

# SAVANNAH GUIDES



*Protectors and Interpreters of the Outback*

## Introductory Tour Guiding Kit

This kit will help you to take your first steps in tour guiding. We hope it will encourage you to discover an exciting new career and start building your tour guiding skills.

This is a great time to become a Tour Guide! Across Australia the growth of tourism is demanding more guides, so you are likely to have choices about your location and type of guiding.

### About Savannah Guides

Savannah Guides is a network of tour guides and tour operators across Australia that builds Tour Guide careers and the quality of guest experiences through great guiding.

Savannah Guides is Australia's leading Tour Guide professional development provider. We offer a range of Field Schools and Workshops, online courses and tailored programs. We also accredit Tour Guides as Savannah Guides, Wet Tropics Tour Guides and EcoGuides. Please ask to join our e-newsletter database to hear about upcoming professional development opportunities and follow us on Facebook.

See more information at: [www.savannah-guides.com.au](http://www.savannah-guides.com.au)

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**First let's think BIG PICTURE!**

**Why would you like to become a Tour Guide?**

Which personal and professional goals can Tour Guiding help you achieve?

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**What life skills and experience do you have that are relevant to guiding?**

Tour Guides must be reliable and organised, group leaders and storytellers who love their natural and cultural environment and sharing this with guests. Do you have special skills like a language other than English, or a particular interest in wildlife, history or bush walking?

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**Where would you like to be a Tour Guide?**

Are you tied to your current location or looking for a change? Consider cities or towns versus regional or remote areas. How would you travel and where would you stay?

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**What type of guiding appeals to you?**

Indoors / Outdoors. Walking in an attraction, driving a vehicle or boat. Cultural /Natural.

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## Now for some RESEARCH!

Do some internet research on possible regions and tour guiding jobs. Search the region or town and “attractions” or “tours” and you’ll find some possible venues.

See the [Savannah Guides operators in northern Australia](#) here.

List three possible venues / tourism operators:

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## Working as a Guide

There are many different types of Tour Guides with many different roles.

What are some of these you might expect to undertake?

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## Next Steps

If you are keen to proceed with your next steps, we’d suggest:

- Create a specific resume for tour guiding highlighting your relevant experience, skills and qualifications. Phone the tour operation to enquire about the best person to send it to.
- Consider licences and qualifications such as vehicle licences, public passenger vehicle authorisation (search the relevant State or Territory government websites for details) and First Aid training as these can take weeks to organise.
- Research relevant books, websites, online information and talk to any contacts you may have to learn more about the region and appropriate topics.
- Assemble your equipment and resources to undertake the job.
- Consider some professional development that will build your confidence and skills, for example starting [EcoGuide accreditation](#) or joining as a [Friend of Savannah Guides](#), coming to a [Field School](#) to meet Tour Guides and others looking to start a new adventure.

**Happy tour guiding – we wish you success and enjoyment on your journey!**