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KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering Project

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TRIP OVERVIEW

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South Staffordshire College – Booking Reference 4807

Travel Dates:

6th July 2026 – 21st July 2026

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
VS449	06/07/2026	London Heathrow (LHR)	20:50	Johannesburg (JNB)	08:50 + 1 Day
TBC	07/07/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	TBC
TBC	21/07/2026	King Shaka Int: Durban (DUR)	TBC	Johannesburg (JNB)	TBC
VS450	21/07/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	20:25	London Heathrow (LHR)	06:30 + 1 Day

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece of checked baggage @20kgs, 1 piece of hand baggage @ 7kgs max dimensions 56x36x23 cms

Project:

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Overview and location
of the project

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KwaZulu Community and Volunteering Project

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 14-night academic module split between two conservation reserves,



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:

14 Night Itinerary

7 Nights

Bonamanzi Game Reserve and Hluhluwe surrounds

7 Nights

Hlomo Hlomo Game Reserve

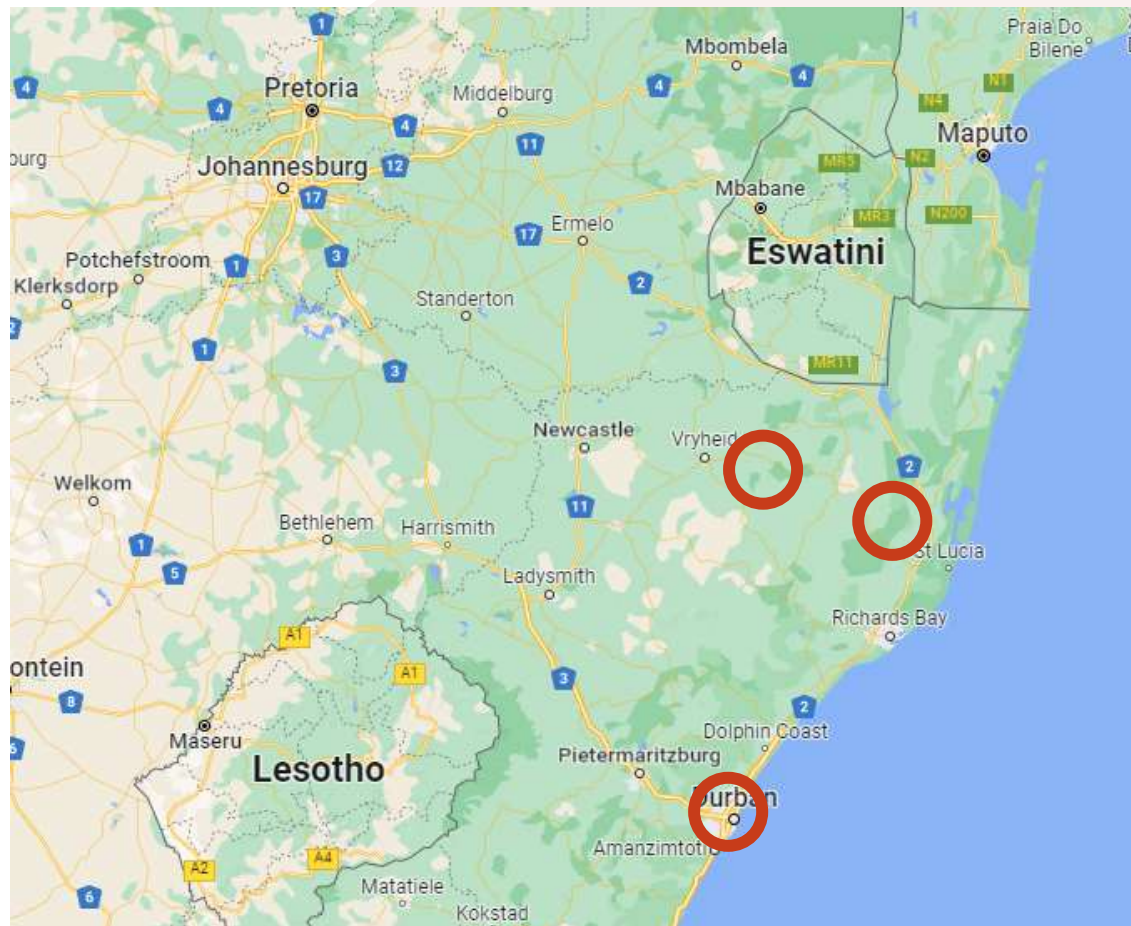
It's important to remember that wildlife does not work to an agenda, therefore activities may change at short notice!

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Project- Location

- Staying in two locations on the Northeastern Coast
- Bonamanzi Game Reserve and Hlomo Hlomo Game Reserve



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KwaZulu-Natal Community and Volunteering Project

The KwaZulu-Natal Community Volunteering project is located conveniently close to Durban (3 hours) on the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast in South Africa it is close to the beautiful St Lucia Wetlands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The project location is Bonamanzi and the surrounding community; Bonamanzi is a Zulu word for "look water!" The nearest town is Hluhluwe which has South Africa's oldest Game Reserve.

The second module of the project is at Hlomo Hlomo Private Game reserve, three hours from Bonamanzi.

KwaZulu-Natal is located in a low to no risk malaria area – Antimalarials are not usually advised.





BONAMANZI/HLUHLUWE

A Big Four Game Reserve



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Bonamanzi

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.



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LIV Village

Lungisisa Indlela Village is a long term foster care facility for orphaned and vulnerable children. With the building of the first village in 2011, the vision became reality and the model proves to be sustainable with government, churches and corporates working together. Today LIV has a national footprint with villages and projects in Durban, Gauteng, Western Cape, and Eastern Cape.

Please ensure you **adhere to the following strict dress code** when working in the community:

Shoulders to be covered, tops to fully cover tummy/stomach and the length of shorts must be closer to knee length. As GAP Africa Projects, we ask you not to wear strappy vest tops, cropped tops, or short shorts. You would be best wearing a full-length t-shirt with leggings/trousers/skirt or 'longer' shorts (that come closer to your knee).



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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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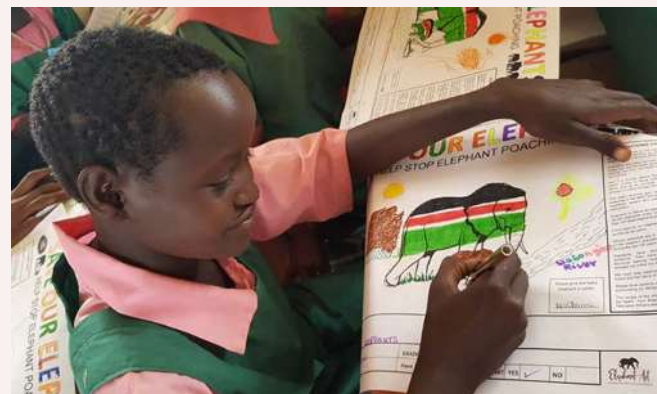
Ndumu Charitable Foundation – Focuses primarily on improving early childhood development and education within communities, particularly in the refurbishment of creches and nurseries. Projects include building and improving play equipment, painting the classrooms, digging vegetable gardens and talking to staff about the importance of correct nutrition. Ndumu are also passionate about installing libraries in primary schools.



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Kingsley Holgate Foundation - has supported conservation efforts and communities bordering wildlife parks throughout Africa for over a decade. Their Early Childhood Development programme works to improve the nutrition and education of over 3000 local children who live in rural communities on the boundaries of wildlife reserves.

Woza Moya - This charity aims to reduce poverty through arts and crafts. Woza Moya assists those in need to develop skills and learn how to turn their skills into an income by using local products. Woza Moya provides ongoing business mentorship to ensure the crafting can become a self-sustaining business. Since 2002 over 350 crafters have been supported.



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Khula Natural Health Clinic – A busy community health facility in St Lucia, founded in 2017 focusing on Children’s and women’s health, through safe and affordable treatments using homeopathic remedies to complement Western medicine.

Bonamanzi Conservation Foundation – manages the day-to-day conservation management and research of the Big 4 Game Reserve. The foundation began in 2012 to re-establish land as a game reserve for wildlife. Wildlife conservation and community development are the foundation’s main objectives. Bonamanzi has an ongoing relationship with Cumbria’s Safari Zoo who are active in helping the reserve with their K9 unit.



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Community Development Activities



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HLOMO HLOMO



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KwaZulu Community Volunteering – 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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Project Rhino



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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in Africa



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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.



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Hlomo Hlomo

In keeping with a Safari Adventure theme, groups are accommodated on the reserve in comfortable safari tents, with communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets. All meals are provided in a communal dining room.

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



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Food at the Project

Three meals are provided a day prepared by the kitchen staff.

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?

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



NOT Included

- Personal Travel Insurance *
- Meals on travel days – before arriving & after departing from the project.
- Any activities not specified as part of the project
- Visas/travel documents
- Tips

* Provided by the college – please confirm with your college the details of the insurance provided.

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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