

Safari Guide Training

PROFESSIONAL FIELD GUIDE

1 year

This comprehensive and unique one-year course has been designed to supply the safari industry with high-calibre FGASA and CATHSSETA qualified professional field guides. Students live and learn at 4 different wilderness camps giving them exposure to diverse ecological and geographical terrains, wildlife species, climates and more. EcoTraining's 'lodge placement programme' exclusive to this course affords students the opportunity to gain practical work experience at one of the many partner lodges. There is no other course that offers this breadth of wildlife immersion and knowledge.

FGASA FIELD GUIDE

NQF 2 / LEVEL 1 - 55 days

This FGASA endorsed, CATHSSETA accredited course is the entry level qualification into field guiding which comprises of vehicle based guiding in dangerous game areas. The syllabus covers a broad spectrum of subjects including 4x4 vehicle skills specific for game viewing, specie identification and tracking to mention a few. Upon completion, students can enrol for the FGASA Trails Guide course and specialise in 'on-foot' guiding.

FGASA TRAILS GUIDE

28 days

This FGASA endorsed course aims to develop practical guiding skills and to expand on the FGASA field guide syllabus. Majority of training time is spent exploring the wilderness on foot. This course gives grounding to conduct bush walks in big game country and boasts a strong emphasis on guiding safety and dangerous game encounters.

KENYA SAFARI GUIDE

KPSGA Bronze - 28 days

This course aims to supply the Kenya safari industry with high-calibre KPSGA Bronze qualified professional field guides. Participants take part in a variety of learning activities while driving and walking in some of the most breathtaking wilderness areas in Kenya. The syllabus covers a broad spectrum of subjects including 4x4 vehicle skills, radio procedure, ecology and geology to mention a few.

Wildlife Courses

ECOQUEST

7 or 14 days

This course is designed to provide a learning experience and incorporates certain aspects of the 28-day Safari Guide course. Participants learn about the infinite variety of living organisms that exist in nature and understand the underlying elements that support this variety of life such as geology, soils and climate to mention a few.

ECOTRACKER:

ANIMAL TRACKS AND TRACKING
7 or 14 days

A vast amount of information can be gathered about mammals, birds and reptiles without ever having seen them. Every animal leaves some indication of its presence or passing whereby it can be recognised. Participants are taught how to 'reconstruct' the scene and understand what could have, would have, and should have happened.

SAFARI GUIDE

28 days

The first of its kind in the safari industry, this course developed in 1993 is for those who seek a glimpse into the life and work of a Safari Guide. This course is a condensed version of the FGASA Field Guide level 1 course and teaches participants the practical and theoretical knowledge of the natural environment.

WILDERNESS PHOTOGRAPHY

6 days

Taking great wilderness photographs requires creativity and technical skills, but also knowledge and understanding of one's subject matter. This course teaches participants about the equipment needed to become versatile wilderness photographers. Participants also learn about the various elements that combine to make good wilderness photographic compositions.

BIRDING IN THE BUSH

7 days

Birding is possibly the world's most popular nature activity. This course enables birding enthusiasts to identify a great variety of species by sight and sound and to also learn about their biology and ecology. This course also caters for those who wish to learn about the basics of bird identification or improve their existing identification skills.

WILDERNESS TRAILS SKILLS

6 days

This purist wilderness experience is about traversing across some of the finest and most remote wilderness regions of southern Africa on foot. Sleep wild under the stars, track and stalk game, and travel light with minimal supplies. It is more about the depth of experience than the distance as you learn to make a fire, find water from natural sources and leave a light footprint behind you.

MASAI MARA ECOQUEST

5, 7 or 14 days

This course is based on the same foundation as the South African EcoQuest course. It includes fascinating dynamics occurring in the wilderness areas of the Masai Mara. Participants also learn about the three-way relationship that exist between the local communities, wildlife and conservation efforts. This course fits perfectly with the wildebeest migration and other Kenya travel plans.

MATRICES ECOQUEST

5 days

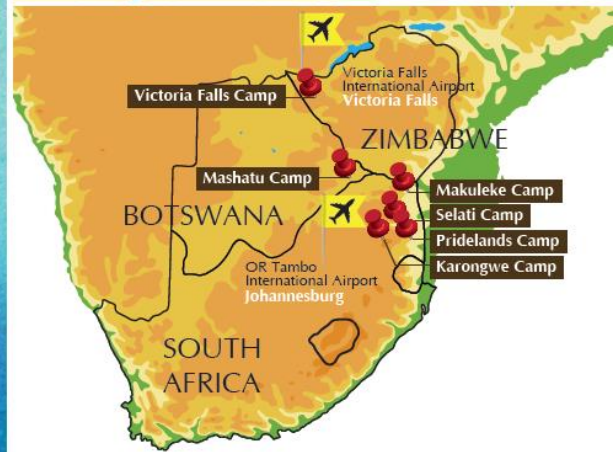
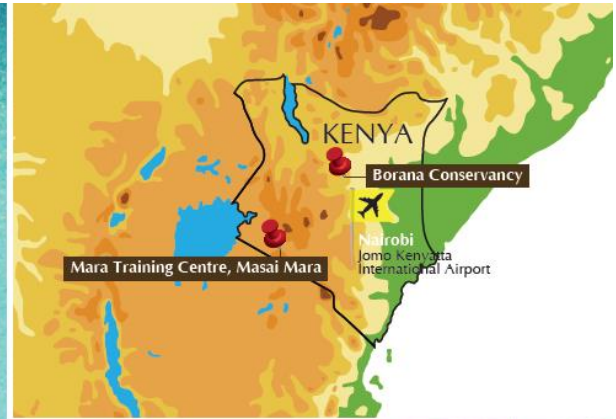
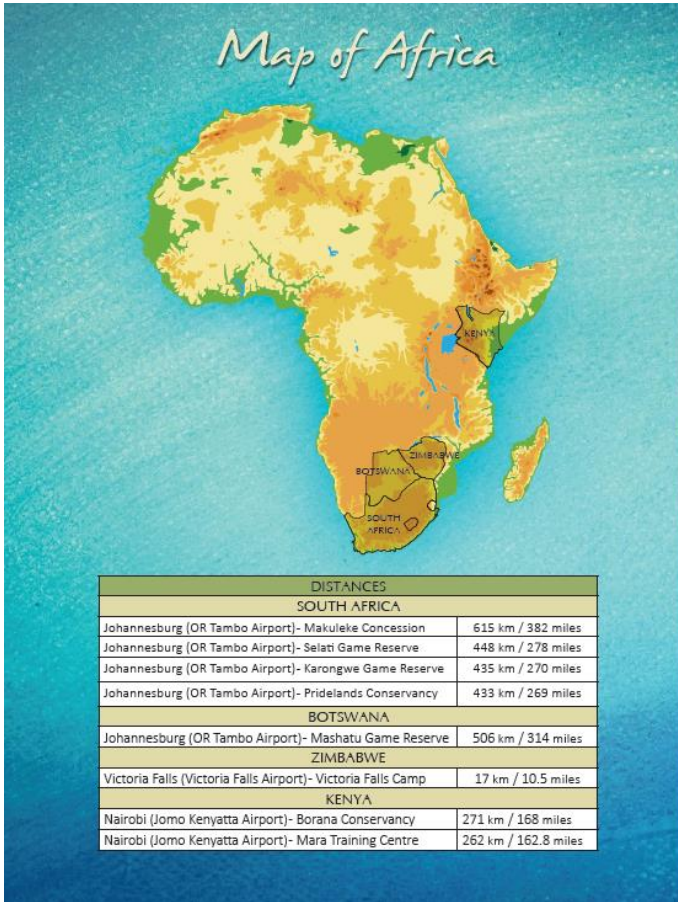
This course is aimed at matriculants looking for an enriching experience in the African bush during December. Students enjoy an educational safari adventure with their friends to honour the ending of their high school life together and the celebration of their new life chapter to come. The connection to nature will enhance their resilience and reveal the best version of themselves they can be.

CUSTOM COURSES

We offer customised courses for agents and tour operators to assist them with the planning of educational safari itineraries catered for small group departures, alumni travel, summer schools and university study abroad programmes.

ON-SITE TRAINING

We offer tailor-made on-site guide training programmes for safari lodges. Based on a thorough needs analysis of your training needs, our knowledgeable field guide instructors will conduct the training at a convenient time at your location.



Makuleke Camp,
Kruger National Park, South Africa

The camp is situated between the Limpopo and Luvuvhu rivers in the Pafuri region of the northern sector of the Kruger National Park. Herein lies the 24 000-hectare Makuleke Concession, the ancestral home of the Makuleke people.



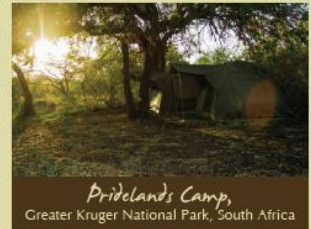
Karongwe Camp, South Africa

The camp is on the bank of the Karongwe River in the 9 000-hectare Karongwe Game Reserve, southwest of the Kruger National Park.



Selati Camp, South Africa

The camp is situated on the banks of the Selati River in the 33 000-hectare Selati Game Reserve to the west of the Kruger National Park.



Pridelands Camp,
Greater Kruger National Park, South Africa

The camp is situated in the Limpopo province, near the tourism hub of Hoedspruit. The Pridelands conservancy forms part of the greater Kruger National Park.



Mashatu Camp, Botswana

The camp is situated alongside the banks of the Motloutse riverbed in the Mashatu Game Reserve of Botswana. Known as the 'Land of Giants', it is home to the largest herds of elephant on private land in Africa.



Victoria Falls Camp, Zimbabwe

The camp is located alongside the Masue river, a tributary of the great Zambezi river, and just 10 kilometers away from the iconic Victoria Falls.



Mara Training Centre, Kenya

Located on the banks of the Mara river, the centre is nestled between the local communities and wildlife conservancies. The Masai Mara forms part of the route of the Great Migration.



Borana Conservancy, Kenya

Borana lies at the foot of Mount Kenya. It is located within the vast area of the Ewaso ecosystem on the Laikipia Plateau, with a view of the snow-capped peaks.