



# REPTILE PHOTOGRAPHIC COURSE



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# Course Information:

**Course Date:** Sunday, 29 June 2025  
**Venue:** Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge, Muldersdrift, Gauteng  
**Directions:** <https://bit.ly/2r9oYnv>

## Programme:

The course starts at **09:30** sharp with some theory, an analysis of delegate's photographs and then a discussion on the following:

- Equipment – cameras, lenses, flash, tripods, memory cards
- Theory – speed, depth of field, ISO
- Composition, background, focal points
- Lights and lighting – artificial and available light
- Macro photography and equipment
- Photoshop and Lightroom
- Archiving images
- Tricks of the trade

We will break at around 13:00 for lunch and the practical session will start at around 14:00 (these times are suggested and not exact). We will finish up with a discussion on the results of the practical session.

All delegates must E-mail five good and five bad or problematic photographs prior to 18 May 2025 for discussion. This is an important aspect of the course to highlight technical and artistic aspects of reptile photography. Photographers will not be identified during this session.

## Course Fees:

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

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R 1 200.00

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.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Occasionally we need to cancel courses.

In this event, you will be notified at least 48 hours in advance, you will then have the option of moving the course to another date or for a full refund to be done.



# Important information:

- 1) No spectators are allowed during the Reptile Photographic course.
- 2) Please note that Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge has been incorporated into a conservancy and charges a **R 50.00** conservation levy for anyone who enters their premises. These charges are for the delegate's expense. Please ensure to purchase your exit slip at reception upon arrival as the main gate will not let you out without one.
- 3) Mobile phones: The use of mobile phones for text messages and calls is not permitted and may only be left on for emergency calls.
- 4) Should a delegate have any specific dietary requirements, they are welcome to bring their own lunch.

## Dress code and what to bring:

- 1) Delegates should wear long trousers and closed shoes and are advised to bring a hat.
- 2) Each delegate to bring their own camera, as well as a pen and note pad.

## Presenter details:

Our courses are presented by one of our experienced trainers:

**Johan Marais** is the CEO of the African Snakebite Institute and is one of Africa's leading herpetologists, with over 45 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. Johan regularly contributes to scientific papers and has been a reptile photographer for many years - with one of the largest herpetological image collections in Africa.

**Luke Kemp** is a keen herpetologist and photographer who has been working for the African Snakebite Institute for more than six years. In addition to presenting courses throughout Africa, Luke 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 a book with Johan on the Reptiles & Amphibians of southern Africa.

**Sake van Wyk** has been associated with the African Snakebite Institute for many years and has been trained by Johan Marais. He has presented snake awareness, first aid for snakebite and venomous snake handling training to various companies and institutions throughout South Africa. He is a keen herpetologist, an avid reptile photographer and assists with snake identifications and graphic design for our educational content.

**Tim Brammer** is an avid herpetologist who has been based in Malawi for the last few years, where he started presenting snake awareness and handling sessions. He also developed identification posters for the country and is working on a book of snakes of Malawi. Tim is a keen reptile photographer and assists on field surveys in various African countries, when possible.

