

Cursus	Professional guide
Duur	1 jaar
Locatie	Makuleke, Karongwe and Selati Camps
Start datums 2010	11-1, 22-2, 12-7, 16-8, 20-9



<p>Lesonderdelen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Introduction to Guiding in the Natural Environment • Creating a Guided Nature Experience. • Basic Bush and Survival Skills. • Geology • Basic Ecology • Basic Taxonomy • Mammals • Endomology • Reptiles • Fish • Birds • Animal Behaviour • Transfrontier Parks and Biosphere Reserves • Historical Human Habitation <p><i>In addition to these subjects, We believe we shouldn't do any course without also doing the following modules from our own training manual:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Eco Tourism. • Planning of Game Drives and Walks • Dealing with Guests. • Tracks and Tracking. • Approaching Dangerous Game Animals. • The Game Drive Vehicle • Off-Road and 4x4 Driving • Night Drives. 	<p>LODGE EXPERIENCE: (Approx 6 months) As part of your year training, We will assist in placing you at a lodge in Southern Africa for a period of approximately 6 months. During your lodge placement you will be expected to carry out a wide variety of duties which may or may not include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Guiding Duties (can logged towards FGASA level 2 practical assessment) • Assisting in the bar, serving drinks, undertaking stock takes • Assist with meeting guest/s at meeting point/airport, carrying their luggage • Housekeeping • Maintenance • Reception duties • Food & Beverage duties <p>PLEASE NOTE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chances of getting a lodge placement will greatly improve if you <u>pass with FGASA level 1</u> as a minimum. 2. We reserve the right to refrain from placing a learner at a lodge for the work experience if the learner does not meet the necessary qualifying standards, or if he/she does not fulfill the required code of conduct based on reasonable and professional behavior at the camps and lodges during attachment. 3. It is very important that you have a valid driver's license when you attend the course, as driving makes up a large component of the course. EcoTraining reserves the right to stop a learner from driving if the instructor feels that he/she is endangering the lives of the other passengers. 4. Should the student not have a Professional Drivers Permit, We will Endeavour to place the student at a lodge where driving is not required. 5. During your lodge experience you become the responsibility of the lodge, and are expected to adhere to the lodge's management and policies.
<p>Deelnemers</p>	<p>Maximaal 20</p>	
<p>Kwalificaties welke u kunt halen</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EcoTraining Level 1 exam 2. Field Guide FGASA Level 1 Theory (subject to 75% pass mark) 3. Field Guide FGASA Level 1 Practical assessment (subject to passing the theory and being deemed competent on a practical assessment) 4. SASSETA Competency Certificate – Rifle (qualification - rifle handling only) 5. Advanced Rifle Handling (Basic, Intermediate/back-up, Advanced/Lead) 6. FGASA Trails Guide Back-up 7. FGASA Level 2 Theory - work book completed and exam written (75% pass mark) 8. Birding with Lawson's Birding Academy 9. Tracking qualification (Level 1, 2 or 3) (optional) 10. Wilderness medicine (Level 1 and 2) Basic First Aid 	



Benodigde boekingsformulieren welke u na boeking van ons ontvangt.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Registration form2. Indemnity3. Medical questionnaire
Prijs	ZAR 131.000 (40% aanbetaling)



Cursus	Field Guide	
Duur	28 dagen	
Locatie	Karongwe Camp	
Start datums 2010	2010: 13-1, 17-2, 24-3, 28-4, 2-6, 7-7, 11-8, 15-9, 20-10, 24-11	
Lesonderdelen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction • The game drive vehicle • Ecotourism and Guiding • Spotlighting • Field guiding as a profession • Basic 4x4 driving • Attributes, skills and duties of a field guide • Planning of game drives and walks • Bush navigation and orientation • Radio procedures • Ecology • Reptiles • Geology • Amphibians • Soils • Sensitivity • Weather • Anticipating animal behaviour • Plant communities • Career opportunities • Plant identification and uses • Identification and ecology of invertebrates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grasses • Bush habitat management principles • Presentation skills • Creating photographic opportunities for guests • Animal tracks and tracking • Communication and facilitation skills • Bird identification and behaviour • Dealing with guests • Animal behaviour • Sustainable development and the wise use of natural resources • Approaching dangerous game • Ecotourism and local communities • Setting up a bush camp • Taxonomy • Sleep out in the bush • Working in the industry • Bush skills and survival • Testing and evaluations • Dangerous game / Basic rifle handling • Using binoculars
Deelnemers	Minimaal 5 en maximaal 20	
Kwalificaties welke u kunt halen	FGASA Level 1	
Benodigde boekingsformulieren welke u na boeking van ons ontvangt.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration form 2. Indemnity 3. Medical questionnaire 	
Prijs	ZAR 23.800 (40% aanbetaling)	



Cursus	Trails guide
Duur	28 dagen
Locatie	Makuleke Camp
Start datums 2010	6-1, 17-3, 21-4, 30-6, 4-8, 8-9, 13-10



Lesonderdelen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Trails Guide course • Navigation and Orientation • Tracks and tracking • Survival and Bush Skills • Walking in big game country • Situational awareness • Approaching dangerous game • Dangerous animal knowledge & behavior • Animal behaviour • Pre-Trail Briefs/Checks • What a Trails Guide carries in a backpack • Birding & bird identification • Geology • Ecology • Historical human habitation • Conservation ethics • Weapon handling, safety & ballistics • Wilderness concept • Radio procedures • Tests, presentations and assessments: • 2 x Theory test (mid & end) • 1 x Field Observation (mid) • 1 x Track & Sign (end) • 1 x VPDA Scenario • 1 x Navigation/Location Theory test • 1 x Bird Identification (slide & sound) • Course Activity Preparation (throughout the course) • Hospitality - Boma Dinner Assessment • Rifle Handling Assessment (optional) • EcoTraining Practical Assessment • FGASA Trails Guide Exam (where applicable) • FGASA Advanced Rifle Handling Assessment (where applicable) • FGASA Trails Guide Practical Assessment (where applicable) 	<p>The course includes daily lectures; however the emphasis is on practical learning with morning and afternoon walks incorporating all the subjects mentioned above. Students are encouraged to lead the walks, with Instructors mentoring and coaching which provides students with the experience and confidence to walk in any bush environment. Some activities will start with a drive to a location, which gives students a chance to show their driving/guiding skills. Students, who pass the EcoTraining Rifle Handling assessment, will then carry a rifle as back-up role with Instructors mentoring and coaching. The course is designed to allow students the freedom to make their own decisions whilst leading walks and ensuring that the course objective are attained.</p> <p>This objective of the course is to provide students with the necessary skills to lead walking activities safely in dangerous game areas. EcoTraining pride themselves on their conservation ethics, personal responsibility and safety at all times. We are confident that you will leave the EcoTraining Makuleke Trails Guide Course with a lot of new skills. Your environmental knowledge, situational awareness and environmental appreciation will increase exponentially while on course, whether you are a career guide working towards a qualification or attending for self satisfaction and learning. The 24 000 ha Makuleke Concession hosts 75% of the biodiversity of the Greater Kruger National Park, which makes walking in this area very special and rewarding.</p>
Deelnemers	Maximaal 18	
Kwalificaties welke u kunt halen	<p>EcoTraining Trails Guide Back-up Certificate and FGASA Trails Guide Back-up Qualification.</p> <p>EcoTraining Trails Guide Back-up</p> <p>There are no pre-requisites to attend this course, except a love of walking in wilderness areas. To gain an EcoTraining Trails Guide Back-up Certificate, you will be expected to participate and achieve high levels in all aspects of the course.</p> <p>Please Note: We offer limited Rifle Handling training as part of the course, Therefore any rifle training you can do beforehand, will help you in attaining the ARH qualification.</p> <p>To gain an EcoTraining Trails Guide Back-up Certificate, you will be expected to participate and achieve high levels in all aspects of the course.</p> <p>The overall pass mark required is 75%.</p>	



	<p>The EcoTraining Course is aligned very closely with FGASA, however we set our standards at a higher level and incorporate numerous subjects not in the FGASA syllabus. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.</p> <p>FGASA Trails Guide back-up If you want to attain the Advanced Rifle Handling (ARH) qualification as well as the FGASA Trails Guide Back-up qualification presented on this course, you must have the following: Full FGASA Level 1 qualification (Theory and Practical) SASSETA - Rifle Competency Certificate (www.sasseta.org.za) Current First Aid Certificate FGASA Annual Subscription Fees must be current (Exams and Assessments cannot be undertaken until subscription fees are paid and current)</p> <p>Please Note: We offer limited Rifle Handling training as part of the course, Therefore any rifle training you can do beforehand, will help you in attaining the ARH qualification.</p>
Benodigde boekingsformulieren welke u na boeking van ons ontvangt.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration form 2. Indemnity 3. Medical questionnaire
Prijs	ZAR 23.800,00 (40% aanbetaling)



Cursus	Eco Quest
Duur	14 dagen
Locatie	Karongwe en Makuleke Camp
Start datums 2010	17-2 en 17-11 (alleen Makuleke). 23-6 en 6-10 (beide kampen)
Lesonderdelen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology • Geology and soils • Common trees and shrubs • Animal tracks and tracking • Bird identification and behaviour • Animal behaviour • Astronomy • Amphibians and reptiles • Orientation and navigation • Bush skills • Using binoculars correctly and positioning for photography
Deelnemers	Minimaal 5 en maximaal 18
Benodigde boekingsformulieren welke u na boeking van ons ontvangt.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration form 2. Indemnity 3. Medical questionnaire
Prijs	ZAR 13.800,00 (40% aanbetaling)





Cursus	Birding Course (Basic or Advanced)	
Duur	7 dagen	
Locatie	Makuleke Camp	
Start datums 2010	3-3, 1-12 en voor gevorderden: 10-2, 19-3, 1-9, 10-11, 8-12	
Lesonderdelen	<p>Major Theory Subjects Evolution, Anatomy and Physiology, Zoogeography, Habitats & Environments, Bird Behaviours (Breeding, Chick Development, Feeding, Mating etc), Migration, Ethics/Conservation and Bird Identification.</p> <p>Practical Field Sessions The practical sessions in the field will assist you in knowing what to look for to successfully identify birds, also to point out the differences between certain 'difficult' species. Both sight id and call id is discussed during the practical sessions. The practical sessions, will be either walking or in an open game drive vehicle or a combination of both.</p>	<p>Head Instructor – Bruce Lawson Bruce Lawson is a fully qualified (FGASA, SKS Birding and Dangerous Game, Level 3 Tracker) Specialist Wilderness Guide and Trainer. Bruce has been leading bird tours throughout Africa for the past 18 years and has a deep love and understanding for all wilderness areas. Where we utilize a second trainer, that person will also be a qualified SKS or Specialist Birding Guide.</p>
Deelnemers	Maximaal 16	
Kwalificaties welke u kunt halen	<p>Course Assessments The course includes both a Bird Slide and Bird Call Identification assessments along with a Theory test on the final full day. 75% pass mark on both assessments and the Theory is required to pass the course. We are confident that any person attending our course will leave us more enriched and with greater confidence in being able to pass on the wonders and beauty of the South African birdlife to your clients or friends and family.</p> <p>Certification and Accreditation The course includes both a Bird Slide and Bird Call Identification assessments along with a Theory test on the final full day. 75% pass mark on both assessments and the Theory is required to pass the course.</p>	
Benodigde boekingsformulieren welke u na boeking van ons ontvangt.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration form 2. Indemnity 3. Medical questionnaire 	
Prijs	ZAR 6.500,00 (40% aanbetaling)	

