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StuVac has a rich history of offering ideal locations in which to mix study and adventure. But of all the venues we have visited, Kapama Private Game Reserve in South Africa is a favourite.

Situated adjacent to the magnificent Kruger National Park, this luxurious lodge has the perfect timetable for a seminar. Each day we rose at 5.30 am to enjoy pastries and coffee (those with good continence only- no toilets on the game drive!) and departed at 6:30am in an array of open vehicles to track game. Three hours later, we returned to the lodge for a magnificent buffet breakfast and excited exchanges of game sightings. From 10.30 am – 3.30pm we enjoyed lectures in the purpose built conference room, with an hour for delicious lunches. The afternoon game drives then departed at 4pm and returned at 7pm, with animal sightings and sundowner drinks at a waterhole vying for “best moments of the day”. A feast for dinner, then early to bed, ready to repeat the same adventure each day for the remainder of our stay.



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Our keynote speaker for this seminar was Prof Gwen Jull. Gwen is a wonderful orator; honest, funny and informative. Sprinkling her presentations with multiple practical nuggets, Gwen made this an amazing seminar.

The game drives were awesome. Getting so close to the African wildlife in their natural habitat is an unforgettable experience. Hearing the trumpeting of elephants, the thunderous hooves of a buffalo stampede and feeling the rumble of a lion's growl deep inside you is something that will stay with us forever. The drivers and trackers were first rate, providing rich education on the flora and fauna of the area, as well as expertly manoeuvring their vehicles around (and sometimes over!) trees, prickly acacias and through water crossings. A superb venue and seminar all round!

