

The Trouble with Trees

Itinerary

Day 1

Your arrival time is latest 13h00. The lodge staff will be waiting to welcome you with cooling refreshment and after being shown to your rooms, a leisurely lunch will ease you into bush-mode!

By 14h30 you will have met your hostess Megan Emmett who, with her fingers already turning green, will eagerly introduce you to the basics of botany and the outline the workshop activities for the weekend.

The first of these is a game drive into the Game Reserve where you will encounter the first of many marvellous trees. Trees are notoriously difficult to identify and study so Megan will start dispelling the mysteries of identification from the start. Furthermore, she will share with you the secrets of how indigenous people have utilised each plant in their traditional ceremonies and remedies as well as how they fit into the ecological picture.

After enjoying a relaxing sun-downer in the bush, you will return to the lodge to enjoy a vibrant photographic presentation to cement the details of what you have learned in the field. Page through the complimentary copy of "Game Ranger in your Backpack", an interpretative guide to the bush written by Megan, and become more acquainted with some of the elements of ecology to which you will be exposed the following day.

Dinner is served around the fire, weather permitting, and then it's off to bed in a luxury lodge room or chalet for that exhilarating 'Out of Africa' experience.

Day 2

The day begins early with a 05h30 wake up call and a cup of coffee. To prepare for the morning's outing Megan will introduce the next group of trees as a presentation whereafter she will take you out into the bush to find the actual trees. This will involve some driving and a little walking in order to get as up close and personal with nature as possible. Touch, smell and sample the wild...

Expect to enjoy a scrumptious brunch at around 09h45 on the deck of the lodge. After brunch you will be guided through a workshop in which the plant samples you have collected during the morning's activity will be mounted into scrapbooks. The lessons learned about these species will be consolidated in a personalised format that you will take home with you at the end of the course as a future reference.

Enjoy a leisurely siesta before we reconvene to workshop the next suite of trees. After a cup of tea and some freshly baked pastries, Megan will again accompany you into the field to discover and uncover the magic of trees as well as the

animals that rely on them. After a short portfolio session to wrap up the day's learning, dinner is served beneath the stars and tales told around the fire.

Day 3

The day begins once again with a 05h30 call with tea and coffee and a colourful presentation. You depart for the final floral encounter at 07h00 where the riddles of the last species of plants and trees unfold.

Enjoy a final sumptuous brunch and then a final workshop session to conclude the course. By 12h00 you will be on the road with a mountain of knowledge on the common trees of the bushveld and the ticket to a greater understanding of this amazing ecosystem.

TREE COURSE PROGRAM

DAY 1

13h00	Guests arrive
14h30	Introduction and basic botany (portfolio demo)
16h00	Tea & afternoon activity (walk / drive)
19h00	Workshop - Tree Suite 1
19h30	Dinner

DAY 2

05h30	Wake up
06h00	Tea & workshop - Tree Suite 2 & 3
07h00	Morning activity (walk / drive)
09h45	Brunch
10h30	Workshop - portfolio
13h00	Break / rest time
15h00	Workshop - Tree Suite 4 & 5
16h00	Tea & afternoon activity (walk / drive)
19h00	Workshop - Portfolio
19h30	Dinner

DAY 3

05h30	Wake up
06h00	Tea & workshop - Tree Suite 6
07h00	Morning activity (walk / drive)
09h45	Brunch
10h30	Workshop - portfolio and wrap-up
12h00	Guests depart