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**42 night Nature Guide Course = FGASA Apprentice Guide (NQF 2)
OR
42 night Botswana National Intermediate Certificate in Tourism Nature Guiding + Vehicle
and Night Drive = NGTB Level 2 Nature Guide**

1. Course information

<p>DURATION OF FIELD COURSE = 42 nights Learners to conduct 45 days pre self-study for FGASA NOF 2 OR NGTB Level 2. To register and purchase relevant study packs prior to course. TOTAL = 87 days of study and training. For Botswana candidates, to have at least 30 days workplace experience as learner guide in the workplace before or after the course.</p>	<p>VENUE = Okavango Delta, Botswana –semi permanent Tented Training Camp.</p>
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**For any person seeking a broad experience of learning about and living in
African Nature**

Come join for a wildlife/wilderness experience of a lifetime in Botswana and the Okavango = A WORLD HERITAGE SITE.

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For any Nature Enthusiast wanting to learn more about nature and gaining insight to the day in a life of a Nature/Safari Guide. This provides a platform for any candidate to gain vital, personal life skills for the future. We focus heavily on living with nature and inspiring future conservationist, all to try to create more awareness and gain support for conserving Mother Earth's dwindling natural resources.

Dates = 2020

42 night Field Course	28 night Apprentice Trail/Walking Guide Course
POSSIBLE = in 16th April and out 28th May	POSSIBLE = ???
In 3rd July and out 14th August	In 18th August and out 1st September
In 1st October and out 11th November	In 14th November and out on 12th December

Certificate Awards target group

This course introduces learners as well as prepares them on how to become a guide at intermediate, entrance level.

Two certificate awards that may be gained are:

- A. NGTB/BQA Level 2 Vehicle Nature Guide, or NCQF 4**
- B. FGASA Apprentice Guide (NQF 2)**

Expatriates of Botswana cannot gain a Botswana Assistant/Level 2 guide license. If they meet the Botswana requirements, they may gain the Level 3, or Professional Guide License Qualification via Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) process = having a work and resident permit and have proof of 5 years guiding experience outside of the country. They would also need outside country guide certificate such as FGASA NQF 2, Zimbabwe Pro Guide License, and then possibly sit for the DWNP exam. If they attend and pass the NGC Level 3, then this may suffice to gain a DWNP Guide License.

This course is an entry level course for candidates with or without previous guiding experience. The course is designed to not only introduce, but also to mentor interested candidates into the career as a professional nature guide. OR, for those seeking broader insight into nature at all levels.

Nature Guide Training Botswana (NGC) main focus is beyond the qualification/certificate requirements, ensuring candidates are suitably prepared for Industry workplace expectations as a well-groomed and competent entry level guide.

Employment options after course

NGC may assist suitable candidates to possibly gain employment or workplace attachments in various safari companies at course end.

NGC may be able to recommend FGASA/NGTB International candidates for learner guide attachments/employment in other African countries.

This is not guaranteed and decisions lie with the employer to accept or not.

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Entry Requirements: Split between FGASA and NGTB/ Botswana

FOR BOTH CERTIFICATE AWARDS

1. 18 years of age
2. Driver's License preferred and should have public drivers permit for Qualification = Essential for Botswana.
3. Should have First Aid Certificate – you can do this after the course.
4. Literate and have good conversational skills via English language – preferred Matric/Cambridge/BGCSE level of education – But, those without out can join (however it may take longer to assimilate required theory knowledge).
5. Must be physically fit – be able to move around without assistance of others, be able to see, hear and touch. Please contact us if you have other medical aspects of concern.
6. Must have travel insurance and medical aid cover – or supported by employing/sponsoring organization.
 - We recommend that all should register with Okavango Air Rescue for your time in the field with us. This service allows for medevac via helicopter support anywhere in the Okavango Delta. One can simply join on arrival at the Maun Airport.



BOTSWANA specific	FGASA specific
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have booked for course as confirmation via deposit. • NGTB/BQA – Must have purchased and received the NGTB Study packs at least 45 days before commencement date. • Candidates to self-study the NGTB Guiding Principle manual and complete workbook to hand over on arrival at course. • Should show at least 30 days' workplace experience in relevant safari camp/lodge placed environment in Africa. Previous experience is recognized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have booked for the course as confirmation via deposit. • FGASA – Register with NGC for the course at least 45 days before commencement date. Candidate must register with FGASA as a member and for the course exams, assessments and moderation – to pay for this direct to FGASA. Candidate is to purchase and attain the relevant study packages as well as conduct self-study = Complete the Guiding Skills Workbook and hand over on arrival at course.

BOOKING REQUIREMENTS

Must pay in full for all as per course cost as invoice received for the course.

In order to book for this course specifically:

- A. Complete registration documents
- B. 50 % deposit to be paid to secure booking.
- C. Full cost to be paid 45 days before course commencement date.

COURSE MINIMUM = 4 students must be booked in order to run the course as per standard cost advertised.
BUT, this may vary based on circumstance and special arrangement with NGC

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Course schedule, lessons and assessments covered – suggest full course for certificate award but candidates can book in for 21 day slots at a time, gaining BATCH ONE and then gain BATCH TWO over time making up the full certificate/qualification on special request.

Topics covered on full course = BATHC ONE	Practical assessment covered on course = BATCH ONE
BATCH STUDIES ONE = first 21 days	Practical and Theory Assessment preparation = first 21 days
Qualification introduction and orientation	Character assessment
Guiding roles and responsibilities – Conducting a guided experience, guiding techniques, communication, receiving and dealing with guests	Guide a Game Drive View PDA's from vehicle 4x4 vehicle assessment
4x4 Vehicle function and fault finding	Mammal ID, Bird ID and Audio, Reptile ID, Flora ID, Frog ID and Audio, Fish ID, Grass ID
Understanding and dealing with potentially dangerous animals = vehicle and general	Provide a presentation on local topic
Geology (one day), Ecology (one day), Taxonomy (half day), Mammals (two day), Birds (two day), Reptiles (one day) & Flora/trees (one day). Daily mentoring on interpretation in field will occur	Preparation for practical assessments Self-study for exams Theory exam self-assessment readiness theory exams
BATCH STUDIES TWO = second 21 days	Practical and Theory Assessment preparation = second 21 days
Astronomy (one day), Climate (one day), Biomes (half day), Flora/Grass (one day), Amphibians (one day), Fish (one day), Arthropods (two days), Conservation and Human Habitation (one day). Daily mentoring on interpretation in field will occur.	Preparation for practical assessments Self-study for exams Theory exam self-assessment readiness theory exams 6 days for final BQA/FGASA guiding assessment and feedback All ID and Audio assessment Guide A Game Drive View PDA's from vehicle Conduct and night drive Present a professional image Ensure health and safety during guiding

Daily Schedule

The typical day consists of early morning wake up (5 to 6am), **Breakfast** and then a field activity which could be a game drive or a walk of roughly 3 hours.

Return to camp for a lesson and then **Brunch (11 to 11:30 am)**. Take a rest, shower and study break..

Afternoon lesson (2 to 4 pm) and have **tea** before the afternoon activity which may include a night drive. **Dinner at (8 pm)**.

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2. Botswana Qualification information and Guide License

DWNP Guide License Document issue

The Department of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) in Botswana recognize this National Intermediate Nature Guide Certificate and will then award the candidate with a relevant, operating guide license document = Assistant Guide License. This is provided the candidate meets all legislative requirements of DWNP. This license is only available to Citizens of Botswana.

For FGASA Certificate awards and links to CATHSEETA, Please see FGASA Website – www.fgasa.co.za



3. Mobile Training Camp Information

Set in the south eastern parts of the Okavango, this area provides the perfect landscape for the training of Nature Guides. A diverse array of habitats from near permanent rivers, lagoons, Okavango Island communities, seasonal floodplains, mixed dry woodlands and mopane woodland all allow for a diverse existence of wildlife.

Species that may be encountered during the course range from elephant, buffalo, hippo, possible rhino species, lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog, spotted hyena, wild cat, serval, civet, various mongoose, giraffe, kudu, impala, wildebeest, tsessebe, zebra, lechwe, roan, sable and more. The bird life is terrific as well as other such as common reptiles, amphibians and an array of other smaller organisms to be encountered!

The camp is a mobile tented camp set-up and is run as close to a typical safari camp environment as possible. This allows learners to gain real workplace type experience during the course.

A central fire place is set up a few times a week for evenings to sit and enjoy the African night sounds and discuss days learning and adventures.



Accommodation = Maximum of 7 Learners per course, per vehicle and trainer

Each learner shall have their own dome tent with a veranda. Each tent is fitted with a ground mattress, sheet, pillow and pillow case. Each dome tent shall have a solar light for study.

Wash Basins are set-up on veranda of tent for daily refreshing.

Learners that may wish to share tents, shall be provided with a larger Dome tent. Should some learners be sponsored, then they may need to share bigger tents.

Main Area

A Marquee tent area is utilized for lessons and meals with lighting for night time study or other.

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Ablutions and showers

Numerous bucket showers are set-up for learners. Heated water is provided and typically one shower a day is recommended. Numerous bush toilets are set up for students.

Meals

3 meals a day are provided such as:

1. Breakfast = Tea, Coffee, Juice, Cereals, Porridge and Fruit
2. Brunch = Wholesome Juice, Tea and Coffee
 - Afternoon tea = Tea, Coffee and a light snack
3. Dinner = meat, starch and vegetables

Dietary requirements can be catered for within reason.

Drinking Water = is available from River/Borehole. We can provide mineral water bottles at candidates own cost.

Extra Drinks – Soda drinks are available as a cash sale from the village.

Alcohol – A controlled ethic of alcohol consumption is in place. Sodas, beers and ciders are available on a cash sale basis at a nearby village. No abuse of alcohol is accepted.

4. COST OF FULL COURSE

Below information pertains to the full cost of the course in the filed only as of Jan 2020.

42 night FGASA NOF 2 or NGTB/Botswana Guide Course = P60 000-00 – International Rates

The course is run with four or more booked and max preferred at seven.

- **If only two booked on course, then an extra 26% will be charged**
- **If only three booked, then an extra 18% will be charged**

Citizen rates are available on enquiry and proof of Citizenship in Botswana.

COURSE COST INCLUDES	COURSE COST EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons, One attempt at Theory and Practical Assessments – FOR Botswana/NGC/BQA. • Transport from Maun to camp and back, all meals and refreshments, basic laundry and Activities. • Individual mentoring and detailed achievement report. <p>ABOVE COST SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport to Maun from your destination and back to your destination. • Any extra transfers from camp to Maun = could fly by air charter or be driven – at candidates own expense and where available at the time. • Extra soft/other drinks – available for cash sale in close by village or in Maun. • Any theory exam re-writes and practical re-assessments. • Travel of assessor to workplace after the course for final assessments for qualification – FOR BQA or

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	<p>FGASA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BQA credit reporting fees = P2-00 per credit. • Postage from Maun office to BQA once off. • BQA certificate issue <p>FOR FGASA – paid direct to FGASA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration as member & registration for FGASA NOF 2 • FGASA Theory exam • Moderation for Assessments <p>ABOVE COST AND PROCESS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE</p>
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BQA Registration

NGTB can only register candidates with BQA for this certificate/qualification once full competence for the certificate award is achieved. These costs are separate and not included and subject to change.

FGASA – Please register with FGASA direct for the course with us and we will support. Candidate needs to pay FGASA direct for membership, theory exam, moderation, certificate and postage costs. NGC will send un-moderated results to FGASA based on learner performance at course end.



5. Conclusion

NGC believes in developing suitable candidates to become leaders in the Safari Industry in Botswana and abroad. The Managing Director has 27 years of Guiding experience, training and development experience specific to the Botswana landscape and further involvement in the International forefront, for FGASA and BQA.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

Sincere regards

Clinton Phillips
Managing Director