



# 2018 AFRICAN EXPERIENCE!



## JOIN 4 WEEKS OF SOUTH AFRICAN FIELD GUIDE TRAINING

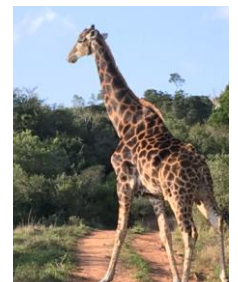
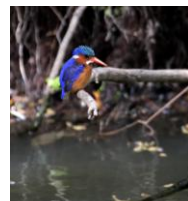
Savannah Guides has developed an unprecedented professional development opportunity for Australian Tour Guides, Operators, Rangers, Protected Area Managers, Researchers and their partners. This unique Savannah Guides program is made possible with our partners Ulovane Environmental Training. This is not a course – it is a taste of four different environmental tour guide courses. No pressure, just the immersion!

### A PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL JOURNEY

A life changing experience, sampling environmental training in South Africa's Eastern Cape. Observe an array of wildlife (including over 200 birds for the dedicated). Train with local and international students in engrossing field-based activities. Work with expert trainers in a range of habitats. Learn about wildlife, guiding in Africa, land management, protected areas and reserves. Share memories with the friendly Ulovane team. Experience a special time in Africa.

#### WHERE does the training take place?

- Ulovane Reserve, beside Amakhala Game Reserve: <http://ulovane.co.za/about/camp-facilities-location/>
- Much of the practical side of the course takes place in Amakhala Game Reserve [www.amakhala.co.za](http://www.amakhala.co.za)
- A range of nearby reserves and habitats are also used.
- The closest city and airport is Port Elizabeth.



#### WHAT are the Requirements?

- Fit and Healthy ~ Positive Attitude ~ A Thirst for Learning ~ Valid Driver's License
- You do not need a study visa. You may enter on a Visitor's Visa, issued on arrival in South Africa.
- Participants are invited to prepare a 30 minute presentation for Ulovane students on a topic of their choice (environmental, tourism, guiding etc).

#### 2018 Dates

- Arrive 18 February – Depart 18 March 2018
- Arrive 13 May – Depart 10 June 2018
- Arrive 12 August – Depart 09 September 2018
- Arrive 04 November – Depart 02 December 2018



#### COST includes:

- ✓ All transfers during the different weeks, including two airport transfers
- ✓ Accommodation for the duration of the four week course in a shared room (2 - 3 students per room), with ensuite bathroom. Bed linen, towel, a cupboard, a desk and a chair is provided
- ✓ All meals during the four week course
- ✓ Game drives, walks and other field trips
- ✓ Reference Books: Tracks and Signs Field Guide + Southern African Mammals Field Guide + Two Oceans Field Guide + Roberts Birds of Southern Africa
- ✓ Uniform Items: 2 x Ulovane Tee Shirts + 2 x Collared Ulovane Shirts + 1 x Cap + 1 x Polar Fleece Long Sleeve Sweater
- ✓ All practical and classroom activities and tuition
- ✓ Mobile phone reception at camp (MTN or Vodacom work best) and Wifi (weather permitting!)
- ✓ All of this for approximately AUD \$3420 (AUD \$855 per week)! Subject to Currency Exchange Rates.
- ✓ Please check with your accountant – this may be a tax deductible expense for many participants.



#### WHAT to expect at Ulovane Campus:

- There are usually two courses running at a time, with each group being 5 - 16 people, so it's a friendly scene at Ulovane camp. The campus has safe walking areas, social dining and recreation rooms.
- Pack extra goodies and be prepared. Supermarket delivery twice weekly. BYO alcohol.

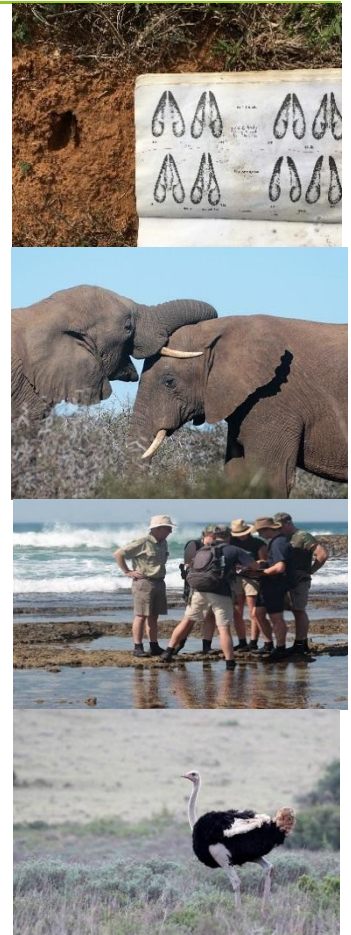
## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES:

**Week 1** – Your South African experience will kick off by joining the Track and Sign evaluation week of the Trails Guide Course. This is an extremely interesting week where the learners will be tested on their Track and Sign Identification skills. Master Tracker, Louis Liebenberg, will conduct the evaluations which are always humbling and tremendous learning experiences. You will receive a great insight as to what is included in the qualification and life as a Trails Guide in Africa.

**Week 2** – Join the FGASA Level 1 learners during their Week 7 of a 10 Week Introductory Guiding Course. These students will be well on their way in terms of their overall knowledge, understanding and guiding skills and will start refining their driving and guiding skills to prepare for their practical drive assessments with real guests the following week. See what is involved in the Level 1 Qualification and vehicle based safaris. The main focus of this week will be African Mammals.

**Week 3** – In Week 3 you will join the first week of the Marine Guiding Course. The focus will be an overview of many different marine and coastal environments, climate and oceans around South Africa. You will undertake a range of field trips to gain a greater understanding of different marine and aquatic environments and interact with the Marine Guiding students to sample the life of a Marine Guide.

**Week 4** – For your final Week you will join the first week of a Bird Guiding Course. This will focus on introducing students to the amazing birdlife in the coastal and thicket environments of South Africa. The week will consist of early morning field trips finding as many species as possible as well as classroom sessions researching these birds in more detail regarding feeding, breeding and general behaviour. Your final week will give you an understanding of what is involved in being a Bird Guide in Africa.



## HOW do I sign up?

Further details and application packs are available from: [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au)

- All Applications and Deposit Payment should be made through Savannah Guides.
- AUD 300.00 deposit required to secure your place. This is non-refundable.
- Balance of payment of ZAR 32,250 (approximately AUD 3120) is payable to Ulovane Environmental Training two months prior to your commencement date and is non-refundable. Should you cancel due to unforeseen circumstances you should be covered by your travel insurance.

## TRAVEL Arrangements

- Savannah Guides can recommend Port Elizabeth hotel accommodation, pre/post Addo Elephant Park touring and a travel agent for airfares and Travel Insurance if required.
- Arrival: An Ulovane representative will pick you up at Port Elizabeth on Sunday at 1:00pm.
- Departure: Will be on Sunday from the Campus at 9:00am and an Ulovane representative will ensure you get to Port Elizabeth airport on time for your departing flight.



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