

**Subject:** Africa Wild Trails (AWT) Reference

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To whom it may concern,

As Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) for my previous school – North Oxfordshire Academy, I have had significant experience of working with different travel organisations and companies; however, since booking with Africa Wild Trails I have not needed to consider any other company for our African ventures.

Angus Wingfield is clearly passionate about what he does and the unique experience his company provides young people. AWT is a truly bespoke service which exceeded all our expectations; from the initial planning meetings, through the pre-trip preparation and to the venture itself. Both Angus and the team he leads in South Africa are extremely knowledgeable and organised, welcoming and very friendly. The accommodation was exceptionally clean and all dietary requirements were met in full and it amazed the students (and myself) that at least two hot meals were provided every single day from a basic field kitchen. Even our fussy eaters tucked into the delicious food on offer!

The thorough risk management structure and clear safety procedures were largely responsible for students being given permission to attend. The health and safety of the group was a priority throughout and in addition to the detailed risk assessment which had been undertaken, there was also a dynamic approach. This involved the young people developing their own awareness of physical risks and control measures resulting in full immersion in the environment and activities.

I highly recommend Africa Wild Trails if you are looking for a 'trip of a lifetime' experience for your young people. It certainly was a wonderful trip for us with the potential to change perspectives on life and to help create plans and dreams for the future; in fact one of the group returned to South Africa a year later to train to be a Field Guide with help from Angus!

If you have any further questions or would like to speak with me about my experience, please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes,  
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