

Savannah Guides Field School Kakadu National Park 26-29 April 2018

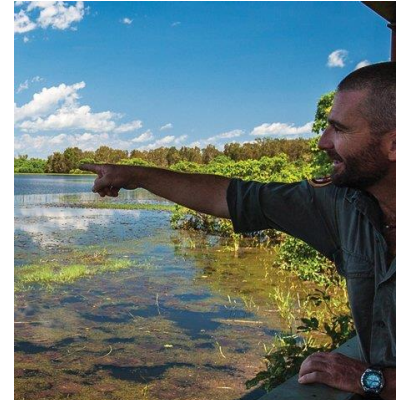
SAVANNAH GUIDES



Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback

"The People and Places of Kakadu"

Savannah Guides invites you to our next Savannah Guides Field School as we return to the Northern Territory! Stunning **Kakadu National Park** is an enormous, biodiverse nature reserve. With terrain encompassing wetlands, rivers and sandstone escarpments, it is home to some 2000 plant species, and a myriad of wildlife. Aboriginal rock paintings are prolific. During this Field School we will explore, question and examine all of these elements that make Kakadu one of the most visited National Parks in our vast country.



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.



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

Connect with the oldest living culture on earth.

"Our land has a big story. Sometimes we tell a little bit at a time. Come and hear our stories, see our land. A little bit might stay in your hearts. If you want more, you come back."

— Jacob Nayinggul, Manilakarr Clan



Indicative Program is as follows:

Wednesday 25 April 2018

Arrival

Many participants will arrive today. Join us for an informal meeting of Old and New Friends over Drinks and Dinner at The Barra Bar, Coinda Lodge (Own Expense).

Thursday 26 April 2018

Welcomes and Setting the Scene

- 8:00am Field School Registration at Coinda Lodge Function Room.
- 9:00am Field School Opening and Welcomes.
- Savannah Guides Overview.
- Field School **Twitchathon** – join our fun bird spotting competition to build your birding skills.
- Update on **Coinda Lodge**, our Field School base.
- **"Tourism NT Activity"** by Stuart Ord, Director of Product Development.
- Interpreting Kakadu including Crocwise Protocols.
- Learn about **Kakadu Billabong Safari Camp** with Mandy Muir.
- Packed Lunch.
- **Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre** Tour and Presentations – Named after Warradjan, The Pig Nosed Turtle, the Centre offers a remarkable insight into the Bininj (people) who have lived in Kakadu for thousands of years. Examine Kinship Laws, Tools, Message Sticks and Artworks.
- Workshop – **"My People – Defining Your Home or Traditions"** by Russell Boswell.
- Tourism NT Welcome Dinner at Coinda Lodge.

Friday 27 April 2018

Cruises and Crocodiles!

- 6:30am Sunrise **Yellow Waters Cruise** with a Birdwatching Focus.
- Group Breakfast at Coinda Lodge.
- Explore Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) rock art site with Kakadu National Park Rangers. Take a stroll back in time through the shaded rock shelters discovering the way life used to be for Bininj.
- **Bush Tucker at Anbangbang Billabong** by Jen Hunter. In the creation era, a male and female badbong (short-eared rock wallabies) travelled through this area. They cut two crevices in Nawurlandja and parted the trees to form Anbangbang Billabong. Bininj used the plants in

- these habitats for food, tools, weapons, shelter, decoration, musical instruments and medicine.
- Kakadu **Crocodile Hotel**. Explore its Art Gallery before a Buffet Lunch.
- **"Jabiru's Tourism Future"** by John Bray.
- **"Managing Crocodiles in Kakadu"** by Gary Lindner, Kakadu National Park.
- Dinner at Coinda Lodge.
- Evening **Crocodile Spotting Tour** by Gary Lindner – limited spaces available.

Saturday 28 April 2018

Kakadu Guiding

- 6:00am Optional Birdwatching Session
- Visit the **Bowali Visitor Centre** with Kakadu Tourism Visitor Services.
- Climb **Ubirr Rock** with Kakadu National Park Rangers. Kakadu's rock art is of enormous international significance. The park has one of the greatest concentrations of rock art sites in the world, and with paintings up to 20,000 years old, this is one of the longest historical records of any group of people.
- Discover the **Kakadu Tour Guide Course** while lunching at the Charles Darwin University Mobile Training Trailer with Tim Francis.
- With an Aboriginal Guide, cruise the scenically spectacular East Alligator River on a **Guluyambi Culture Cruise** including River Guiding Tips and Techniques, Local Mythology and the River's Abundant Food Chain.
- Casual Barbecue Farewell Dinner at Coinda Lodge.
- Savannah Guides Infamous Jam Session! Be sure to bring along your Musical Instruments!

Sunday 29 April 2018

Farewells

- **"The Power of Storytelling"** by Russell Boswell.
- We'll announce the results of the Twitchathon and award some fun prizes.
- **"The African Guiding Experience"** that you can experience (cheaply!) by Russell Boswell.
- Take Home Messages and Farewell.
- 12:00pm Light Lunch before leaving Kakadu and our New Friends.

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

Please pass this information on through your networks.

For more information please contact: Russell Boswell info@savannah-guides.com.au / 0408 772 513

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:

Coinda Lodge, out base in Kakadu National Park is:

- ❖ 304 kilometres south-east of Darwin. Take the Stuart Highway then the Arnhem Highway. The journey takes a little over three hours.
- ❖ 256 kilometres north of Katherine. The journey is about three hours via the Stuart Highway and the Kakadu Highway.
- ❖ Please advise if you have any spare seats in your vehicle as some people may need to carpool.
- ❖ Transfers may be available to/from Darwin. Please advise if you are interested.

MEALS and ACCOMMODATION:

Meals included are as follows:

- Thu 26 April (Morning Tea, Lunch and Dinner)
- Fri 27 April (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)
- Sat 28 April (Morning Tea, Lunch and Dinner)
- Sun 29 April (Morning Tea and Lunch)

Accommodation is not included in your Registration Fee. Camp Sites, Pre-Erected Tents and Rooms are available at the following rates. Please book and pay directly with Coinda Lodge:

Tel: 08 8979 1500 or Email: reservations@yellowwater.com.au

Single Hard-Frame Touring Tent:

Fan, Linen, Pillows, Towel, Amenities and Share Bathroom Facilities \$45pp per night

Twin-Share Hard-Frame Touring Tent:

Fan, Linen, Pillows, Towel, Amenities and Share Bathroom Facilities \$65 per tent per night

Single Ensuite Lodge Room

Air-Conditioning, Towels, Amenities, Bar Fridge, TV, Tea/Coffee Facilities \$168 per room per night

Twin-Share Ensuite Lodge Room

Air-Conditioning, Towels, Amenities, Bar Fridge, TV, Tea/Coffee Facilities \$218 per room per night

Contact Coinda Lodge for Camping Rates

WHAT TO BRING:

- ❖ Large Water Bottle
- ❖ Small Backpack / Day Pack
- ❖ Walking Shoes / Boots
- ❖ Hat, Sunscreen, Insect Repellent, Head-Torch
- ❖ Notepad and Pens / Pencils
- ❖ Bird Field Guides and Binoculars



REGISTRATION FORM – Kakadu National Park 26-29 April 2018

Please send your Registration Form and payment to Savannah Guides. Registration closes Friday 13 April

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 26 Apr (MT,L,D), Fri 27 Apr (B,L,D), Sat 28 Apr (MT,L,D), Sun 29 Apr (MT,L). 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 direct with Cooida 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

