

Greater Kruger Area, South Africa - Overview

Our projects are developed alongside local communities to ensure the work we do is ethical, responsible, and relevant to the needs of their communities.

Our teams live and work alongside these communities, which allows us to offer sustainable and transformative experiences that provide real value where it is most needed.

When it comes to incredible wildlife encounters in South Africa, the Greater Kruger Area is simply unparalleled. Sharing a fenceless border with the iconic Kruger National Park – often considered one of the best game parks for wildlife viewing in Africa – the Greater Kruger Area is a sprawling expanse of over 20 private game reserves. This exclusive region allows travellers to embark on exhilarating game drives throughout the African bush to experience up-close encounters with some of the area's most iconic wildlife. Roaming freely from the Kruger National Park, travellers in the Greater Kruger Area can expect to see Africa's big five – lions, leopards, rhinos, buffalo, and elephants – among other stunning wildlife, without the crowds that often fill the neighbouring national park. The Greater Kruger Area is a hub for some incredible conservation efforts that aim to protect South African wildlife. Travelling to this stunning region means embarking on endless wildlife conservation adventures that are as impactful as they are exciting. If you are looking to experience Africa's wildlife in an authentic, impact-driven setting, the Greater Kruger Area is the ultimate destination for you.

Accommodation

Olifants River Camp, Phalaborwa, Greater Kruger Area, 1380, South Africa. You will be staying at Olifants River Camp in the heart of the African wilderness. It is a traditional bush lodge set in a big 5 reserve with all the facilities and furnishings you need for a comfortable and authentic stay in Africa. The team are passionate about environmental conservation, and it is reflected in how the lodge is run. Recycling, sustainable use of resources, environmental education, and the use of locally grown produce and ethically sourced ingredients are all important aspects of life at Olifants River Camp. The accommodation includes 3 large dorm rooms overlooking the Olifants River. All the rooms have aircon and bathrooms. Some of the facilities include a swimming pool, outdoor fire pit where we have braais (BBQs), lounges and social areas, as well as a small shop where you can buy snacks and basic toiletries. WIFI is available throughout the lodge, but you will be in the bush, so it can be slow and unreliable. African Impact's staff and security staff are on site 24 hours a day.

Programme Focus

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Across Africa, wildlife is under intense threat. Negative interactions with humans and environmental dangers like climate change have put South Africa's impressive species in a precarious situation, with many at risk of extinction within the century. From the Black Rhino to the African Elephant, Africa's iconic wild residents could face devastating consequences if we do not act now. When you join our wildlife conservation efforts in South Africa, you will work to support sustainable conservation efforts that put the lives of African wildlife and communities first. Embarking on game drives into the heart of the African bush, your work will focus on conducting valuable field research on the local wildlife's health, behavior, and populations. This research will be integral to informing conservation decisions in

the area, ensuring long-term wildlife preservation aims across the Greater Kruger Area are met in the best way possible. Your teams could be involved in one of the following conservation programs.

DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH

Our data collection programmes take you on game drives into the heart of Africa's landscapes, where you will have unforgettable encounters with African animals and wildlife. Here, you will record essential data on their health, migration patterns and behaviors. Working with our research team, you will add your observations to databases that are foundational to informing sustainable conservation efforts.

PHYSICAL CONSERVATION PROJECTS

On our projects there are always plenty of rewarding opportunities to practice physical wildlife conservation techniques. These modest conservation tasks, such as removing invasive species, significantly improve wildlife habitats and support healthy populations.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Our wildlife conservation programmes often include opportunities to participate in community education campaigns. Through these programmes, volunteers will collaborate with locals to raise awareness for the importance of wildlife conservation.

ANIMAL CARE

Your teams could also support our Wildlife rehabilitation programs, by helping us care for impaired wildlife, with the goal of rehabilitating animals to release back into the wild.

This itinerary is a sample.

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All our itineraries are tailored for every school. 10, 21 and 28 day Itineraries are also available. 21 and 28 day itineraries can be combined with our Cape Town Project.

Price Inclusions:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student/staff ratio 10:1.• Pre departure information and communication• Meet and greet on arrival• Return airport transfers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private transport throughout	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Meals	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accommodation, staff in twins. Students in twins/dorms.• Experienced dedicated group leaders throughout• Project management	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project materials • All activities and excursions as outlined in the itinerary • Wifi • Additional security at accommodation • 24/7 Emergency medical support throughout <p>Exclusions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single supplements for staff • Additional excursions • Visas • Covid testing (where necessary) 	
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