



# ADVANCED VENOMOUS SNAKE HANDLING COURSE

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# Course Information

Course Date: **Sunday, 18 February 2024**  
Venue: **Exotic Animal World, Klapmuts, Western Cape**  
Directions: <https://bit.ly/3MrIjgZ>

## Programme:

The course starts at 09:30 sharp. Please arrive a few minutes earlier to enjoy coffee and tea refreshments while the team signs you in.

We kick off with a brief theory session, followed by the practical sessions.

The Advanced Venomous Snake Handling Course will include tailing tubing bagging probing and necking venomous snakes including Black Mambas.

This is a full-day course with a tea break at around 10:45, and a lunch break at around 13:00 with a light lunch provided. The course usually concludes at around 15:00. Kindly note that these are suggested times and may vary.

## Course Fees:

All course fees include coffee/tea refreshments and a light lunch.

Advanced Venomous Snake Handling

R 1 950.00

The full amount will have to be paid prior to the course to secure your attendance.

There are two options for booking:

- 1) Please follow the [link](#) or
- 2) Request a booking form from Michelle at [courses@asiorg.co.za](mailto:courses@asiorg.co.za).  
Return the completed form and we will send you an invoice for payment.

Bookings close three days before the event (unless fully booked prior to this) please book early to avoid disappointment.

### Cancellation policy:

**No cancellation fees for changes or cancellation to your booking 48 hours prior to the course date.**  
**50% cancellation fee for cancellations or changes within 48 hours of the course date.**  
**100% cancellation fee for Non-attendance on the day of the course.**

## Important information:

- 1) This course is largely for individuals working at a reptile park or who keep venomous snakes, or who need to work with venomous snakes frequently. This course is however open to anyone with a valid, accredited Snake Handling Bootcamp course certificate, which is a prerequisite for anyone who wants to attend this course. (Please attach a copy of your valid certificate with your booking submission).
- 2) No spectators are allowed during the brief theory session, and this includes children. Spectators are welcome to watch the Advanced Venomous Snake Handling session from a safe distance but are not to interfere with the training in any way.
- 3) Mobile phones: The use of mobile phones for text messages and calls are not permitted during the brief theory and handling sessions, and may only be left on for emergency calls.
- 4) Photographs that are taken by the ASI team during the course will be made available via Dropbox. Participants and spectators are also welcome to take photographs of the handling session but video recording is not permitted. Please note there isn't a dedicated photographer at the courses.
- 5) Our minimum age requirement for the Advanced Venomous Snake Handling course is 16 years of age.
- 6) Delegates will have to sign an indemnity prior to the practical session. Parents/guardians must sign for delegates under 18 years of age.
- 7) Should a delegate have any specific dietary requirements, they are welcome to bring their own lunch.
- 8) Snake tongs, snake hooks, scorpion torches, posters, snake gaiters, first aid equipment, and some of Johan Marais' books will be available for sale on the day. Delegates that already own any of Johan's books are welcome to bring them along for an autograph.

### Dress code and what to bring:

- 1) Delegates should wear long trousers and closed shoes and are advised to bring a hat.
- 2) The African Snakebite Institute will supply all equipment needed for delegates to use during the snake handling session.

### Certificates and course material:

Each delegate will receive a certificate in Advanced Venomous Snake Handling, a First Aid for Snakebite booklet, as well as a full colour A3 Dangerous Snakes of Southern Africa poster.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All successful delegates will receive a certificate. Please ensure that we have the right name and surname as it will appear on the certificate. If details are provided incorrectly another certificate will have to be issued and sent by courier and will cost R250.00.

# Presenter details and accreditation:

Our courses are presented by Johan Marais, Luke Kemp, or Willem Van Zyl.

Johan Marais is one of Africa's leading herpetologists with over 40 years of experience. Johan is the most prominent author of snake books in Africa and has written the best-sellers; A Complete Guide to Snakes of Southern Africa, Snakes and Snakebite in Southern Africa and First Aid for Snakebite, to mention just a few.

Luke Kemp is a keen herpetologist and photographer who has been working for the African Snakebite Institute for more than four years and, in addition to presenting courses, develops much of the ASI course material and does the identification of snakes from all over Africa on the ASI App. He is also co-authoring a new book with Johan on the Reptiles & Amphibians of southern Africa.

Willem Van Zyl is an experienced snake handler, wildlife photographer and wilderness first responder who has been working with the African Snakebite Institute for the last five years. He has done many public and corporate Snake Awareness and Venomous Snake Handling courses. Willem is a software developer and assists with the ASI website, and created our hugely popular free App ASI Snakes.

## Accreditation, Recognition, Registration, and Endorsements:

Our course theory is FGASA (Field Guides Association of Southern Africa) endorsed and is registered with the following bodies:

HPCSA (Health Professions Council of South Africa) – registered health professionals earn 4 CPD points.

SAIOSH (South African Institute of Occupational Safety and Health) – registered participants receive 2 CPD points.

PCIPC (Pest Control Industry Professional Council) – registered members receive 3 CPD points when completing this course.

Our courses are accredited by the ISZS (the International Society of Zoological Sciences) and recognized by the AFGA (African Field Guides Association) and the NFTGA (National Federation of Tourist Guides & Affiliates).

