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PROJECT PRESENTATION

GLOBAL reach. **ADVENTURE** for all. **PROJECTS** to inspire.

ABOUT US:

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

KWAZULU-NATAL PROJECT OVERVIEW

Overview and location of the project

ABOUT THE PROJECT

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 12 nights in South Africa
- The most incredible wildlife experience you will ever have

ABOUT THE PROJECT

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.

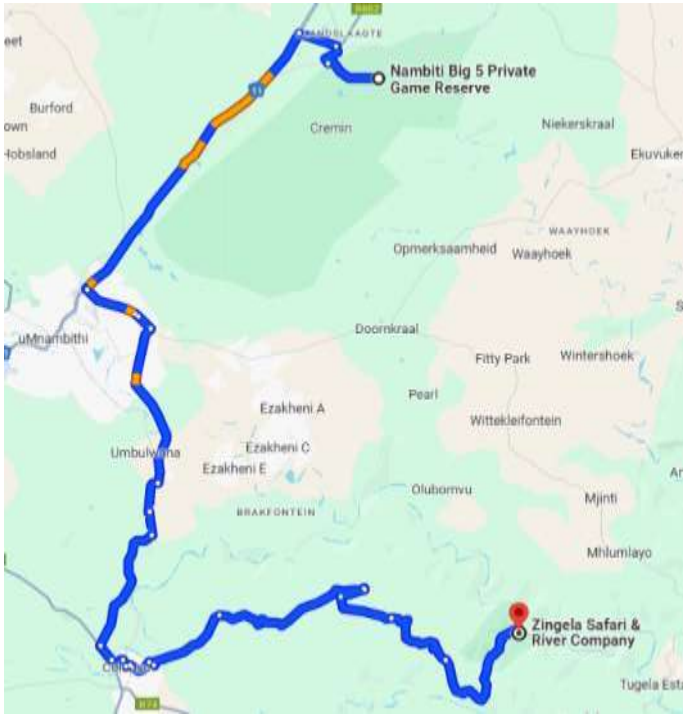
ABOUT THE PROJECT

KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research – Location

ABOUT KWAZULU-NATAL

KwaZulu-Natal Conservation Research - Location

- South Africa a world leader in conservation
- Malaria free KwaZulu Natal



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 12-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:

12 Night Itinerary

6 Nights
Nambiti Big 5 Conservation Research

6 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!

6 Nights at Nambiti Game Reserve

A Big Five Game Reserve

ABOUT THE PROJECT

AFRICA

Nambiti Game Reserve

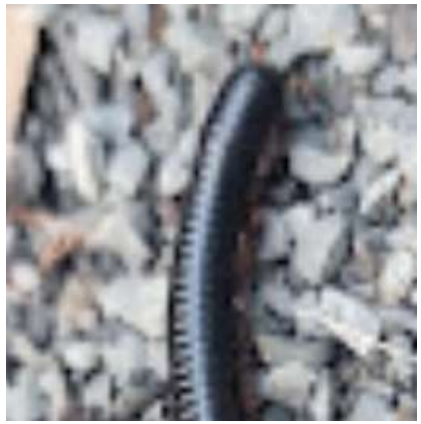
Nambiti Game Reserve is a magnificent 23,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness boasting the Big 5 and incredible biodiversity (grasslands, riverine bush, savannah and thornveld) offering unprecedented diversity of wildlife.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Home to over 40 Species of Mammal

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Many Reptile, Insect and Bird Species



YOUR PROJECT

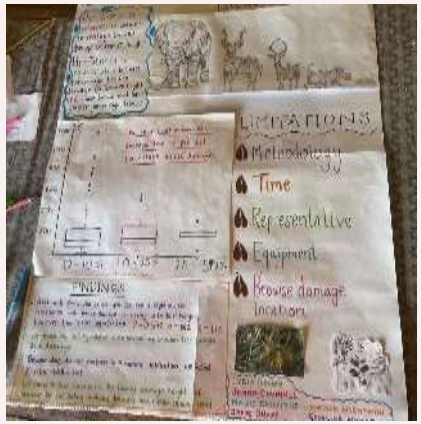
Your Conservation Programme - Nambiti

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

Nambiti Research Team



NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

Use of Telemetry Tracking

NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

AFRICA

Ecology Trails: Tracks, signs and spoors

NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

Bush Walk

NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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

NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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

NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

Rhino Monitoring – Awareness and Anti-Poaching

NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

Camera Trap – Research and Study

Set out own camera traps

Learn about correct placement, best location etc

Never know what we'll find!

NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

Night Game Drives

NAMBITI GAME RESERVE

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

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Community – GAP Donation Bags

6 Nights at Zingela Wildlife Reserve

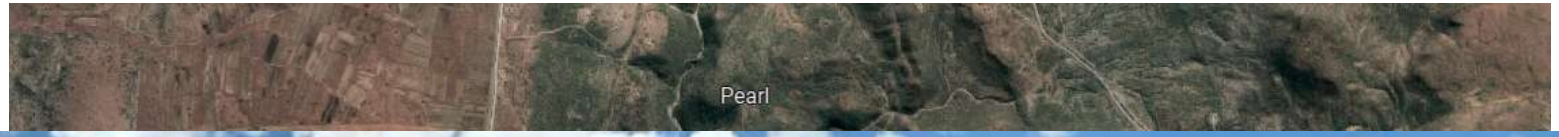
River Research and Adventure

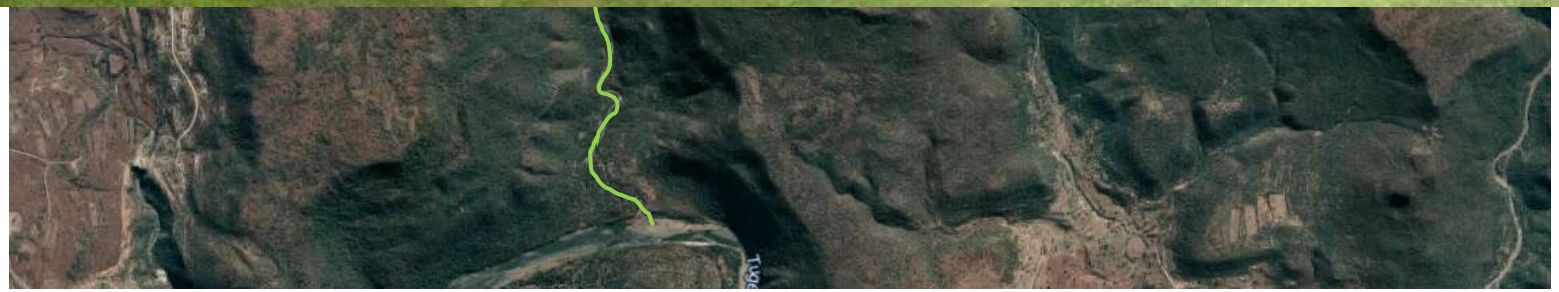
YOUR PROJECT

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





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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

YOUR PROJECT

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.

ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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

ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

River Assessments

Fresh water eel project – understanding life cycle using GPS data

Fish tagging and release

Collecting biometric data

SASS – South African Scoring System

ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

Reptile Research and Trapping

Data collection started in 2022 with annual projects planned

Species frequency

Herpetofauna succession during vegetation rehabilitation

Comparing herpetological diversity

ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

Educational Bush Walks – Ecology and Botany

ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

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

ZINGELA WILDERNESS RESERVE

Animal Welfare Outreach Program

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River Safari – Rafting and Kayaking

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Abseiling and Rock Climbing

ONLINE NATURE GUIDE COURSE

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AFRICA

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!

Bushwise

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

DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Centre for Global Citizenship Studies (CGCS).

DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING AFRICA

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
Enrolment upon payment of the fee

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ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life in the African Bush

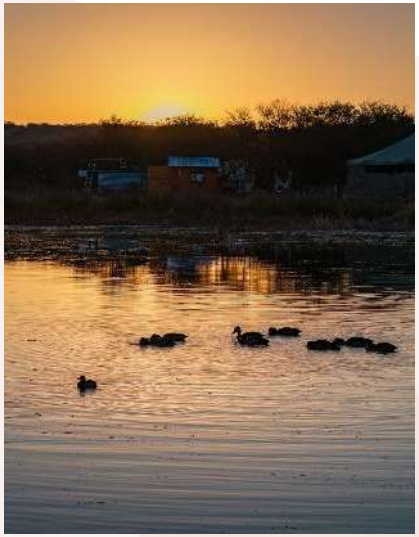
ACCOMMODATION

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.

ACCOMMODATION

Game Reserve Camps - Nambiti



ACCOMMODATION

Game Reserve Camp - Zingela

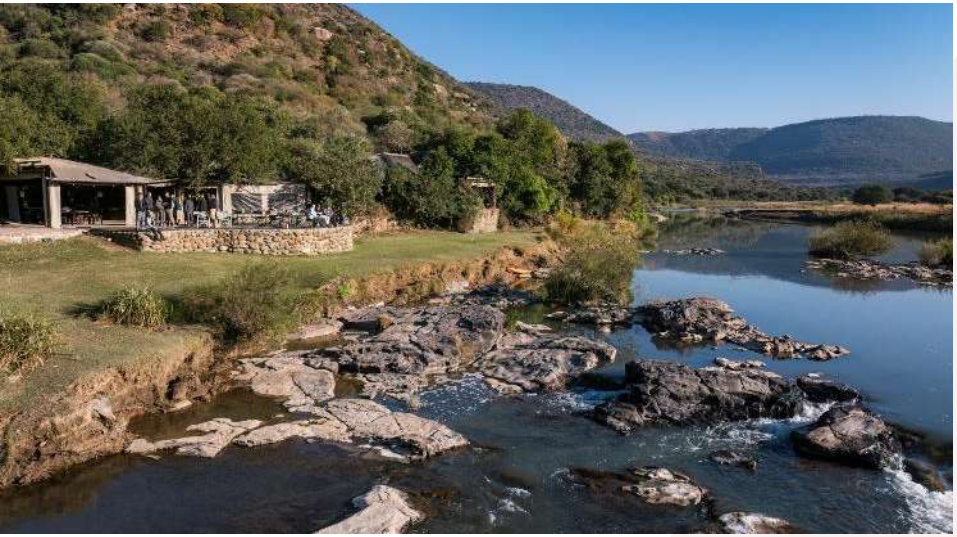
Zingela is a warm, family-run riverside camp with friendly faces and even friendlier dogs.

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.

ACCOMMODATION

Game Reserve Camps - Zingela



ACCOMMODATION

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.

ACCOMMODATION

Food at the project

ACCOMMODATION & LIFESTYLE

Life on project – Life long memories

WHY SHOULD I TRAVEL?

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

THE NEXT STEPS TO YOUR FIELD TRIP

The next steps to the trip of a lifetime!

WHAT'S INCLUDED

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 that you take out personal travel insurance as soon as your booking is confirmed.

THE NEXT STEPS

Project dates & key deadlines

Confirmed travel dates:

Depart UK: 21st February 2027 | Arrive SA: 22nd February 2027

Depart SA: 6th March 2027 | Arrive UK: 7th March 2027

Trip cost:

£2586 - £2644* Based on a group of 27 (confirmed once flights have been held)

Key deadlines are:

- Return online booking form by 12/06/2026
- Deposit payment, £300.00 by 24/06/2026
- 50% instalment payment by 02/11/2026
- Balance payment by 28/12/2026
- 08/02/2027 e-Tickets & final documents will be issued

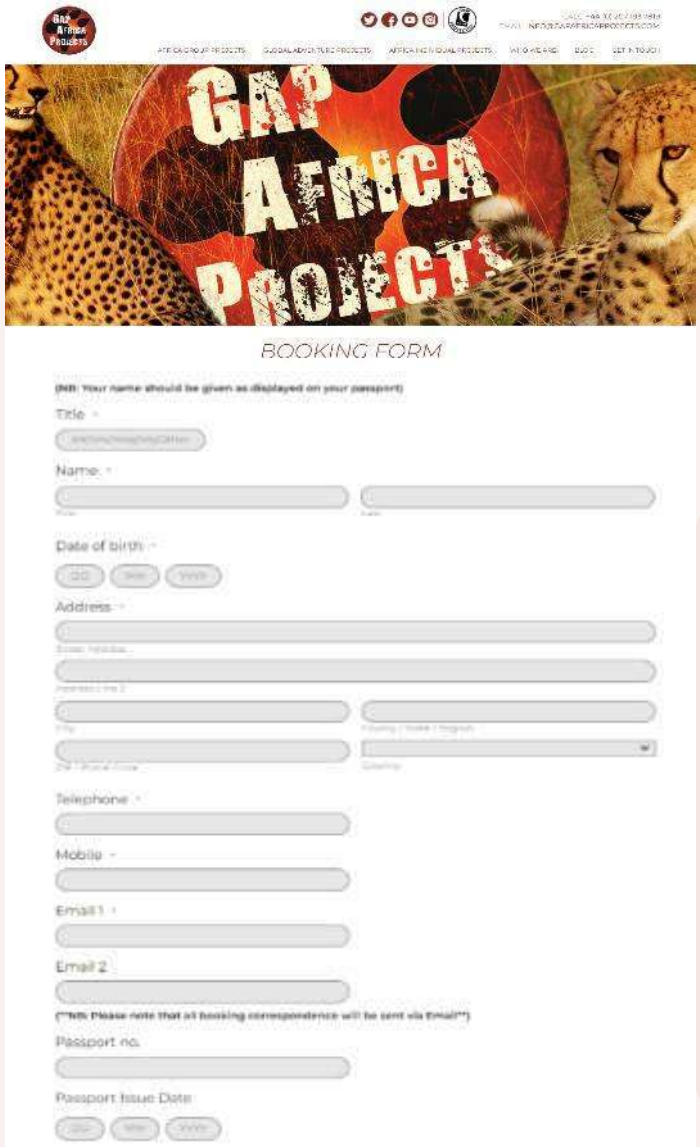
BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

Booking Form

- Please submit by **12/06/2026**
- 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

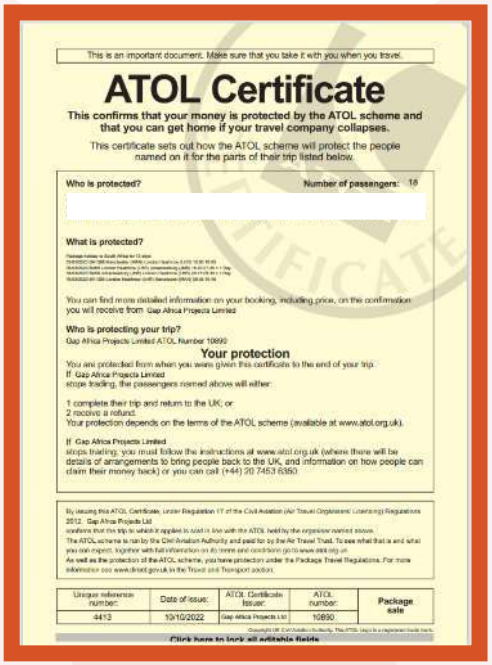


THE NEXT STEPS

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.



BOOKING YOUR ADVENTURE

Group Web Page

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Booking Form

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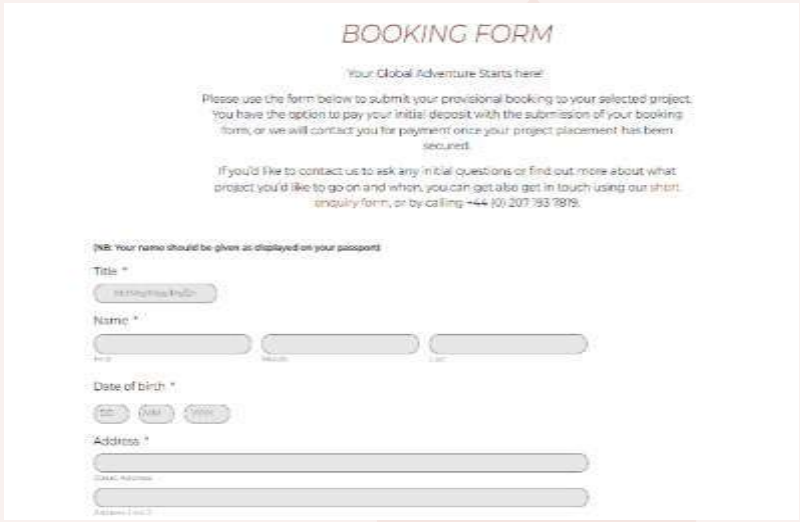

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Sustainability & Social, Economic Responsibility

Local employment from rural communities – our project partners employ a high percentage of staff from local communities. They advocate training to advance careers in hospitality, wildlife and conservation.

Low environmental impact camps – our project bush camps are built with minimal impact on the environment. Resources from the surrounding area are utilised for buildings, water is (where possible) pumped from local river sources and green energy supplies, such as solar are championed.

Community donations and support – we encourage all our international study groups to be proactive in donation collections and arrange for excess baggage for said donations to be taken out to South Africa in support of the local communities.

Move Africa, supporting young females – 3 in 10 girls in South Africa miss a week of school every month because they cannot afford basic sanitary products. Our project partners work with Move Africa alongside their partner NGOs, to distribute menstrual cups to the local communities and provide education workshops.

Rhino Art – Project rhino realises the enormous responsibility the youth have to ensure our wildlife is protected for many generations to come. They ensure they can reach and educate as may kids as possible through Rhino Art, using art workshops to teach about conservation. This initiative is supported by our local project partners.

Food/crop education – our project partners encourage food and crop education to rural communities, where cost of living to low income families and distance travelled to obtain basic resources can prove problematic. Projects include community allotments and providing education on best practice for crop rotations, harvest seasons and nutrition.

Recycling workshops - Litter, and in particular plastics, is a major issue and threat to the ecosystem in Southern Africa. Rural communities have limited waste removal available and it is therefore a problem escalating at an alarming rate. Recycling workshops are provided through local schools to help educate children on the importance of correctly disposing of litter and recycling plastics.