



ADVANCED SNAKE HANDLING COURSE.



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Course date: Sunday 28 March 2021

Venue: Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge, Muldersdrift, Gauteng

Directions: <http://bit.ly/2r9oYnv>

Advanced Snake Handling course

This course is largely for someone working at a reptile park or who keeps venomous snakes or who needs to work with them frequently. A valid, accredited Snake Handling Bootcamp course certificate is a **prerequisite** for anyone who wants to attend this course. (Please attached a copy of your valid certificate with your booking form).

The Advanced Snake Handling course will include bagging, tubing, probing, tailing, and necking venomous snakes, as well as handling Black Mambas.

The course starts at 09:30 with a brief theory session followed by a practical. We will break for lunch and should finish by 15:30 at the latest.

Costs:

The Advanced Snake Handling course costs R1,400.00 (VAT included) per delegate. Tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided.

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

Cancellation policy: There are no cancellation fees for changes or cancellation to your booking 48 hours prior to the course date. For cancellations or changes within 48 hours of the course date, we charge a **50% cancellation fee** and for nonattendance on the day of the course we charge a **100% cancellation fee**.

Other equipment needed:

ASI will supply all equipment needed for the day. But if you have your own tongs or hooks you are welcome to bring the equipment along.

Dress code: Those doing the venomous snake handling should wear long trousers and closed shoes. On hot days please bring along a hat.

Important:

1). No spectators are allowed during the theory session, this includes children. Spectators (including children) are welcome to watch the venomous snake handling session from a safe distance but please ensure that spectators, especially small children, do not interfere with the training in any way.

2). Cell phones: The use of cell phones for text messages and calls is not permitted during the awareness or handling courses and may only be left on for emergency calls.



- 3). Photographs that are taken 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.
- 4). Our minimum age requirement for this course is 16 years of age.
- 5). Delegates will have to sign an indemnity prior to the practical session. Those below 18 years of age will have to have a parent or guardian sign the indemnity.
- 6). Please note that Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge has been incorporated into a conservancy and now charges a **R30.00 conservation fee** for anyone who enters their premises. Please go to reception on your way in and purchase your exit slip (the main gate does not let you out without one)

To book please complete a course booking form and E-mail both the booking form and proof of payment to Ashley - admin@asiorg.co.za

Please note, course bookings close four days before the event (unless fully booked prior to this) please make sure you book early to avoid disappointment.

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Or complete an online registration and payment and email the proof of payment to Ashley – admin@asiorg.co.za

Certificates and course material:

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

Equipment:

Snake tongs, snake hooks, scorpion torches, posters and some of Johan's books will be available for sale on the day. Delegates that have any of Johan's books are welcome to bring them along for an autograph.

Credentials:

Our courses are presented by **Johan Marais**, one of Africa's leading herpetologists with over 40 years of experience. Johan is a FGASA approved service provider and accredited by ISZS (the *International Society of Zoological Sciences*). The course is also endorsed by the National Federation of Tourist Guides & Affiliates and is registered with the **Health Professions Council of South Africa**, and registered health professionals earn 4 CPD points (level 2). Johan is the most prominent author of snake books in Africa and has written the best sellers *A Complete Guide to the Snakes of Southern Africa*, *Snakes and Snakebite* and *First Aid for Snakebite*. He is also the snake expert for the Tygerberg Poison Centre and the Red Cross poison centre, as well as advisor to various hospitals and clinics throughout Africa.

