



SOUTH AFRICA **SARDINE RUN**

Marine Conservation
Field Course & Research Experience

OUR COMPANY

Offshore Adventures is an award-winning marine adventure and conservation tourism operator based in South Africa.

Our mission is to connect people with the ocean while promoting responsible marine tourism and conservation awareness.

Our commitment to sustainable marine tourism includes:

- 10 Years Blue Flag Status
- Green Fins Membership
- Marine Conservation-Focused Operations
- Qualified Marine Guides and Instructors
- International Student-Friendly Programs
- Commitment to Ocean Education and Conservation



Experience, Study and Explore One of the Greatest Marine Wildlife Events on Earth



The Offshore Adventures Marine Conservation Field Course & Research Experience offers university students, gap-year students, aspiring marine scientists, conservationists, and adventure travelers the opportunity to participate in a unique ocean-based learning experience during South Africa's world-famous Sardine Run.

This immersive field program combines marine conservation education, practical field skills, wildlife observation, citizen science, and professional development in one of the world's most dynamic marine ecosystems.



THE SARDINE RUN

The Sardine Run is regarded as one of the most spectacular wildlife migrations on the planet.

Each year, billions of sardines migrate along South Africa's Wild Coast, creating one of the richest marine feeding events on Earth.



COMMON
DOLPHINS



BOTTLENOSE
DOLPHINS



HUMPBACK
WHALES



BRYDE'S
WHALES



SHARKS



CAPE
GANNETS



CAPE FUR
SEALS



TUNA
AND OTHER
PELAGIC SPECIES

Participants have the opportunity to observe and document complex predator-prey interactions and gain firsthand insight into marine ecosystem dynamics.

MARINE CONSERVATION FIELD COURSE



Designed For

- Marine Biology Students
- Oceanography Students
- Environmental Science Students
- Conservation Students
- Zoology Students
- Wildlife Management Students
- Gap-Year Students
- Study Abroad Participants
- Faculty-Led University Groups

Course Objectives

Participants will gain practical experience and understanding of:

- Marine Ecology
- Marine Conservation Principles
- Predator-Prey Relationships
- Migration Behaviour
- Marine Mammal Identification
- Shark Ecology
- Seabird Behaviour
- Marine Protected Areas
- Sustainable Tourism Practices
- Citizen Science and Data Collection
- Marine Wildlife Monitoring Techniques



FIELD ACTIVITIES



Students may participate in:



• Sardine Run Observation Excursions



• Marine Species Identification



• Behavioural Monitoring Sessions



• Marine Mammal Surveys



• Seabird Observation



• Wildlife Photography and Documentation



• Conservation Workshops



• Ecosystem Discussions



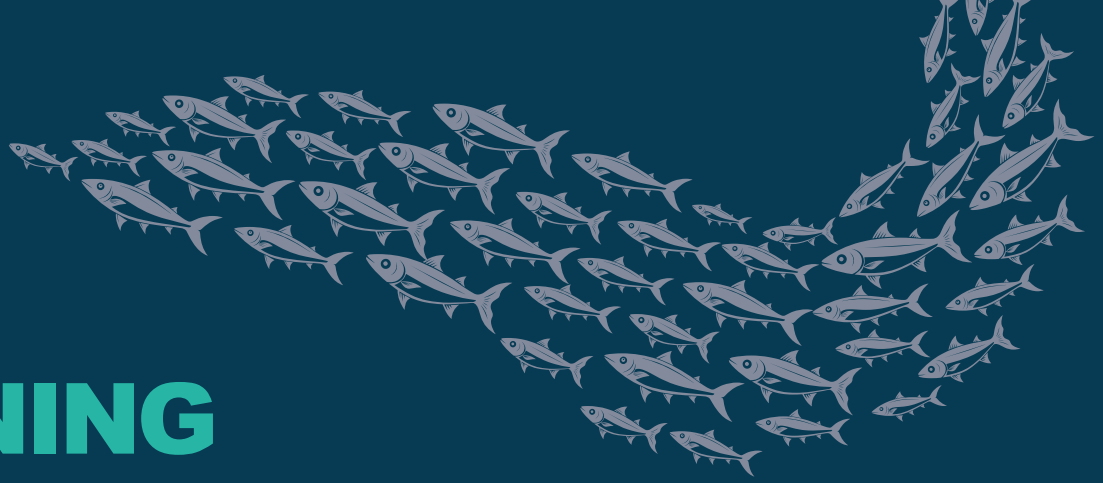
• Guided Research Activities



• Citizen Science Projects

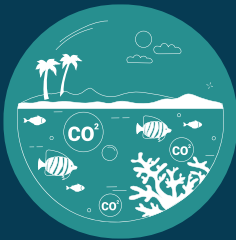


• Daily Field Briefings and Debriefings



LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion, participants will have developed knowledge and practical skills in:



MARINE
ECOSYSTEM
FUNCTION



WILDLIFE
OBSERVATION
TECHNIQUES



MARINE
SPECIES
IDENTIFICATION



SCIENTIFIC
DATA
COLLECTION



CONSERVATION
CHALLENGES &
SOLUTIONS



SUSTAINABLE
TOURISM
OPERATIONS



RISK ASSESSMENT
IN MARINE ENVIRONMENTS



PROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT IN FIELD
RESEARCH SETTINGS



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

OPPORTUNITY:

PADI Snorkel Guide Certification

Students may choose to complete a PADI Snorkel Guide Certification during their stay.

This internationally recognized certification provides practical training in:

- Snorkel Leadership
- Group Management
- Ocean Safety
- Risk Assessment
- Environmental Awareness
- Guiding Techniques

The certification is highly beneficial for students pursuing careers in:

- Marine Biology
- Conservation
- Ecotourism
- Outdoor Education
- Wildlife Guiding
- Adventure Tourism

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receive an
internationally
recognized PADI
Snorkel Guide
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PROGRAM

DURATION OPTIONS

Marine Conservation Field Course

- 7 Days
- 10 Days

Custom Programs

- Faculty-Led University Courses
- Study Abroad Programs
- Marine Research Groups
- Gap-Year Programs
- Conservation Organizations

Custom
itineraries can
be developed
to meet
academic and
institutional
requirements

WHAT IS INCLUDED

- Accommodation
- Return Airport Transfers (East London Airport)
- Daily Marine Excursions
- Boat-Based Field Activities
- Marine Conservation Workshops
- Educational Sessions
- Professional Marine Guides
- Safety Equipment
- Student Support Services
- Program Certificate of Participation
- Ground Transportation Related to Program



LOCATION

WILD COAST, EASTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

Program operations are based near Cintsa, a safe and welcoming coastal destination offering:

- Exceptional Sardine Run Access
- Quality Accommodation
- Easy Airport Access
- Nearby Private Game Reserves
- Authentic South African Coastal Culture
- Excellent Opportunities for Wildlife and Conservation-Based Learning

We welcome opportunities to develop customized marine field courses, research experiences, and educational travel programs.



Why choose Offshore Adventures?

- Award-Winning Marine Tourism Operator
- Sustainable and Responsible Tourism Practices
- Small Group Learning Environment
- Hands-On Field Experience
- Professional Marine Guides and Instructors
- Unique Access to the Sardine Run
- International Student Support
- Opportunity to Earn Professional Certifications
- Gateway to Further Marine Conservation and Research Opportunities



University Partnerships Welcome

Offshore Adventures actively seeks partnerships with:

- Universities
- Colleges
- Marine Research Institutions
- Study Abroad Providers
- Conservation Organizations
- Faculty-Led Academic Programs



Join us for an unforgettable marine conservation field experience during one of the world's greatest wildlife migrations.

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