



MENTORSHIP TRAILS 2020

Professional FGASA endorsed trails mentorship
and assessments



7/14 Days
Mentorship Trails

The Course



The Field Guides Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) accredited Mentorship Trails (7 or 14 days) are conducted in the Okavango Delta in Botswana.

There is a maximum of eight participants per course, ensuring personalised attention and first-hand experience for all participants. Although the primary objective is to gain mentored walking hours and dangerous game encounters as 2nd and 1st rifle, we place strong emphasis on the ethos surrounding trails.

The courses will take place at our African Bush Company tented camp in the Okavango Delta.

During the duration of the course we will spend some nights out on a 'Wilderness Trail', without camp or vehicle facilities

Nights are spent sleeping in the open under the stars (no tents), with each participant taking turns at "watch duty", ensuring the group's safety.

All food and equipment are carried in backpacks, water is found or provided.



PROFESSIONAL.
AUTHENTIC.
QUALITY.



The Course

During the course we will spend an average of seven to eight hours walking on most days.

You will be able to log valuable mentored walking hours and dangerous game encounters with a highly experienced mentor, who will guide you through the process of acquiring the needed skills and experience towards your Trails Guide Assessment.

A typical day starts with waking up prior to sunrise. After coffee & rusks we head out on a four to five hour walk, as soon as sufficient daylight allows.

We return to camp around midday for lunch, followed by a few hours of free time. Around 3pm we head out again for a two to three hour walk, to gain more hours and encounters.

Dinner and a campfire await us back at our camp, time for daily de-briefs and exchange with fellow Trails Guides, usually followed by an early night.

Each participant will be able to log mentored walking hours & dangerous game encounters as 1st and 2nd rifle towards their Trails Guide qualification.



"Fantastic experience in an awesome big 5 area – and of course Massi, who is one of the best out there."

- Horst Kalcher, Field Guide, Mentorship Trail Juli 2019

The Camp

Our camp in the Okavango Delta in Botswana lies on the banks of a river, overlooking a beautiful lagoon.

Fantastic birding, resident Hippos and regular visits of Elephants or Lions are just a view highlights of this amazing camp in a true wilderness location.

It consists of eight 3x3m dome tents on wooden decks, a communal area for dining, learning or relaxing, a classroom directly at the lagoon and a big braai-area for evening get-togethers.

The shared tents include a private deck, twin beds, mattresses, solar lights, shower, hand basin and a chemical toilet.

After booking confirmation you will be provided with a detailed map as well as driving directions from Maun.

The last part of the road is deep sand so a 4x4 vehicle is required to reach the camp if you plan to drive on your own.



The Dates

Mentorship Trails – 7 days

April 14 – 21 / April 22 – 30

May 10 – 17 / May 18 – 24

Dec 5 – 12 / Dec 13 – 19

Mentorship Trails – 14 days

April 14 – 30

May 10 – 24

Dec 5 – 19

(both courses min. 4 participants for the course to take place; max. 8 participants)

It is possible to join on a 'guest only' basis for an incredible bush walk experience.



Included in course:

- FGASA Logbook (if needed)
- Logging mentored walking hours & dangerous game encounters as 2nd and 1st rifle
- Camp Accommodation
- All meals, water, tea & coffee

Excluded from course:

- Reference books
- Travel to Botswana (Maun)
- Transfer to/from camp
- Drinks & snacks
- FGASA Membership fees
- Assessments

Trails Guide assessments during these Mentorship Trails are offered; please contact us for further information and costs on massi@africanbushco.com

*"The professional personalisation is just amazing!
Thanks Massi"*

- Craig Wale, Field Guide, Mentorship Trail May 2019

After booking confirmation you will receive:

- List "What to bring"
- List of recommended books
- Reminder on the requirements that must be met BEFORE arriving for the course
- Detailed driving directions

Requirements for participating guides:

- Apprentice Field Guide Certificate (formerly Level 1)
- Valid ARH
- Valid Wilderness First Aid
- Apprentice Trails Guide Certificate (recommended)