

EcoQuest 14 Days



Partner van Eco-training South Africa

Contents

1. Course rates
2. Course information
3. Course dates
4. Certification and accreditation
5. EcoTraining camps

• Course rates

2010 cost per person:	R13.800,00
2011 cost per person:	R15.199,00

Rate includes:

- Accommodation
- Meals
- Instructors and Training
- Game drives
- Walks
- Tea, coffee and cordials

Rate excludes:

- Transfer fee between camps
- Transfers/transport to and from the camp, before and after the course
- Any accommodation before and after the course
- Beverages (beer, ciders, bottled water)
- Laundry - R45 per week in 2009. (R 50 in 2010)
- Kruger National Park entrance fee (only applicable if the course is at the Kruger Makuleke camp) R 50 in 2010

***In unforeseen circumstances, rates are subject to change without notice for un-paid bookings.*

Booking confirmation: the registration form holds a provisional booking, the deposit confirms the booking.

Deposit

In order to confirm your booking, we require that a 40% deposit be paid.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. The balance of the fees is due 4 weeks before the course starts.
2. Invoices are issued on request only



Going Africa Safaris is aangesloten bij de Stichting Garantiefonds Reisgelden

EcoQuest 14 Days



Partner van Eco-training South Africa

Cancellation Policy:

Should you cancel your booking:

1. 8 weeks or more before the start of the course, then 25% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
2. 34 - 28 days before the start of the course, then 40% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
3. 27 - 21 days before the start of the course, then 60% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
4. 20 – 14 days before the start of the course, then 70% of the full course fee will be forfeited.
5. Less than 14 days before the start of the course, then 100% of the full course fee will be forfeited.

CANCELLATION DUE TO ILLNESS, DEATH OF A FAMILY MEMBER ETC. – There will be no discounts or monies refunded for missed or unused services, this includes voluntary or involuntary termination, i.e. sickness, death of a family member etc. ECOTRAINING will however bank their stay **for twelve months** during which you can return to take up their unused services. If you cannot return within this time they will **forfeit** your full course fee with ECOTRAINING. All associated costs of returning to the project will be at the clients' expense.

• **Course information**

This course is designed to provide a learning experience and incorporates certain aspects of the 28 day Field Guide course. It is primarily aimed at those who are looking for a more in-depth bush experience, without necessarily wanting formal qualifications. Attend EcoQuest if you are a student testing the waters for a career in this field or if you are an adventurous spirit wanting to gain a greater understanding of nature and the environment whilst experiencing the excitement of the bush.

This course consists of two components:

- Learning about the fascinating large and small elements of nature, about the amazing variety of living organisms that exist in nature around us.
- Experiencing some of the activities and daily experiences of a Field Guide.

You will learn about the behaviour and identification of many of the insects, spiders, scorpions, other small creatures and birds in our ecosystems. Then you learn about the underlying elements that support this amazing variety of life such as the geology, soils, plants and climate. While you study how the smaller organisms interact with one another and their environment, we have the opportunity to show you identification and behaviour of the larger wild animals that roam our wilderness areas.

Depending on which camp the course is held at, all the big predators ranging from lion, leopard, and cheetah to spotted hyena may be seen and they prey on the variety of plains game species such as kudu, impala, duiker, nyala, wildebeest, giraffe, zebra and warthog. Spending eight hours out in the bushveld every day provides countless opportunities to study the various animal tracks so that we can track and find the game on foot or by vehicle!

Many previous participants on this course have loved it so much that they have gone on to do our professional Field Guide qualification.



Going Africa Safaris is aangesloten bij de Stichting Garantiefonds Reisgelden

EcoQuest 14 Days



Partner van Eco-training South Africa

General subjects:

- 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 the vehicle for photography

• Course dates

2010	2011
17 February – 2 March (Makuleke)	16 February – 1 March (Makuleke)
23 June – 6 July (Makuleke and Karongwe)	05 March – 18 March (Karongwe)
6 – 19 October (Makuleke and Karongwe)	28 September - 11 October (Karongwe)
17 – 30 November (Makuleke)	

• Certification and accreditation

A certificate of participation is awarded at the end of this course.

• EcoTraining camps

EcoTraining's accommodation facilities and game reserves are authentic, with as little clutter to dilute the relationship between nature and our learners as possible. While learners are at our camps, we want them to co-exist in the environment, when sleeping we want them to hear elephants browsing on leaves and nightjars call right outside the tents at night. EcoTraining stands for an honest comfortable safe experience. It's all about the bush.

Karongwe camp

Our Karongwe Camp is situated on the banks of the Karongwe River in the 9 000 hectare (22 239 acre) Karongwe Game Reserve, to the south-west of the Kruger National Park. Accommodation is in walk-in safari style tents with shared bathroom facilities. Karongwe is a good place for viewing leopard, lion and cheetah as well as elephant and white rhino.



Going Africa Safaris is aangesloten bij de Stichting Garantiefonds Reisgelden

EcoQuest 14 Days



Partner van Eco-training South Africa

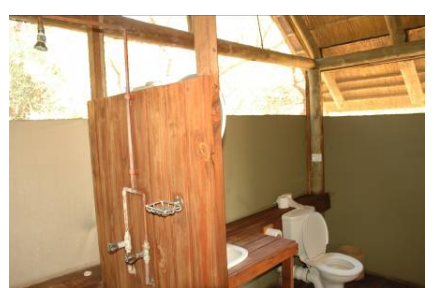
As the camp itself is unfenced, we often have four-legged guests in the camp. Hyena make nightly patrols of the camp and are often seen by learners who choose to make one of the viewing decks their home for the duration of the course. Elephant, cheetah and lion have also made appearances on occasion.



Kruger Park Makuleke Camp

Our Kruger Park Camp is situated in the 24 000 hectare (59 305 acres) Makuleke concession in the far northern and most remote part of the Kruger National Park. The area is characterized by great biodiversity and a human history reaching to the remote past. Accommodation is in safari tents on wooden decks covered with thatch in the shade of nyala trees. Each unit has a verandah overlooking the bush and an en-suite bathroom with a flush toilet, shower and basin. The sleeping arrangements at all our camps consist of 2 people sharing per tent. Single requests are required to pay double-rates. Women and men do not share tents unless booked as a couple.

Most of the animals that are found in the Kruger Park can be viewed in the concession. Large herds of buffalo and elephant are not uncommon and the birding in this incredible part of the Kruger Park is unsurpassed. This camp is also unfenced in order to allow the animals' free movement in their natural environment.



Meals

Early morning wake-up
Brunch after activity
Afternoon tea
Dinner

Tea, coffee, biscuits and fresh fruit
Cooked breakfast, cereals and fruit
Light snacks
A balanced, warm plated meal (Meat, vegetables and salad)



Going Africa Safaris is aangesloten bij de Stichting Garantiefonds Reisgelden