

AGRICULTURAL TRAINING WITH A DIFFERENCE

2023 EXCLUSIVE GAP EXPERIENCE

AGRICULTURAL TOURISM

INCLUDES A MALAWI EDUCATIONAL TOUR




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ABOUT AGRICULTURAL TOURISM



Agricultural tourism is when visitors come to your working farm for enjoyment or educational purposes. This can be a show-and-tell visit, or they can actively take part in some of the day-to-day activities on the farm. South Africa has an underutilised market for agricultural tourism and the growth potential is enormous. Whether you do traditional farming based activities, horticulture, or some other form of agri business, your farm's potential is almost unlimited. Agricultural tourism is a great way to generate alternative sources of income for your farm. Examples of agricultural tourism activities:

- Biking / hiking trails on nonarable land.
- Canning and jam classes for excess produce.
- Cheese making / tasting at a dairy farm.
- Conservation farming demonstrations.
- Fruit picking at an orchard.
- Geology and mineral tours.
- Hunting / tracking on a game farm.
- Stargazing and storytelling evenings.
- Tractor / ox drawn carriage rides.
- Wool classification demo on a sheep farm.

THE BASICS

- 5 Month exclusive gap experience (including school holidays)
- Based on Windy Brow Game Reserve (Cullinan)
- Accredited agricultural short courses (Agri Skills Transfer)
- Accredited nature site guide qualification (requires Grade 10 certificate) (Drum Beat Academy)
- Various hospitality short courses (Drum Beat Academy)
- Includes day trips and several adventure experiences
- Course fee includes accommodation and 2 meals per day
- Includes Malawi Educational Trip
- Start date March 2023
- Courses are all presented in English.
- Maximum 20 per intake.

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

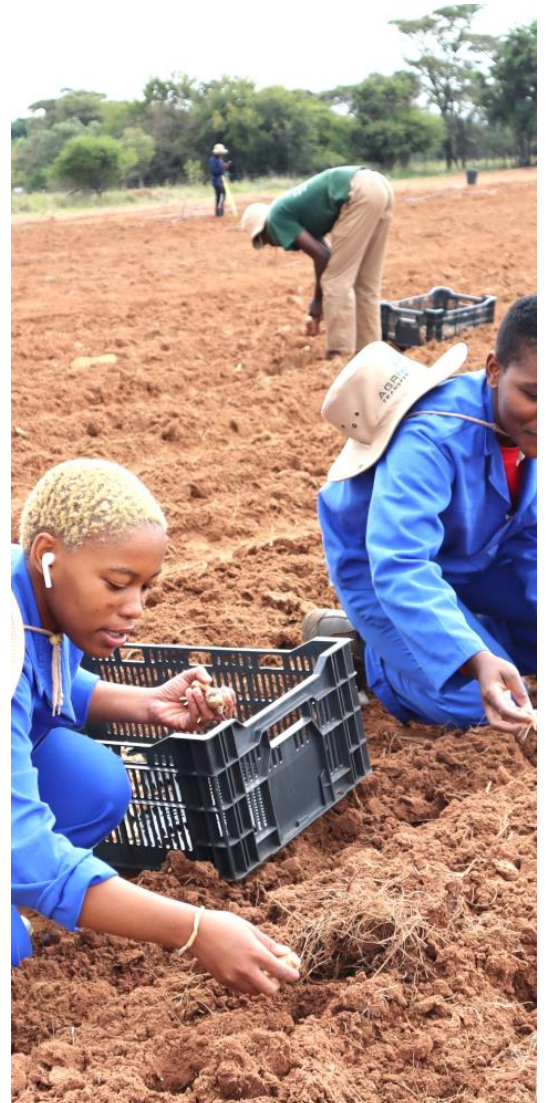
Join in this unique gap experience and gain valuable practical experience in two exciting fields: agriculture and tourism.

You will be stationed on a working game farm that offers multiple opportunities for you to gain experience and an understanding of the life and work of a tourist guide.

Nearby is our Cullinan Farm Training Centre where you'll learn about, and participate in, daily farming tasks.

Your hospitality experience will be at a luxury country estate where you'll learn about menu planning, food preparation, and drink service.

All these courses and elements will blend together to give you the knowledge and tools to offer an amazing agricultural tourism experience on your farm (or at your workplace).





AGRI SHORT COURSES

- Agricultural tourism
- Beef cattle production
- Goats
- Piggery
- Plant production (includes saffron module)
- Poultry
- Sheep
- Drive a tractor

NATURE SITE GUIDE

- Introduction to guiding
- Overview of South Africa
- Conduct a guided nature experience
- First Aid Level 1 & Basic Fire Fighting
- Climate & weather
- Geology & topography
- Astronomy
- Ecology & taxonomy
- Reptiles, amphibians, & arthropods
- Birds
- Trees, veld grasses, and botany
- Grazers & browsers
- Predators
- Primates
- Big 5 and animal behaviour

HOSPITALITY SHORT COURSES

- Menu planning and budgeting
- Prepare and serve food
- Drinks service
- Legal requirements for serving food & drink



THE SCHEDULE

6 March – 24 March 2023

Orientation, introduction to guiding, overview of South Africa, conduct a guided nature experience, First Aid Level 1 & Basic Fire Fighting, agricultural tourism, adventure experience, day trip.

25 March – 11 April 2023

School holiday

12 April – 12 May 2023

Poultry production, hospitality courses, climate & weather, geology & topography, astronomy, plant production, ecology & taxonomy, reptiles (etc.), birds, trees, veld grasses, adventure experience, day trip.

13 May – 23 May 2023

Mid-term break

24 May – 23 June 2023

Hospitality courses, beef cattle, goats, sheep, drive a tractor, grazers & browsers, predators, primates, big 5 & animal behaviour, adventure experience, day trip.

24 June – 17 July 2023

School holiday

6 July – 15 July 2023

Malawi Educational Trip

18 July – 28 July 2023

Pig production, day trip, preparation for final guiding assessment, final guiding assessment.

Structure of the week:

- Theory classes, practical experience and day trips will be on Mondays – Fridays.
- Adventure experiences will be on public holidays or on some weekends.
- Workbooks, assignments, and PoE completion can be done during the week, on days when learners have free time, or during the school holidays.

* This only serves as an example of what a week could possibly look like at the sites. Schedule may change, subjects could be moved from one semester to the next. The final training schedule will be communicated with learners.



ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

Windy Brow Game Reserve has dormitory style accommodation where learners will share a room (each sleep 4 - 8 people) and bathroom facilities. Please bring your own bedding.

Accommodation is basic and learners (along with their guardians / parents) are strongly advised to attend one of our open days to see the reserve and accommodation for themselves.

Two meals will be provided daily (brunch and a light dinner). It is a simple set menu. We do not cater for any special dietary needs.

Brunch will be prepared for the learners. Dinner will include some prepared dishes and others they may have to prepare themselves, for example allowing the learners to barbeque their own meat while they bond over the day's activities.

Learners are welcome to bring their own snacks or light refreshments. There is a restaurant and tuckshop available on site (only open at select times).

THE COURSE FEES

ONCE-OFF

- **R 120 000 per learner.**
- Includes course fee, accommodation*, and meals**.
- Includes Malawi Education Trip.
- Once-off payment.

PAYMENT PLAN

- Deposit: R40 000.
- 6 monthly instalments: R15 000 per month:
- Includes course fee, accommodation*, and meals**.
- **Total cost per learner: R130 000.**

- *Accommodation, laundry and meals at Windy Brow.
- ** Two meals a day (brunch and light dinner) at Windy Brow. We do not cater for any special dietary needs.
- No refunds for non-completion or when a learner no longer wants to stay at the site.
- This course and the Malawi Educational trip require a minimum of 8 students to run.
- Learners require a Grade 10 certificate to enrol.

MALAWI EDUCATIONAL TRIP

With Barefoot Lodge & Safaris.

ITINERARY

- Kabaza tour & Kuti Wildlife Reserve.
- Thuma Forest Reserve.
- Cape Maclear & Lake Malawi.
- Liwonde National Park.
- Lilongwe.
- Local agricultural projects.

OTHER INFO

- **This tour is open to parents, family, and friends** (please inquire about tour price – book and pay by end March 2023).
- Requires a valid passport.
- Rates are subject to exchange rates and flight prices.
- **Please see the section on the tour for more details on what is included and excluded in the trip fee.**

INCLUDED IN COURSE FEES

- Accommodation and meals at Windy Brow as stated.
- Learning material (excluding suggested books).
- Excursions / day trips (unless otherwise stated).
- Mentor / facilitator to guide and support the learner.
- Assessments, moderation, and certification.

6 day trips / adventure activities are included in the price. For example, Pretoria National Botanical Gardens, National Zoological Gardens of South Africa, ziplining, quad safari, etc. *(Activities and day trips may change, depending on availability.)*

ADDITIONAL COSTS

Please note that the above does not include:

- Snacks and refreshments.
- Learners are responsible for their own transport to and from Windy Brow (transport for day trips are included in the course fee).
- Laptop / notebook / tablet. Learners can do their assignments electronically or by hand. Some of the class assignments and PoE will be loaded onto Google Classroom. Those that prefer old-school hardcopies will also be accommodated.
- Uniform fee (R2600) – each learner is encouraged to purchase a uniform to help create cohesion and encourage professionalism. The uniform includes 2 bush shirts, a bodywarmer and a bush hat (Agri Skills branded).
- Personal items and PPE.

Each learner to bring:

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| ○ Safety shoes or shoes suitable for walking and working in the bush. | ○ Headlamp. |
| ○ Safety gloves. | ○ Backpack. |
| ○ Overalls. | ○ Binoculars. |
| ○ Hat and sunglasses. | ○ Bedding (pillow, duvet, sheets, etc.). |
| ○ Raincoat. | ○ Set of cutlery and crockery. |
| ○ Refillable water bottle. | ○ Personal items (towel, toiletries, etc). |
| | ○ Multiplug. |

SUGGESTED BOOKS

- Learners are encouraged to purchase the suggested books (hardcopy or eBook).
- The purchase of these books is not compulsory but will aid the learner greatly in their studies and afterwards if they choose to pursue guiding as a career.
- A copy of each will be available at Windy Brow Game Reserve in their library for use onsite.
- A full list of suggested books will be made available.
- Approximate cost for hardcopies R2 600.

SUMMARY OF COST

✓ Compulsory ✗ Non-compulsory

Item	✓	✗	Cost
Agricultural tourism course (ounce-off) + Malawi trip	✓		R108 200
Agricultural tourism course (payment plan) + Malawi trip			R116 400
Snacks and refreshments	✓		Varies
Personal items and PPE	✓		Varies
Suggested books		✗	± R2 600
Uniform fee		✗	R2 600



MALAWI ITINERARY

BAREFOOT LODGE & SAFARIS ITINERARY

DAY 1 KAMUZU AIRPORT & BAREFOOT LODGE

Today you will be met at Kamuzu airport in Liwonde and transferred to Barefoot Lodge (<https://www.facebook.com/barefootlodgeandsafaris/>). En-route we will stop to help you get the essentials – cash, sim card, etc. After check-in you will have time to settle in and get acquainted with your surroundings. At 18h00 we will meet in the restaurant for a quick briefing and information session regarding our upcoming adventure. Dinner will be served at 19h00 – set menu. Overnight: Barefoot Lodge (DBB)

DAY 2 AGRICULTURAL VISITS

After breakfast we head out to visit a few agricultural sites (e.g., macadamia farm) to see how farming techniques and technology gets applied. We'll also visit the local village to see how they use every ounce of fertile land for crop and animal production. Dinner will be served at 19h00 – set menu. Overnight: Barefoot Lodge (DBB).

DAY 3 KABAZA TOUR & KUTI WILDLIFE RESERVE

After an early cup of coffee, before breakfast, we meet our “taxi drivers”. Doing an hour and a half Kabaza tour through the nearby village and surrounding area which will give us a first-hand experience of daily life of some of the people living in Malawi. Back at the lodge we will pack our remaining paraphernalia and after breakfast we head out east towards Kuti Wildlife Reserve (<https://www.kuti-malawi.org/>). After an optional lunch at the restaurant, we will lighten our load and take a guided hike through the beautiful forest and wetlands of Kuti to reach our campsite for the night. Sleeping amongst the giants of the forest fills one with awe and respect for these majestic baobab trees. Before sunset we will be picked up for an open vehicle drive before returning for a scrumptious bush dinner. Overnight: Kuti, Wild Camping (DBB)

DAY 4 THUMA FOREST RESERVE

Waking up with the birds, while the sun is rising, gives us enough time to make the most of the day. After an early breakfast, lunch to go, and a few extra bottles of water we make our way to Thuma Forest Reserve (<https://www.wildlifeactiongroupmalawi.org/the-reserves>), not far from Kuti. At the entrance gate we will be met by armed rangers and scouts who will be escorting us into the park and accompany us on a walking safari. Thuma is known for the work they do to preserve and conserve the African Elephant. Even though we cannot guarantee to see these wonderful animals there is always a possibility to encounter them, or any of the other species that find sanctuary at Thuma. Overnight: Kuti, Dorm (DBB).

DAY 5 & 6 CAPE MACLEAR

After Breakfast we head south towards Cape Maclear. Depending on the time, we will have lunch en-route or at Cape Maclear. Our accommodation is situated within the fishing village. Spending time here will give you an idea what a day in the life of a Malawi Lake fishermen involve. At Cape Maclear we have 2 nights and a full day to explore and enjoy what this part of the lake has to offer. Various water-based and other activities can be booked and arranged from our accommodation. On arrival we will enjoy a boat trip (weather permitting) with one of the local fishermen, taking us around the nearby island and snorkelling offshore. Overnight: Fat Monkeys, Dorm (DBB).

DAY 7 LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK

Departing after breakfast we make our way to Liwonde National Park (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liwonde_National_Park). We arrive in time to participate in a boat cruise on the Shire river before enjoying dinner at our accommodation which is situated within the park boundaries. Overnight: Bushmen's Baobab, Dorm (DBB).

DAY 8 LIWONDE NATIONAL PARK

Getting up early we leave camp after coffee and rusks to start our safari (own vehicle). We will be spending the morning in the park searching for wildlife and that perfect photo opportunity. For brunch (something in between breakfast and lunch) we will turn back to camp and during the heat of day be at the lodge. In the afternoon we have the opportunity to do another game drive with our own vehicle or book a game drive with the lodge (optional). At the lodge they also have different activities available which can be arranged the day of arrival – Bush walk, night drive or boat cruise. Overnight: Bushmen's Baobab, Dorm (DBB).

DAY 9 LILONGWE (CAPITAL CITY)

Today we make our way back towards the capital city – Lilongwe. We will be traveling via Dedza Town and if time allows, we will visit the very well-known Dedza Pottery (<https://www.dedza-pottery.com/>). We will arrive in Lilongwe late afternoon. Overnight: Barefoot Lodge (DBB).

DAY 10 DEPARTURE

Airport transfer. End of service.

INCLUDED

- Transport.
- Camping equipment (tent, sleeping necessities).
- Guide.
- Breakfast and dinner as per itinerary.
- Village tour by bicycle.
- Entrance to Liwonde National Park.
- Entrance to Kuti Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Entrance to Thuma Forest Reserve.
- Boat cruise on the Shire River.
- Boat trip on Lake Malawi.

EXCLUDED

- Meals not indicated.
- Extra lodge activities.
- Gratuities (guide, local guides, porters, restaurants).
- Expenses of personal nature (drinks, curios, medication, etc.).
- Any flights.
- Travel insurance.
- Medical related expenses.
- Malaria prophylactic (preventative) tablets – highly recommended.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Liwonde National Park & Malawi Lake.
- Dedza Pottery.
- Kuti Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Thuma Forest Reserve. Boat cruise on the Shire River.
- Boat trip on Lake Malawi.

*Accommodation subject to availability.

*Tour itinerary may change.



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