



## **SAVANNAH GUIDES FIELD SCHOOL**

**Airlie Beach: 18 – 21 March 2021**

**“Land and Sea Connections”**

Savannah Guides invites you to our 75th Savannah Guides Field School at Airlie Beach in the stunning Whitsundays!

The Whitsundays is famous for spectacular islands, azure blue waters and pure white sands, but right alongside is lush green tropical rainforest, picturesque hinterland dotted with waterfalls and wetlands which an abundance of wildlife call home. Hone your guiding skills, increase your knowledge, add Marine to your repertoire, connect with new guides and have a load of fun in this Whitsunday playground.



### **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.

### **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

This is a COVID-Safe Event and we are determined to look after our participants, and their families and friends, through safe practices. All attendees will be screened and temperature checked on arrival. Our indoor venues operate under COVID-Safe Plans and all activities will maintain Social Distancing. Hand sanitizer will be provided.

Savannah Guides invites you to join us for this memorable and informative Field School!  
Please pass this information on through your networks.

## Wednesday 17 March 2021

Most participants will arrive in Airlie Beach today

- From 6:00pm **Early Bird Registration** and Optional Informal Get Together. Meet New and Old Friends for Drinks and Dinner (own expense) at Boaty's, 336 Shute Harbour Road, Airlie Beach.

## Thursday 18 March 2021

### Welcomes and Workshops

- Breakfast at own arrangements.
- 8:00am **Registration** in "The Meeting Space", Coral Sea Marina, Shingley Drive, Airlie Beach. Located on the top floor above "Bohemian Raw Café" and adjacent to "The Lookout Room"
- COVID-Safe Protocols and Logistics
- 8:30am **Field School Welcomes**
- Introductions around the Room
- **Savannah Guides Overview**
- Field School **Twitchathon** Briefing – Open your mind to the world of Birds! Join our famous fun bird spotting competition to build your birding skills and knowledge.
- **"How to be More Engaging – Revisiting your Tour Commentary"** with Leanne Hayter
- **"Sexy Stigmas – Learn the Love Language of Plants and Seduce your Guests!"** with Sarah Swan
- **"Ecological Connections between Land and Sea"**
- **"Fun Facts surrounding the Formation and History of the Incredible Whitsunday Islands Region"**
- **Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Update**
- Lunch on the Ocean Deck, Sorrento Restaurant
- A **Plant-Focussed Interpretive Walk** through changing landscapes on an old logging trail section of Conway Circuit (Great Whitsunday Walk), home to the largest area of lowland tropical rainforest in Queensland outside Tropical North Queensland
- Camaraderie and Field School Welcome Dinner at La Marina Restaurant

## Friday 19 March 2021

### Clean Seas, Cruising and Crocodiles

- Breakfast at own arrangements.
- Volunteer time at the **Ocean Trash Recycle Shack** where we will find out about EcoBarge Clean Seas Inc, a Volunteer Run Initiative which collects, cleans, sorts and recycles Marine Debris.
- Bush Barbecue Lunch at Whitsunday Crocodile Safari Campsite

- Gain an insight into **Estuarine Crocodiles, Mangrove Ecosystems, Queensland Mud Crabs** and much more as we calm water cruise on the Proserpine River
- Gather your Twitchathon Team Members as we explore the **Goorganga Plains** on a Tractor-drawn Wagon. As we wind our way through these Wetlands of melaleuca forests, pastures, marine mangroves, saltpans and more we will learn about these habitats and the abundance of flora and fauna species that call them home
- Camaraderie and Dinner on the Private Pool Deck at the Airlie Beach Hotel

## Saturday 20 March 2021

### Whitsunday Islands Exploration

- Breakfast at own arrangements.
- Climate Action Leaders and Multi-Award Winners **Red Cat Adventures** host us today as we take an exhilarating ride through the **Whitsunday Islands**. Highlights will include: engaging content on reef eco-systems; stunning **Whitehaven Beach** famous for its white sands and crystal clear waters ... it is also one of the most photographed beaches in the world; a **guided bushwalk to Hill Inlet Lookout**; two **snorkelling opportunities** where the colours, bountiful fish and coral formations on the **UNESCO-listed Great Barrier Reef** will take your breath away; we are extremely privileged to be visiting **Nara Inlet** and its ancient Indigenous cave paintings while hearing some of the stories of the Ngaro people, then finally **Manta Ray Bay**, situated on the northern tip of Hook Island, where an array of underwater valleys, caves and fish will surprise. This day promises to be a fun and incredible learning experience!
- Camaraderie and Field School Farewell Dinner at 20 Degrees South Restaurant, Whitsunday Sailing Club

## Sunday 21 March 2021

### Farewells

- Breakfast at own arrangements.
- **"The Environmental Changes White Settlement brought to the Whitsunday Islands"**
- Savannah Guides General Meeting
- **Twitchathon Results and Prizes!**
- Take Home Messages and Close of Field School

This Program is subject to change without notice

# 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!
- Participating in the Field School Twitchathon! Join a team and tally your confirmed bird sightings over the Field School for fun and very modest prizes!
- Considering Membership – Savannah Guides welcomes Tour Guides and like-minded people and organisations.

## Getting There

Airlie Beach is accessible by car, plane, train and coach.

- The closest airport is Whitsunday Coast (Proserpine – PPP). It is a 1.5 hour flight from Brisbane.
- Approximate Driving Distances and Times
  - Cairns – 620km – 7.5 Hours
  - Townsville – 273km – 3.5 Hours
  - Rockhampton – 482km – 5.5 Hours
  - Longreach – 830km – 9.0 Hours
  - Winton – 812km – 9.0 Hours

## Food and Beverage

Your Registration Fee includes:

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| Thu 18 Mar | (Morning Snack, Lunch, Dinner)              |
| Fri 19 Mar | (Morning Snack, Lunch, Dinner)              |
| Sat 20 Mar | (Morning & Afternoon Snacks, Lunch, Dinner) |
| Sun 21 Mar | (Morning Snack)                             |

Please complete your Menu Choices on Page Five and Return with your Registration!



## Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in your Registration Fee. Please arrange and book your own accommodation. There are many options in Airlie Beach from Camping and Budget Hotels through to Five Star Hotels and Resorts, and plenty of Air BnBs. We encourage people to share a room and therefore the cost. Here are a few properties that are expecting your call!

Airlie Beach Hotel (mention Savannah Guides)  
16 The Esplanade, Airlie Beach  
Tel: 07 4964 1999  
Web: <https://www.airliebeachhotel.com.au>  
Courtyard Room \$169 per room per night  
Village View Room \$179 per room per night

Colonial Palms Motor Inn (mention Savannah Guides)  
2 Hermitage Drive, Airlie Beach  
Tel: 07 4946 7166  
Web: <https://colonialpalmsmotorinn.com.au>  
Deluxe Queen Room \$155 per room per night  
Executive Room \$165 per room per night

Island Gateway Holiday Park (mention Savannah Guides)  
1 Jubilee Pocket Road, Jubilee Pocket  
Tel: 07 4946 6228  
Web: <https://www.islandgateway.com.au>  
A 20 Minute Walk from Airlie Beach, this property offers Camping, Caravan Sites and a Variety of Rooms, Cabins and Villas.



## What To Bring

- Face Mask if flying or using Public Transport
- Small Personal Hand Sanitiser
- Large Full Water Bottle
- Small Backpack / Day Pack
- Closed Walking Shoes / Boots
- Hat, Sunscreen, Insect Repellent
- Wet Weather Gear (umbrella, raincoat)
- Beach Towel, Sun Protection Clothing for the Reef
- Snorkelling Gear is supplied but feel free to bring your own if you wish - fins not recommended
- Notepad and Pens / Pencils
- Bird Field Guides and Binoculars
- Plant Field Guides
- Cash for Cold Drinks (Friday Lunch)
- Willingness to Learn and Contribute
- Smile, Fun and Laughter!





# REGISTRATION FORM

## Airlie Beach: 18 – 21 March 2021

Participant Numbers are Limited as this is a COVID-Safe Event and our indoor venues operate under COVID-Safe Plans. Please do not leave it too late to Register.

Name of Individual/s attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please do not distribute my Contact Details       Please do not use any images of me in Savannah Guides promotions

### Registration (please tick one box only):

Your Registration Fee includes: Participation in Field School Presentations, Workshops and Activities; Transport to and from most Activities; Field School Program; Meals as Indicated on Page Three. Your Registration Fee does not include travel to/from Airlie Beach, Accommodation and Breakfasts.

Full School Registration – Non-Members      \$495  
 Full School Registration – Members      \$425

Registration Total      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Promotional Partnership Opportunities:

Half Page Advertisement in the School Program      \$100  
Morning Tea, Lunch or Dinner Sponsorship      \$250 - \$1500

Partnership Total      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Total      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Attendance Certificate (please tick one box only):

I would like to:  Receive a Hard Paper Copy OR  I would like to receive a PDF via Email

### Payment (please tick and complete your Payment Method Below):

**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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Credit Card:**      Please Tick:     VISA       Mastercard

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

**My Enterprise will be Paying.** Please send a Tax Invoice.

Registration closes Friday 05 March 2021 - An Administration Fee of \$50 per person applies to all Cancellations\*

Please do not attend if you are unwell. \*No Cancellation Fee will apply in this instance

Please Email Completed Registration to [sam@savannah-guides.com.au](mailto:sam@savannah-guides.com.au)

# MENU CHOICES

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lunch – Sorrento Restaurant – Thursday 18 March

Please Tick One Main Course Box Only

### FISH AND CHIPS

Lightly Battered Reef Fish, Beer Battered Chips and Rocket Salad

### SORRENTO BEEF BURGER

Beef Pattie, Mustard, Cheese, Pickles, Crispy Prosciutto, Cos Lettuce with a Bourbon and Chipotle Mayo served with Beer Battered Chips

### CHICKEN BURGER

Crumbed Chicken Breast, Cos Lettuce, Sliced Tomato, Vintage Cheddar Cheese with a Bourbon and Chipotle Mayo and Aioli served with Beer Battered Chips

### VEGETARIAN PIZZA (V)

House-made Napoli Sauce, Balsamic Mushrooms, Roasted Capsicum, Cherry Tomatoes, Spanish Onion and Spinach drizzled with Herb Olive Oil

### WILD MUSHROOM AND ASPARAGUS RISOTTO (V / GF)

Creamy Risotto with Wild Mushrooms and Fresh Asparagus

## Dinner – Whitsunday Sailing Club – Saturday 20 March

Please Tick One Main Course Box Only

### EYE FILLET (220 Grams)

Chargrilled to your liking ...

Rare      Medium-Rare      Medium-Well      Well Done

Add Sauce ...

Garlic Cream      Bone Marrow      Beetroot Ketchup      Mustard      Mushroom

Served with ...

Seasonal Salad and Crispy Fried Potato Chips      Seasonal Vegetables

### FISH OF THE DAY

Served over Spiced Quinoa, Seasons Greens, Tomato, Dukkah and Lemon

### STEAMED BLACKLIP MUSSELS

Pot Steamed 800 Grams Black Lip Kinkawooka (SA) Mussels served with Bread

And your Choice of Sauce ...

Thai Coconut Ginger      Spicy Szechuan      Garlic Cream

### COCONUT CRUSTED CAULIFLOWER (GF / V / VG)

Charred Cauliflower with Coconut Crust, Grilled Corn Cob, Beetroot Puree, Pickled Carrots and Spiced Dukkah