



THRILLING FIELD TRIPS

At Kukama Wildlife College, located on the edge of the Kalahari Desert in South Africa, we offer transformative Conservation Journeys that provide immersive, hands-on learning experiences in wildlife conservation, ecological studies, and cultural engagement.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our field trips are designed for groups seeking a deep connection with nature and wildlife conservation.

Whether you're a school, university, or conservation organization, our customizable trips allow participants to engage with the rich biodiversity of South Africa while gaining practical, real-world skills.

Located in the Northern Cape, just 2.5 hours from Kimberley, our campus provides an extraordinary environment for adventure and education.

WHAT WE OFFER

- **Guided Bush Walks & Game Drives:** Observe wildlife in their natural habitat and learn about their behaviours and survival strategies.
- **Wildlife Conservation & Monitoring:** Hands-on activities such as rhino conservation, tracking, and monitoring techniques.
- **Ecology and Biodiversity:** Study the interconnectedness of local ecosystems, including field data collection and vegetation surveys.
- **Cultural Immersion:** Visits to local communities, museums, and rock art sites to learn about South African history and cultural dynamics.
- **Bush Survival & Tracking:** Overnight camping trips, cooking traditional meals over an open fire, and stargazing in the desert's clear skies.



RHINO CONSERVATION

Learn about critical conservation efforts and rhino monitoring.

WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION

Understand how to identify and track mammals, birds, and smaller species.



KEY TOPICS

ECOLOGICAL STUDIES

Study biodiversity, soil health, climate and vegetation, with a focus on the local environment.

ALIEN INVASIVE SPECIES

Explore their impact on ecosystems and management strategies.

CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

Learn about local tribes, visit townships and understand community conservation challenges.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Your safety is our priority.

We Provide:



COMPREHENSIVE
HEALTH AND SAFETY
PROTOCOLS.



PASSENGER LIABILITY
FOR TRANSPORTATION
DURING EXCURSIONS.



EVACUATION PLANS
FOR EMERGENCIES.

WHY CHOOSE KUKAMA

Our field trips provide an unforgettable blend of education, adventure, and conservation. Whether you're exploring South Africa's stunning natural landscapes or engaging in hands-on conservation efforts, our expert team will ensure a transformative experience that fosters a deeper appreciation for wildlife and environmental stewardship.

READY TO EXPLORE?

Get in touch to customize your group's journey to **Kukama Wildlife College** and immerse yourself in South Africa's conservation landscape.

Let **us help you** create an educational **adventure** that will **inspire** and **empower** participants to become future conservation leaders.



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HERE IS ONE OF OUR FIELD TRIPS, SO YOU CAN GET THE FEELING.

Our trips are all tailored to the number of days and designed to your group's focus such as Ecology, Conservation, Archaeology.

DAY 1

ARRIVAL AND
ORIENTATION

Upon arrival at Kimberley Airport, participants will be greeted by the Kukama Wildlife College team and provided with lunch packs. The day begins with an introduction to the team, followed by a briefing on the trip and a review of medical information and indemnities. After a meet-and-greet, the group will embark on a tour to the famous Wildebeest Kuil Rock Art Centre. In the evening, students will enjoy a traditional South African Braai and koeksisters at their accommodation for the night.

DAY 2

EXPLORING KIMBERLEY
AND TRAVEL TO KUKAMA

After breakfast, participants will visit the iconic Big Hole in Kimberley and explore the mining history of the region with a local guide. A lunch pack will be provided for the journey, and the group will travel to Kukama Wildlife College. Upon arrival, students will enjoy a guided tour of the rich history town - Griekwastad. The evening will include a stargazing session where participants can identify constellations, a key part of understanding the African night sky.

DAY 3 + 4

ECOLOGY, BIODIVERSITY, AND
WILDLIFE IDENTIFICATION

The next two days will focus heavily on ecology and wildlife identification. Students will engage in both classroom learning and hands-on fieldwork. The course covers fundamental topics such as biodiversity, soil health, climate patterns, and vegetation types of the region. Participants will learn about the interconnection of various species in the ecosystem through field data collection and vegetation surveys. The program will include mammal, bird, and small wildlife identification, alongside the study of animal behaviour and survival strategies in the wild. Special focus will also be given to the challenges posed by alien invasive species and their effect on local ecosystems. The day will conclude with an exploration of the geological wonders of the Karoo, where students will study fossils, minerals, and the region's historical rock formations.

DAY 5

RHINO CONSERVATION AND GAME COUNTING

Day five introduces students to rhino conservation, with a classroom session on the pressing issues facing rhinos today. The group will be introduced to the methodology behind game counts, a crucial tool in wildlife management. Students will learn how to conduct game counts and how tools like QGIS and camera traps are used in conservation efforts. The evening will include a discussion on fracking and its potential impact on conservation efforts, as well as an informal outdoor classroom session.

DAY 6

PRACTICAL GAME COUNTING AND FIELD SKILLS

The sixth day will be dedicated to practical game counting activities. Students will be taken out into the field to practice the skills they have learned, including vehicle-based game counts, foot-based counts, and the use of technology like camera traps for wildlife monitoring. This day will also provide an opportunity for storytelling around the campfire in the evening, allowing participants to reflect on their experiences while enjoying traditional bush meals.

DAY 7

OVERNIGHT BUSH CAMP AND SURVIVAL SKILLS

Day seven offers a unique experience: a sleep-out in the bush. Students will embark on a hike to a remote campsite where they will practice survival skills, such as cooking a traditional South African meal over an open fire and setting up their own camp. Students will learn how to gather water and build temporary shelters, gaining hands-on knowledge of how to survive in the wild. This immersive experience will also include stargazing in the unpolluted Karoo skies, adding a touch of magic to the evening.



DAY 8

RETURN TO KUKAMA AND REFLECTION

On day eight, participants will break up camp and enjoy a packed breakfast before hiking back to Kukama. The rest of the day will be dedicated to off-time for relaxation and reflection. This is a chance for students to unwind and discuss what they have learned. After a lunch and dinner together, the group will prepare for the final days of their journey.

DAY 9

WITSAND NATURE RESERVE AND CULTURAL TOUR

Day nine is centered on the cultural and natural beauty of the Witsand Nature Reserve. Students will experience a full day of field studies observing the unique wildlife and ecosystems of the area. The cultural component will include a visit to a tribal village, providing insight into community conservation efforts and the challenges faced by local populations. The day will conclude with a graduation ceremony, where participants can share their experiences and celebrate their accomplishments. The evening will include a performance from the Griekwa dancers, a fun way to end the trip on a high note.

DAY 10

DEPARTURE

On the final day, participants will be transported back to Kimberley for their return flights, reflecting on their journey and all that they have learned about South African wildlife, conservation, and local communities.

