



WESTON COLLEGE PRE DEPARTURE PRESENTATION



Hanover Conservation Research



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TRIP OVERVIEW

AFRICA

Weston College – Booking Reference 4837

Travel Dates:

14th March 2027 – 28th March 2027

Flights:

Flight No	Flight Date	Dept.	Dept. Time	Arr.	Arr. Time
KQ101	14/03/2027	London Heathrow (LHR)	17:25	Nairobi (NBO)	05:00 + 1 Day
KQ760	15/03/2027	Nairobi (NBO)	07:45	Johannesburg (JNB)	10:55
KQ765	29/03/2026	Johannesburg (JNB)	01:15	Nairobi (NBO)	06:20
KQ100	29/03/2026	Nairobi (NBO)	09:05	London Heathrow (LHR)	16:15

*Always check the flight timings on your final documents

Baggage Allowance – 1 piece checked baggage @ 23kgs, 1 piece hand baggage max dimensions 55x35x25cm

Project:

Waterberg Conservation Research

Arrival at Johannesburg International Airport (OR Tambo)

Upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport you must clear passport control and collect your baggage from baggage reclaim before heading into the arrivals hall.

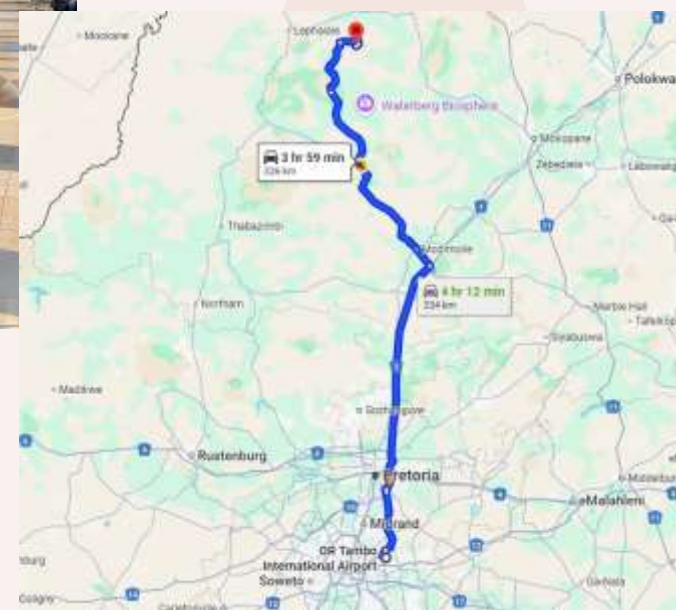
Either Carmen or Lesedi, the GAP Africa Projects representative, will meet you **next to the statue** as you come into the arrivals hall.

They will be there to assist you to your transport with Shuttle King who are transferring you to Hanover Nature Reserve, a drive of approximately 4 hours.

The driver will stop at a shop on the way for you to get snacks, drinks etc.

If for any reason you are unable to locate the representative, please call Shuttle King:

Terri on : + 27 71 242 8838



CONTACT DETAILS

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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.

What To Expect 'Weatherwise' From November To April

November to April is the 'really wet' season and occurs during the summer and autumn months when South Africa has the highest temperatures. The wet season is generally warm and humid, with rains often falling as short, heavy afternoon thunderstorms.

Many of the roads in South Africa are 'dirt roads', without tarmac, so can suffer heavily because of heavy rain. This means transport can be delayed or might even get stuck.

You might also find that the weather can prevent you from going into the field as it may be deemed unsafe. This could either be due to **heavy rain** or **extremely hot temperatures**. Alternative activities will be offered. Remember, don't expect to see animals during the hottest part of the day as they will be sheltering from the sun too!



Climate

Limpopo Province

January is the hottest month in Limpopo with an average temperature of 23°C (73°F) and the coldest month is June at 13°C (55°F). The wettest month is November with an average of 100mm of rainfall.

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

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/ellisras/299055/weather-forecast/299055>

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/vaalwater/299075/weather-forecast/299075>

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.

Phones & Internet

Mobile phone coverage is okay at Hanover Nature Reserve if using a local SIM and generally good at Welgevonden Game Reserve, although there may be some areas on the reserve where there isn't any coverage.

Limited Wi-Fi is available at Welgevonden Game Reserve, however 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>

Holafly

The infographic is a white rectangular box with a light orange background. It features six benefit cards arranged in a 2x3 grid. Each card has an icon at the top, a title, and a short description. The icons are: infinity symbol, smartphone with signal waves, speech bubble, speech bubble with checkmark, rocket, and SIM card.

- Unlimited data**
Enjoy unlimited data while traveling to numerous destinations worry-free. [Learn more](#)
- Keep using your favorite apps**
Get that safe ride home, find that great restaurant, and pin the local attractions, all while staying connected with your loved ones.
- Keep your WhatsApp number**
You can call and message all your contacts on WhatsApp, like you're in the same country. Don't lose touch with family and friends.
- 24/7 Customer Support**
In need of assistance? Our 24/7 chat support is just a message away to keep you connected and help you with everything you need.
- Fast and Reliable Internet Connection**
Connect to the best networks at your destination and get internet that's both reliable and fast.
- 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.

Hanover Nature Reserve Accommodation

You will stay at our purpose-built Camp Letimoga in Hanover Nature Reserve, designed to provide comfort and foster community living.

The camp features shared twin and triple rooms with communal ablution facilities. At the heart of the camp is a spacious communal area, equipped with a shared kitchen and dining space, which also serves as a hub for relaxation, lectures, and group activities.

For evening gatherings, there is a cosy firepit/boma area where students can unwind and cook meals over the fire under the stars. On weekends, groups are welcome to enjoy the main farmhouse and pool area.



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. The communal facilities include a lecture room, canteen, lounge, entertainment area and storage fridge.

The centre also has access to Wi-Fi and the camp is fenced off inside the boundaries of the reserve. Most evenings are spent at leisure around the camp.



Food at the Project

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.

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.

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.



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
- Swimwear
- Sunscreen and Sunglasses
- Personal medical items
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Tick / Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Binoculars

Other useful items:

- 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



WHAT'S INCLUDED

AFRICA

What is Included?

- Flights
- Transfers to/from project
- Accommodation
- Three meals per day (self prepared)
- 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 personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.





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