

# Savannah Guides Field School

## Fitzroy Crossing

### 4 – 7 October 2018

SAVANNAH GUIDES



*Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback*

## “Showcasing Indigenous Tourism in The Kimberley”

Savannah Guides invites you to our next Savannah Guides Field School at Fitzroy Crossing in the stunning Kimberley region of Western Australia. The Napier and Oscar Ranges which dominate the landscape were formed approximately 350 million years ago when the area was covered by a warm tropical sea during the Devonian Period. It features some of the most spectacular landscapes and gorges in the Kimberley. Highlights will include visits to three National Parks (Windjana Gorge, Danggu Geikie Gorge and Tunnel Creek) and Mimbi Caves. During this Field School we will explore this vast region on foot, by bus and boat learning about the ancient landscapes and rock formations, diverse wildlife, along with the rich cultural and spiritual history of the area.



### WHO ARE SAVANNAH GUIDES?

Savannah Guides Limited develops the skills and careers of tour guides. We are a non-profit, member based network of Tour Guides and Operators working with our partners to be “Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback”. Savannah Guides Limited began in 1988 and has won numerous tourism awards for training and tourism services. Our activities build sustainable tourism businesses for regional community benefit, expand career opportunities for Tour Guides and enhance visitor experiences. Our members include accredited guides and enterprises as well as “Friends” who assist in our Mission or just have a good time with like-minded people. For more details visit [www.savannah-guides.com.au](http://www.savannah-guides.com.au).



### WHAT IS A SAVANNAH GUIDES FIELD SCHOOL?

A Savannah Guides “Field School” is not a course with assessment or a qualification. It’s simply our name for professional development workshops, held at various locations across Northern Australia at least twice each year. Field Schools are a part of our Tour Guide accreditation process, although most participants come for the open knowledge and skill sharing, networking with ecotourism and community leaders and enjoying a fascinating part of the country in more detail. The majority of Field School activities are held outdoors, in the field.

### WHO CAN ATTEND?

**Members and non-members are very welcome.** Field Schools are a great opportunity for any Tour Guide, tourism industry member, government or community representative or nature lover to gain a real insight into quality tourism operation. Our participants will include tourism businesses and organisations, tour guides, environmental specialists, Traditional Owners, local government representatives and land managers. The professional development opportunity provided at these Field Schools is unparalleled and the renowned Savannah Guides camaraderie is often the basis for valuable ongoing business and personal relationships. Build your network links with Savannah Guides.



# FIELD SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Set on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River, Fitzroy Crossing is a true outback town, and a great base for exploration of the nearby Devonian National Parks and Mimbi Caves. The Fitzroy Valley is home to five language groups – the Bunuba, Gooniyandi, Nyikina, Wangkatjunka and Walmajarri, each with their own distinctive language and customs. Aboriginal art and culture is very strong in the area. The Crossing Inn, still in operation today, was opened on 5th July 1897 by Joseph Blythe as a store and inn to serve drovers, pastoralists and prospectors in the area. Come with us to discover the rich natural and cultural history of this remote Kimberley town.



Indicative Program is as follows:

## Wednesday 03 October 2018

### Arrival

Many participants will arrive today. Join us for an informal meeting of Old and New Friends over Drinks and Dinner at The Lounge Bar, Fitzroy River Lodge (own expense).

## Thursday 04 October 2018

### Welcomes and Danggu Geikie Gorge

- 8:00am Field School Registration at Maxine's Conference Room, Fitzroy River Lodge.
- 9:00am Field School Opening and Welcomes.
- Savannah Guides Overview.
- Field School **Twitchathon** – join our fun bird spotting competition to build your birding skills.
- **"WAITOC Update"**.
- **"Licencing and Commercial Connection"** by Rhonda Murphy, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
- Update on **"Crocodile Campaign and Cane Toads"** by Jesse Murdoch
- Experience the iconic Danggu Geikie Gorge on a one hour cruise with WA Parks and Wildlife Service. Learn about the mighty Fitzroy River's fascinating wildlife and geology – a fantastic opportunity to see crocodiles, wallabies, and birds such as sea-eagles, brolgas and the rare Purple-crowned Fairy-wrens, against the backdrop of contrasting colours of the gorge walls.
- **"Aspects of Culture"** Workshop.
- Welcome Dinner at Fitzroy River Lodge.

## Friday 05 October 2018

### "The Legend of Jandamarra"

- 6:15am Optional Birdwatching Session
- Today we spend time with local **Traditional Owner Dillon Andrews**, who will tell the story of the **'Jandamarra' legend**; a Bunuba man, who in 1894 led his people against the push for settlement and development of pastoralism of the Kimberley. This fight was waged for nearly three years and Dillon will recount the story as we visit Windjana Gorge, Tunnel Creek and Lillimooloora.
- The Lennard River runs through **Windjana Gorge** in wet weather. The 3.5km long gorge cuts through the Napier Range, part of the ancient Devonian limestone reef that can also be seen at Danggu Geikie Gorge and Tunnel Creek. Spot Freshwater Crocodiles basking in the pools and the Corellas roosting in the waterside trees. Many

marine life forms are fossilised within the limestone of the gorge walls.

- **Tunnel Creek** is Western Australia's oldest cave system. It was the famous hideout used by Jandamarra. He was killed outside its entrance in 1897. These days you can walk through the tunnel. The track runs underground for 750 metres and you wade through several permanent pools. At least five different species of bats call the tunnel home and stalactites descent from the roof in many places. Take a torch, wear sneakers and prepare to get wet!
- Relaxing Dinner after our Devonian Day!

## Saturday 06 October 2018

### Mimbi Caves

- 6:15am Optional Birdwatching Session
- Today our **Gooniyandi guides** invite us to join them on an inspiring guided tour of one of Australia's most spectacular and significant, natural geological sites. **Mimbi Caves** is a place of deep spiritual significance to the Gooniyandi people as well as being one of the most significant Devonian fossil sites in the world. This amazing cave system will take your breath away with its vivid colours and beautiful limestone rock formations, while the history and Dreaming stories of the local Gooniyandi people take on a life of their own when shared deep within the heart of the caves. An experience that will stay with you forever.
- **"Risk Management Considerations"** Workshop.
- **Desert Women Weaving Demonstration.**
- **"Your Story – Defining your Brand"** Workshop.
- Casual Farewell Dinner at Fitzroy River Lodge.
- Savannah Guides Infamous Jam Session! Be sure to bring along your Musical Instruments!

## Sunday 07 October 2018

### Farewells

- **Indigenous Tourism Showcase including:**
  - "Willie Creek Pearl Farm" by Tiara Lawford.
  - "Narljia Tours" by Bart Pigram.
  - "Twin Walks" by Bunuba Rangers.
  - "Windjana Tours" by Waylon & Karissa Marr.
  - "Yanchep National Park" by Derek Nannup.
  - "Waringarri Arts & Tours" by Ted Carlton.
- We'll announce the results of the Twitchathon and award some fun prizes.
- Take Home Messages and Farewell.

**Savannah Guides invites you to join us for this memorable and informative Field School!**

**Please pass this information on through your networks.**

# NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION!

## GETTING INVOLVED:

We welcome your contributions to the Field School! Please help make it an even greater success by:

- ❖ Bringing your colleagues – the training and team building opportunity at Savannah Guides Field Schools is legendary!
- ❖ Joining the Field School Twitchathon! Register a team of 4-6 participants and tally your confirmed sightings over the school for fun and very modest prizes!
- ❖ Considering Membership – Savannah Guides welcomes Tour Guides and like minded people and organisations.



## GETTING THERE:

Fitzroy Crossing is:

- ❖ Approximately 400 kilometres east of Broome, a journey of around four hours
- ❖ Approximately 250 kilometres south-east of Derby, a two and a half hour drive
- ❖ Approximately 290 kilometres south of Halls Creek
- ❖ Approximately 660 kilometres from Kununurra – a six hour drive
- ❖ Please advise if you have any spare seats in your vehicle as some people may need to carpool.
- ❖ Transfers are available to/from Broome. Please advise if you are interested **by 17 August 2018**.

## MEALS and ACCOMMODATION:

Meals included are as follows:

Thu 04 Oct (MT, L, D), Fri 05 Oct (MT, L, D), Sat 06 Oct (MT, L, D), Sun 07 Oct (MT)

Accommodation is not included in your Registration Fee. Camp Sites, Safari Tents and Rooms are available at the following locations. Please book and pay direct with the accommodation provider.

**Fitzroy River Lodge** - Tel: 08 9191 5141 or Email: [frlreservations@fitzroyriverlodge.com.au](mailto:frlreservations@fitzroyriverlodge.com.au)

*Safari Tent with Ensuite Facilities – One Double Bed plus One Single Bed* \$210 per tent per night

*Motel Room with Ensuite Facilities – One Double Bed plus One Single Bed* \$255 per room per night

**Fitzroy Crossing Workers Camp** - Tel: 08 9191 5366 or Email: [managers@ngiyaliroadhouse.com.au](mailto:managers@ngiyaliroadhouse.com.au)

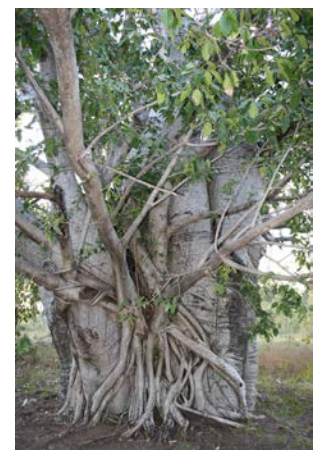
*Single Room with Ensuite Facilities – One Single Bed* \$89 per room per night

**The Crossing Inn** – Tel: 08 9191 5080 or Email: [crossinginn@bigpond.com.au](mailto:crossinginn@bigpond.com.au)

*Range of Room Types with Ensuite Facilities* \$175 - \$286 per room per night

## WHAT TO BRING:

- ❖ Large Water Bottle
- ❖ Small Backpack / Day Pack
- ❖ Walking Shoes / Boots
- ❖ One Pair of Shoes that can get wet for Tunnel Creek
- ❖ Head Torch
- ❖ Hat, Sunscreen, Insect Repellent
- ❖ Notepad and Pens / Pencils
- ❖ Bird Field Guides and Binoculars





# REGISTRATION FORM – Fitzroy Crossing 04-07 October 2018

*Please send your Registration Form and payment to Savannah Guides. Registration closes Friday 21 September*

Name of Individual attending: \_\_\_\_\_

From – Enterprise/Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary or Medical Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not distribute my contact details after the Field School  Please do not use any images of me in Savannah Guides promotions

## REGISTRATION

Your Registration Fee includes: Participation in Field School Presentations; Workshops and Activities; Transport to Field Activities; Participant Kit; Meals as Follows – Thu 04 Oct (MT,L,D), Fri 05 Oct (MT, L,D), Sat 06 Oct (MT,L,D), Sun 07 Oct (MT). Your Registration Fee does not include Accommodation.

Full School Registration – Non-Members	(Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$495
Full School Registration – Members	(Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun)	\$415
Single Day Rate – Non-Members		\$170
Single Day Rate – Members		\$150

If Single Day Rate please indicate your arrival and departure **day and time** for catering purposes: Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrive: \_\_\_\_\_ Depart: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## ACCOMMODATION

Camping and Accommodation are available. Please book directly with Fitzroy River Lodge. Information, Rates and Contact Numbers are available on the "Need to Know Information" Page.

## PROMOTIONAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Non-Member Brochure / Merchandise in the School Participant Kits	\$ 50
Half Page Advertisement in the School Program	\$100
Morning or Afternoon Tea / Lunch / Dinner Sponsorship	\$250-\$1500

**PARTNERSHIP TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**PAYMENT TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## PAYMENT *(Please tick and complete your payment method below):*

- a)  **Direct Deposit:** Account Name: Savannah Guides Ltd - BSB: 034-167 - Account No: 47-1141  
To help identify your deposit please complete the Reference field on your transfer with your Surname.  
I have paid by Direct Deposit on \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

- b)  **Credit Card:** Please circle: VISA / Mastercard  
Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

- c)  **My Enterprise will be Paying.** Please send a tax invoice.

An Administration Fee of \$50 per person applies to all Cancellations

**Please email to [info@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:info@savannah-guides.com.au)**

