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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research

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ABOUT US:

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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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KWAZULU-NATAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location
of the project



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Your Conservation Field Trip Explained

- A unique academic conservation experience based in South Africa
- Live and work in the wild of Africa
- The opportunity to experience hands on wildlife conservation
- Bespoke, tailor made projects to suit research requirements
- Project Activities include:
 - Pioneering Conservation Research
 - Conservation Activities
 - Cultural Enrichment
 - Wildlife, Livestock and Domestic Community Work
- Full 10 nights in South Africa
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

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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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research – Location





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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Our conservation work
in more detail



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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research

Our academic team and qualified rangers at the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research 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 10-night academic module split between the two conservation reserves.



A full day will be planned but will vary from day to day depending on the days task and research goals.

The project split and duration are as follows:

10 Night Itinerary

5 Nights

Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

5 Nights

Zingela Wilderness Conservation and Adventure Activities



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



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5 Nights at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve



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Nambiti Game Reserve

Nambiti Game Reserve is a magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.



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Home to over 40 Species of Mammal



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Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



YOUR PROJECT

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Your Conservation Programme – Nambiti

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 Nambiti.

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



NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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Nambiti Research Team



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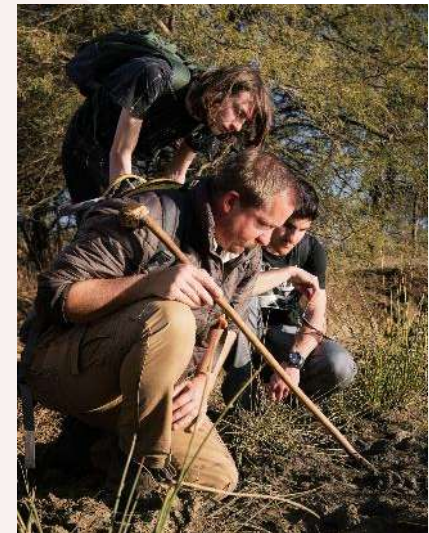
Use of Telemetry Tracking



NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors



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NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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Bush Walk



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Research – Habitat and Prey Selection: Predators

Focus on Lion and Cheetah populations:

GPS coordinates from tracking collars

Can be used for movement/spatial/home range analysis



Wildlife Monitoring – Elephant Impact Assessment

Research into impact of elephant on the eco system:

Matriarch collared so GPS range data available

Herd population data

Elephant impact assessments from February '23

Long term ongoing project looking at elephant impact on vegetation



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Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching



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Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!



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Night Game Drives



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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, Jabong Hats & Rhino Art



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Community – GAP Donation Bags



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5 Nights at Zingela Wildlife Reserve

River Research and Adventure



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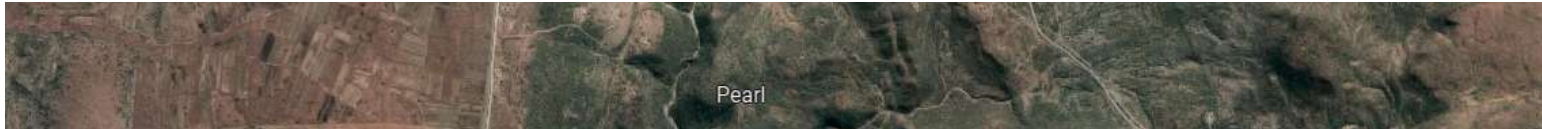
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Zingela River Safari

Zingela Wildlife Reserve covers 12,500 acres of predator free, pristine African bushveld. You will have the opportunity to be involved with the research that takes place at the property. You will also have the chance to participate in a host of activities during your stay.



NAMBITI TO ZINGELA



Your Conservation Programme – Zingela

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

- Spatial Distribution and Habitat use of species
- Use of Telemetry Tracking
- Giraffe migration and Conservation Project
- Reptile pit fall traps
- Freshwater Ecology
- Mini SASS
- Fish Tagging
- Educational Bush Walks – Ecology & Botany
- Tracks, Signs and Spoor
- Community Development
- Camera Trapping and data processing



Potjie Cooking Competition

A traditional South African experience, the Potjie competition involves cooking a stew in three-legged pots over an open fire..

The winning dish, judged by our expert cooks, will be served for dinner, allowing everyone to enjoy the fruits of their labor.



Giraffe Migration and Research Project

Population data and database for individuals

Migration and range data through unfenced territories

Diet and vegetation impact assessment

Genetic diversity



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River Assessments

Fresh water eel project – understanding life cycle using GPS data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System



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Reptile Research and Trapping

Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned

Species frequency

Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation

Comparing herpetological diversity



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Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany



Animal Welfare Outreach Program

Participants will join the camp's in-house veterinarian to assist local Zulu farmers in caring for their livestock, primarily goats, but also including dogs, cats, sheep, and cattle, depending on the participants' qualifications and experience.

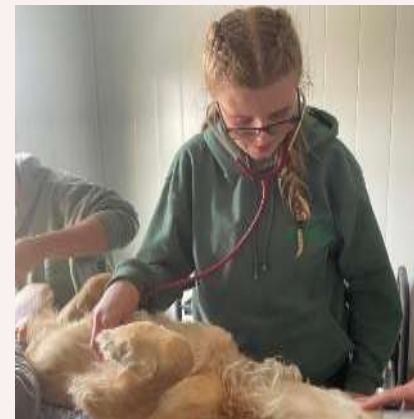
- Vaccinating and Caring for Local Farmers' Goats
- Working with Various Animals at the Homestead
- Animal Welfare Education at Local Schools



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Animal Welfare Outreach Program



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River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking



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Abseiling and Rock Climbing





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Exclusive Bushwise Nature Guide Course

Bushwise is a leading nature guide training provider, and we've partnered with them to offer an exclusive 6-week 'Explore Nature' online course – giving you a real-life insight into the training of a South African Nature Guide.

Connect with the South African bush before you even travel!



Modules include Introduction, Geology, Weather & climate, Astronomy, Ecology, Biomes, Taxonomy, Plants, Arthropods, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Birds, Mammals, Ethology, Conservation management, Historical human habitation.

Your wildlife journey starts here! Build a strong foundation in field guiding, wildlife, and ecology, so that you're fully prepared for the hands-on experience in South Africa.

Course Start Dates:

**Invitations will
be issued
throughout
the year**





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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^{TBC}
Enrolment upon
payment of the fee





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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

ACCOMMODATION

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Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti

In keeping with the 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.



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Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti



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Game Reserve Camp – Zingela

Zingela is a warm, family-run riverside camp with friendly faces and even friendlier dogs.

Students will stay in one of the tented camps, in shared but comfortable safari tents, with access to communal hot and cold showers and regular flushing toilets.

There are welcoming communal spaces for students to spend time together, along with plenty of quiet breakaway spots to relax. At night, you can fall asleep to the sounds of the Tugela River and the chorus of frogs.



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Game Reserve Camps - Zingela



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Food at the project

Three meals a day are provided and prepared by the kitchen staff. Students are expected to help clear up after meals.

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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Food at the project



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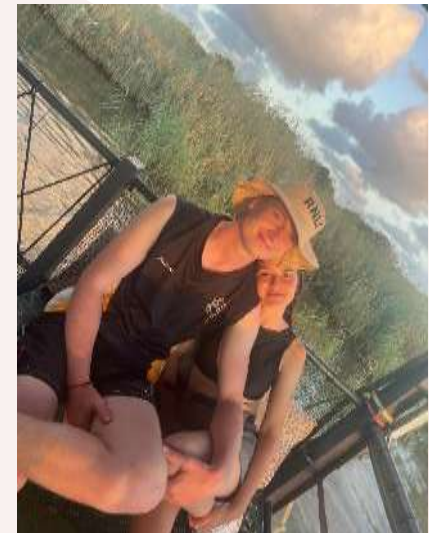
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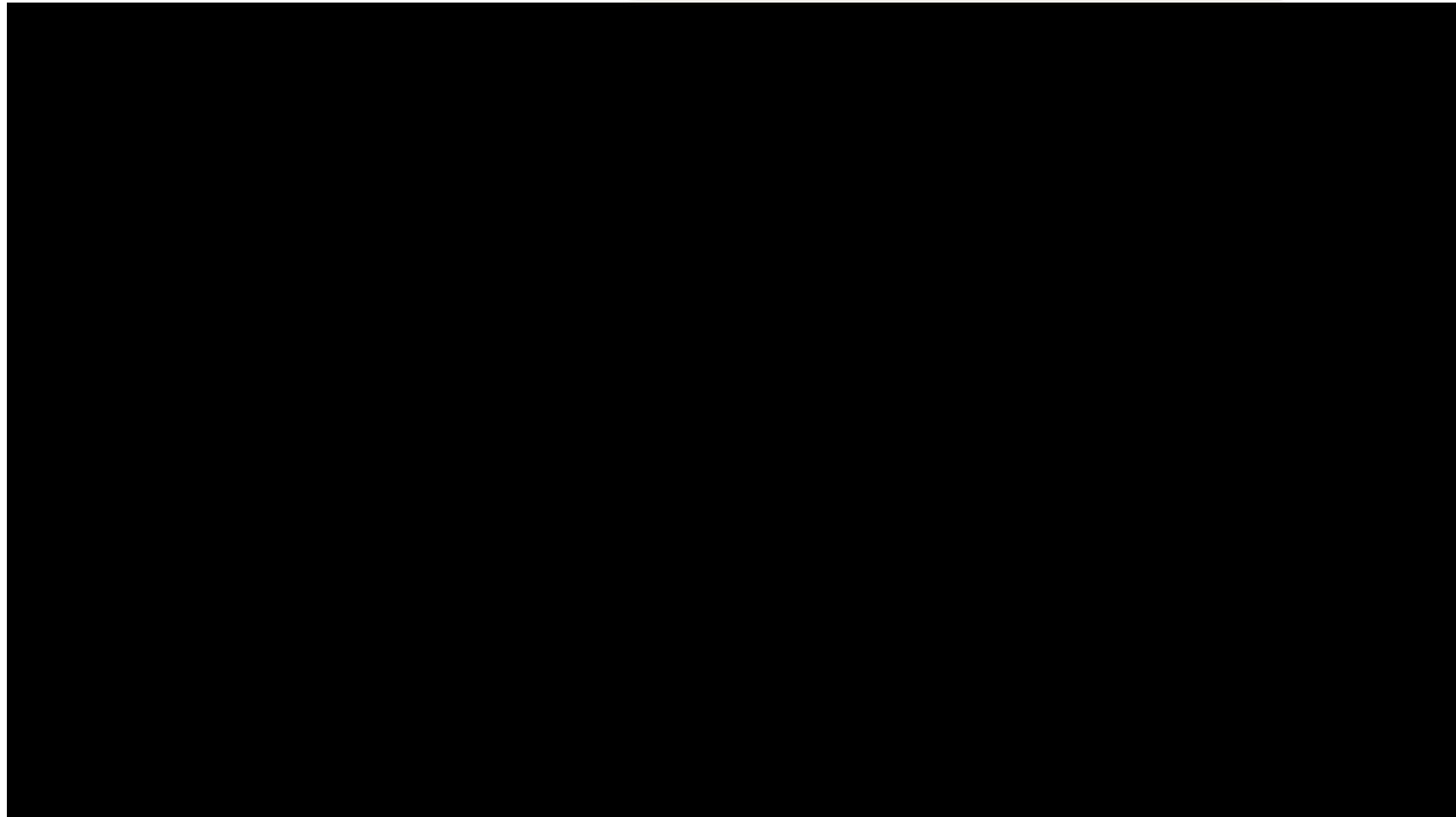
Life on project – Life long memories



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KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research Video



WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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What do previous travellers say about the KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research?



"It was the most **amazing** experience I've ever had."



"I learnt so many new things that have **educated** me **beyond** classroom curriculum."



"There wasn't a single experience that didn't **amaze** me and make me feel **enriched**."

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



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THE NEXT STEPS TO YOUR FIELD TRIP

The next steps to the trip of a
lifetime!

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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What is Included?

- UK transfers
- 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

- 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.

THE NEXT STEPS

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Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 24th March 2027 | Arrive SA: 25th March 2027

Depart SA: 4th April 2027 | Arrive UK: 5th April 2027

Trip cost:

£2776.00* Based on a group of 27 (*confirmed once flights have been held*)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 27/05/2026
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 10/06/2026
- 50% instalment payment by 03/12/2026
- Balance payment by 28/01/2027
- 11/03/2027 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

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Booking Form

- Please submit by 27/05/2026
- 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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(NB: Your name should be given as displayed on your passport)

Title *

Name *

Date of birth *

Address *

Telephone *

Mobile *

Email 1 *

Email 2 *

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

Passport no.

Passport Issue Date

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.

Dear Chloe,

Thank you for agreeing to book with Gap Africa Projects as part of the Zulu Land Conservation Research. Please take the time to look through this document and check that everything is correct.

We have received your deposit payment and your payment is now confirmed upon the details below. The final balance and due date is detailed on your invoice.

Please remember that you can contact me to discuss anything in this document as well as any other aspect of your expedition and I am so glad to be your personal travel advisor for the entirety of your placement.

Warm regards,
The GAP Africa Team

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 in part of the project.

Your Flight(s)

05/03/2023	01:15:00	Manchester (MAN)
06/12/09	01:30:00	London Heathrow (LHR)
05/03/2023	01:18:00	London Heathrow (LHR)
06/03	01:30:00 + 1 D	Frankfurt (FRA)
18/03/2023	01:30:15	Frankfurt (FRA)
06/03	01:30:30 + 1 D	London Heathrow (LHR)
19/03/2023	01:00:15	London Heathrow (LHR)
06/13/00	01:19:40	Manchester (MAN)

Your Booking
Travel Advice
Names and spellings
Passport expiry date
Passport Copies
Travel Insurance

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CONFIRMATION INVOICE

Miss Chloe
Zulu Land Conservation Research
10 Oct 2022

Flight No.	Class	From	To	Carrier	Flight No.	Class	From	To	Carrier	Flight No.	Class	From	To	Carrier	Flight No.	Class	From	To	Carrier
06/12/09	Y	MAN	LHR	BA	06/12/09	Y	LHR	MAN	BA	06/12/09	Y	MAN	LHR	BA	06/12/09	Y	LHR	MAN	BA
05/03	Y	LHR	FRA	AF	05/03	Y	FRA	LHR	AF	05/03	Y	LHR	FRA	AF	05/03	Y	FRA	LHR	AF
18/03	Y	FRA	LHR	AF	18/03	Y	LHR	FRA	AF	18/03	Y	FRA	LHR	AF	18/03	Y	LHR	FRA	AF
06/13/00	Y	LHR	MAN	BA	06/13/00	Y	MAN	LHR	BA	06/13/00	Y	LHR	MAN	BA	06/13/00	Y	MAN	LHR	BA

Total cost of the arrangement as quoted above: £2,200.00
Deposit received: £1,100.00
Balance due: £1,100.00

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: 10

What is protected?

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

Who is protecting your trip?
Gap Africa Projects Limited ATOL Number 10890

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:
1 complete their trip and return to the UK, or
2 receive a refund.
Your protection depends on the terms of the ATOL scheme (available at www.atol.org.uk).

If Gap Africa Projects Limited stops trading, you must follow the instructions at www.atol.org.uk (where there will be details of arrangements to bring people back to the UK, and information on how people can claim their money back) or you can call (444) 20 7463 6360.

Unique reference number	Date of issue	ATOL Certificate issuer	ATOL number	Package sale
4413	19/10/2022	Gap Africa Projects Ltd	10890	

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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.

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Name *

Date of birth *

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