INFORMATION

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Departure from the United Kingdom | Arrival to South Africa

Flights

| Flight No | Flight Date | Dept. | Dept. Time | Arr. | Arr. Time |
|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| VS449 | 21/06/2026 | London Heathrow (LHR) | 22:25 | Johannesburg (JNB) | 10:25 + 1 Day |
| FA262 | 22/06/2026 | Johannesburg (JNB) | 14:25 | King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR) | 15:35 |

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 20kgs, 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 who will assist with your transfer.

Durban Airport

Meet and Greet at Durban Arrivals Hall

Transfer to St Lucia



Cabin Baggage



Rucksack (not trolley suitcase)
No larger than 56x36x23cm

Hold Baggage



One piece maximum 20kg

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

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Departure from South Africa | Arrival to the United Kingdom

Flights

| Flight No | Flight Date | Dept. | Dept. Time | Arr. | Arr. Time |
|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| FA415 | 04/07/2026 | King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR) | 13:15 | Johannesburg (JNB) | 14:25 |
| VS450 | 04/07/2026 | Johannesburg (JNB) | 20:25 | London Heathrow (LHR) | 06:30 + 1 Day |

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Return Journey

Transfer from Hlomo Hlomo Game Reserve.
Check in at the FlySafair check-in desk.



Group Web Page & Travel Documents

FAQs and House Rules

📄 Student Frequently Asked Questions - Click to Download

📄 Student Guidelines and House Rules - Click to Download



| 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)
- 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

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



Practical Advice

Power / Electricity

It is important that you take the right travel adapter so you can charge your phone and other devices whilst away.



Drinking Water:

Drinking water is available at the project; always make sure you keep hydrated and have packed an insulated water bottle. We recommend taking concentrated squash as the water will taste different from home.



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>

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>

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>

Malaria:

The project is located in a malaria free area.

<http://www.sa-venues.com/malaria-risk-areas.htm>

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.

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Climate

Bonamanzi / St Lucia

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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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What To Expect 'Weatherwise' From May To August

Be prepared for the chilly nights and crisp mornings during autumn and winter in South Africa.

Staying warm will be key to you enjoying your experience.

As the sun dips, the temperature will drop and can go down to near or below freezing, resulting in frost.

It is recommended that you layer smartly: avoid cotton next to the skin as it traps moisture and makes you colder. Keep spare socks and gloves in a sealed plastic bag to ensure dryness.

If you feel the cold, pack appropriately!



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 in main towns, although local communities only take cash.

Wise Travel Card offers up to £500.00 with no transfer fee for Gap Africa Project travellers:



<https://wise.prf.hn/l/XZJx9gq>

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.

A 10% tip is normal for any café/restaurant when eating out.

Phones & Internet

Mobile phone coverage is very good in St Lucia, It is generally good at Bonamanzi and Hlomo Hlomo, although there may be some areas on the reserve where there isn't any coverage.

Some Wi-Fi is provided free of charge 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





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Enjoy dual SIMs
Enjoy the flexibility of our digital eSIM while keeping the option to use your original SIM as usual whenever you need it.

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 |



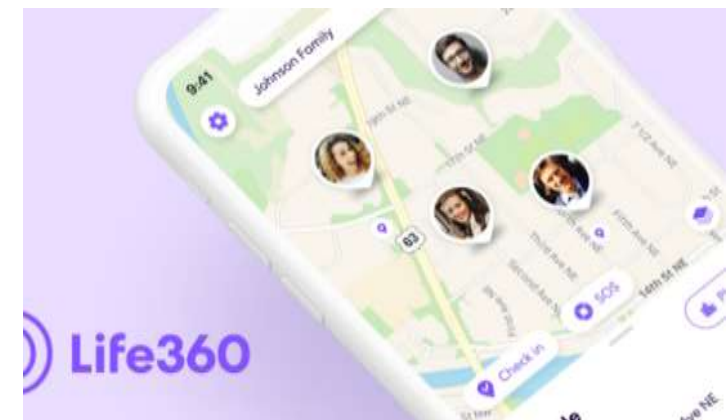
Useful Apps for Next of Kin

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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Community GAP Donation Bags

- Reading books and activity books
- Stationery – pencil cases, pens, crayons, colouring pencils, chalk, plain and coloured paper
- Skipping ropes
- Jigsaws, puzzles, playing cards and games
- Sports kit (football kit, boots, shirts, deflated balls, bibs, socks etc)
- Mini fishing nets
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes and facecloths
- Towels
- Recyclable pads for Move Africa donation
- Period pants
- New reading glasses – for the 'Right to sight' campaign
- Sleeping bags



Follow instructions from your college about bringing in one good quality item from the list.

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



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