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Follow us into Bhejane Territory.*



Bhejane Nature Training Professional Career Development Programmes

Information for students and applicants



2025/2026 intakes



*A proud FGASA
Training Delivery Partner*

Unlock a Rewarding Career in Wildlife Tourism with Professional FGASA Certification

As a trusted FGASA Training Delivery Partner since 2009, Bhejane Nature Training offers the most comprehensive career training for school leavers pursuing a career in Wildlife Tourism in Southern Africa.

Our programmes align with the highest industry standards, ensuring graduates gain recognition and access to top career opportunities.

Key Highlights

- ✓ **100% employment** guarantee for qualifying students
- ✓ **80% industry retention** rate up to 5 years post-qualification
- ✓ **Holistic approach** focusing on whole-person development, preparing students for a successful and purposeful career and a lifestyle.
- ✓ **Terrestrial and Marine** focus in one of the most biologically diverse regions of Southern Africa.
- ✓ **Proudly South African**, owner- run business with **In-House FGASA Mentors**

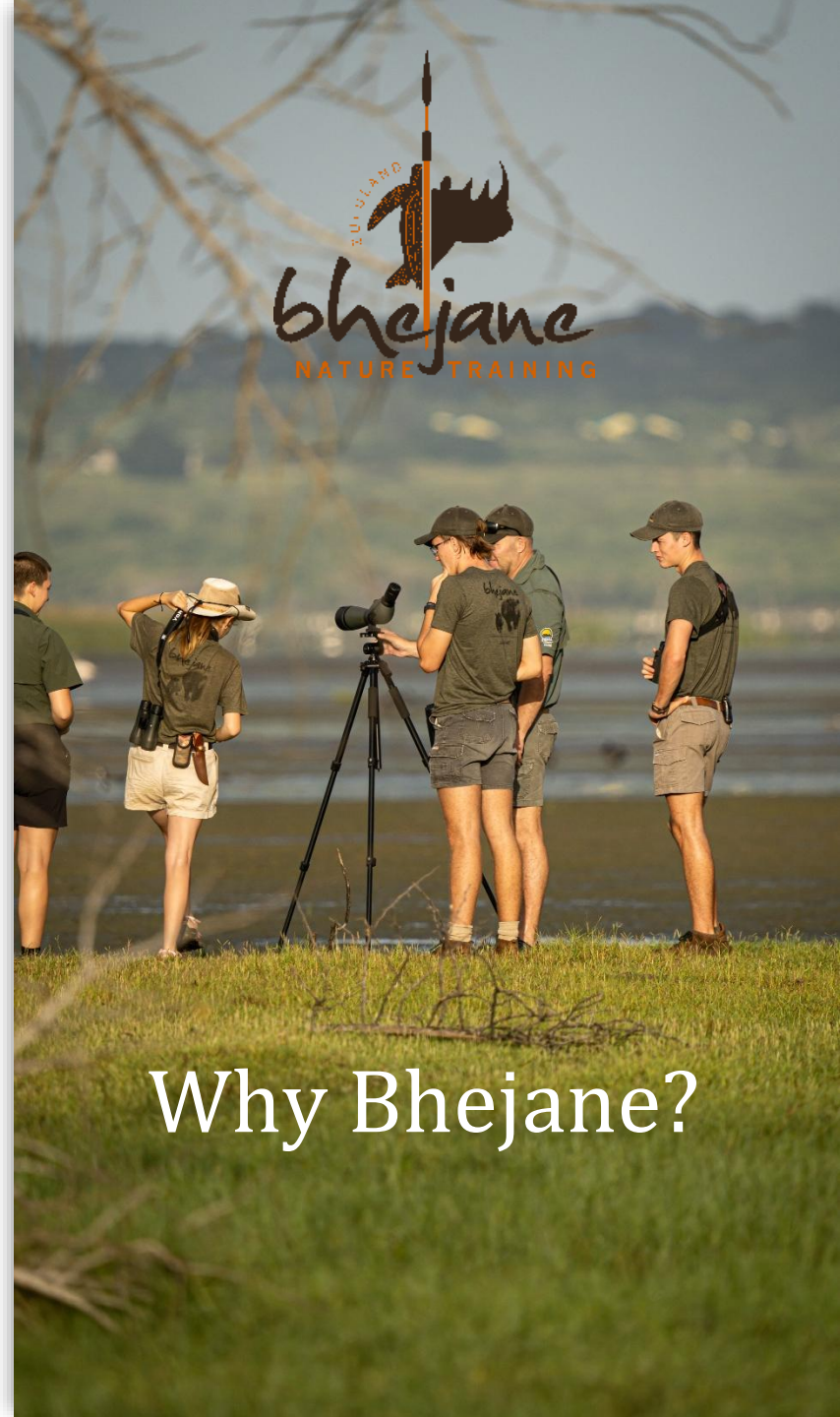
Our Approach

We go beyond just qualifying guides; we develop the person and build a strong foundation for a fulfilling career. Our training encompasses:

Technical skills and knowledge - Personal growth and development - Industry-specific skills and best practices

To read more about what sets Bhejane apart as a nature guide training provider, read more on our blog.

Follow us into Bhejane territory for a rewarding journey in Wildlife Tourism, where passion meets purpose.



Why Bhejane?

Local vs International Recognition?

Established & Recognized

Most recognised industry standard for nature guides - developed over 30 years by professional nature guides.

Bhejane students have found employment worldwide with their well respected FGASA certification proving to be a deciding factor.

Clear path for progression

The range of FGASA qualifications and professional designations provide a clear path of progression for students wishing to specialise and achieve industry recognition for their specialised knowledge and skillsets.

Accountability

Backed by a passionate group of professionals and an industry reliant on quality guides, FGASA keeps its training delivery partners accountable and provides an extra arm of support to their members in this manner.

Transparency

FGASA has clear published criteria to support its standard and qualifications, and have regular opportunities for its stakeholders to participate in the continuous evolution of these

Does this matter? Yes -International recognition is important because:

- a) While the Southern African Safari Industry is quite unique, fundamental guiding principles are universal, and global recognition can acknowledge expertise in these areas.
- b) Further education and training from related industries worldwide can enhance a guide's credentials and set them apart.
- c) Recognition from a well-known and respected organization like FGASA (Field Guides Association of Southern Africa) can open doors and earn respect globally.

But, international recognition is not a one-size-fits-all solution because:

Local regulations and requirements vary greatly, and guides must meet specific legal qualifications or permits to work in a foreign country.

No single organization has global recognition or authority to certify guides across different regions and industries.

International recognition is more about the reputation and respect of the certifying organization in its area of origin, rather than a universal stamp of approval. From this perspective, FGASA enjoys worldwide recognition with past students using their Bhejane and FGASA Certifications to gain employment in related industries all across the world.



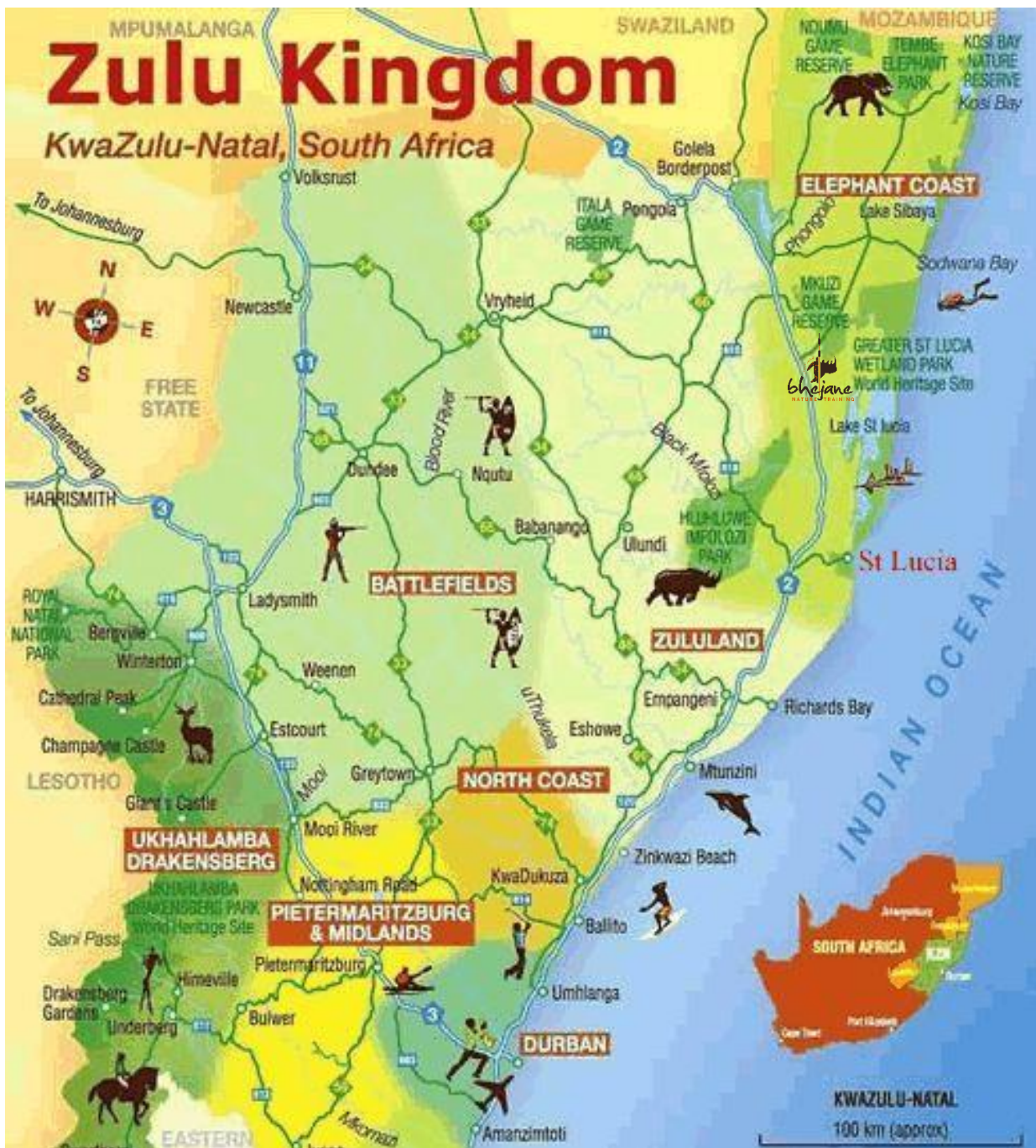
FGASA meets local requirements for Certification as a Cathsseta Accredited Provider, and enjoys International Recognition as a member of World Federation of Tourist Guides Associations.



Where we train

Bhejane is situated in the heart of the Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany (MPA) eco-region, which is considered one of the most biologically diverse areas in Africa. It is ranked among the top five biodiversity hotspots on the continent. Click [here to find us on Google Maps](#).

The area provides a wealth of habitats to discover and explore while training to become a nature guide.



We are situated 18km outside of the town of Hluhluwe on the R22 towards Sodwana & Kosi Bay.

We explore the various reserves and habitats of the Mkuze Floodplains all around us, as well as the Isimangaliso Wetland Park.

Training takes place in World Heritage Sites and National Parks such as the Isimangaliso Wetlands Park, Mkuze Game Reserve and the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve. In addition students get to experience working conditions on private game reserves and marine protected areas.

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Overview of Bhejane Career Development Programmes



3 Year Advanced
Nature Guide &
Conservation Course



1 Year Professional
Nature Guide Course



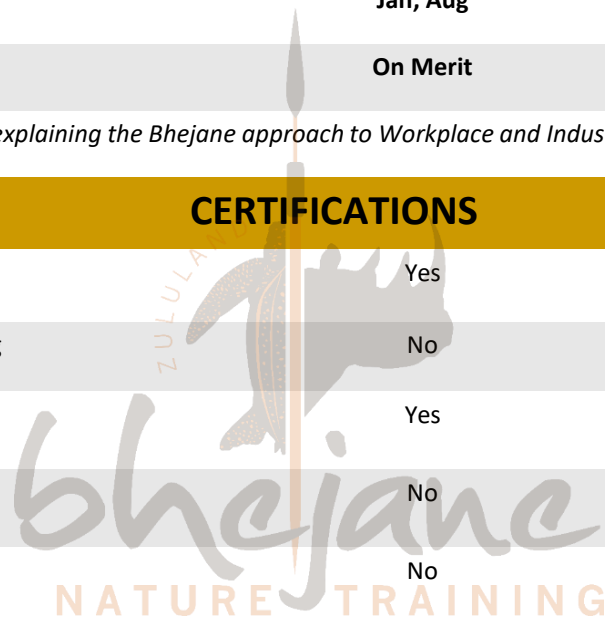
FGASA NQF 2
Foundation Course (2
Months)

Programme content comparison	NQF 2	1 Year CDP	3 Year Advanced Course
Duration	10 Weeks	1 year Full Time, followed by Industry Placement	2 Years Full Time, 3 rd Year Industry Placement
Who should attend	All ages, better for over 25	22 and older	18-22 Years
Suitable as a Gap Year Programme	Yes	Yes	NO
Intakes	Jan, Aug	January, August	January
Industry Placement	On Merit	Yes after 1 year	Yes after 2 Years

Please read the following slide explaining the Bhejane approach to Workplace and Industry placement for qualifying students.

CERTIFICATIONS

FGASA NQF 2 Field Guide	Yes	Yes	Yes
FGASA Apprentice Trails Guide & Advanced Rifle Handling	No	Yes	Yes
Track & Sign Assessments (FGASA Recognised)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Trailing Assessment (FGASA Recognised)	No	No	Yes
Mentored Trails Experience (1 st and 2 nd Rifle Hours)	No	No	Yes



The FGASA Lead Trails Guide Qualification can only be completed once in industry and is dependent on achieving the required number of hours / encounters under the supervision of a FGASA recognised Trails Mentor as a 1st or 2nd Rifle (minimum 200). The road to Lead Trails Guide takes most committed working guides on average 3-5 years to complete. The additional experience and hours available to students in their 2nd Year enables Bhejane guides to qualify for Lead Trails assessment much faster than their peers in industry. (See FAQ for FGASA Mentors)

FGASA Marine & Coastal Guide	If Chosen	Yes	Yes
Bhejane Marine Specialist (Level 2)	No	No	Yes – Elective in Year 2
Bhejane Snorkelling Specialist	No	No	Yes – Elective in Year 2
PADI Scuba Diving	No unless Marine NQF 2	Beginner (Open Water)	Beginner, Advanced

Programme content comparison	NQF 2	1 Year CDP	3 Year Advanced Course
PFTC Handle and use of a Self-Loading Rifle	No	Yes	Yes
<i>All PFTC Firearm Training is done on site by Bhejane's in house PFTC accredited Firearm Training School – Zulu Rangers. All students on all courses have the option to complete any of the additional firearm categories (ie Handgun, Shotgun, Self-loading Rifle) at additional cost during their time at Bhejane.</i>			
Wilderness First Aid	Basic	Basic & Intermediate	Basic, Intermediate, Advanced
Marine First Aid & Firefighting	No	Yes	Yes
Bhejane Conservation Research and Monitoring Assistant	No	Basic Certificate	Advanced Certificate
Bhejane Industry and Workplace skills	No	Basic Certificate	Advanced Certificate
<i>The Advanced Certificate includes a focus not only on the Professional Profile of the student but also the range of basic skills required for effective participation in this dynamic industry – this includes aspects like Social Media, Hospitality and Tourism, Conservation Entrepreneurship, Contracts and Labour Law and a range of personal and technical skills that in our experience, assist in creating a solid career foundation.</i>			
Inland Skippers	No	No	Yes
FGASA NQF 4 Theory	No	Basic Workshop	Full Course with Exam
<i>Obtaining the full FGASA NQF 4 qualification requires 260 days of industry experience in addition to the Theory Exam. The Bhejane Programme includes preparation and assessment on the required Theory component and provides opportunities for mentored guest experience in Year 2.</i>			
Mentored Guest Hours	No	No	Yes
FGASA Regional Birding Specialist	No	Yes	Yes
<i>The FGASA Birding Qualification requires a lot of personal commitment and dedication to complete. While students on the 1 Year course are welcome to attempt the final assessment, most students only achieve this in Year 2.</i>			

Disclaimer: The information given above is accurate at the time of writing. Factors beyond the control of Bhejane Nature Training, such as regulatory changes, may cause the exact content, duration or venue of certain modules to change. In the event of any such change, all reasonable measures will be taken to minimize inconvenience to students.

What is Industry Placement?

Bhejane Nature Training's industry placement approach ensures graduates are job-ready and empowered to succeed in the guiding industry. Unlike traditional unpaid workplace experience, our strategy focuses on accountability, support, and meaningful opportunities. We refrain from sending qualified guides to lodges as unpaid "volunteers," as much as possible, instead focusing on empowering students to take ownership of their job search and career development. By doing so, we ensure graduates are confident, job-ready, and equipped for success in the guiding industry.

Bhejane does not offer placement to Short Course students – however will recommend candidates on merit if we have any vacant positions available from industry partners.

Students on the 1- and 3-Year Career Programmes are supported in entering the industry in the following way:

Phase 1

• Student led Job Search

- Develop your Professional Profile, we teach and support you on how to research and apply for your desired positions while completing the Workplace Skills module. Our team provides guidance and support while allowing the student to take some ownership of the process. We have a 100% success rate in finding meaningful paid employment for all our current qualifying students.

Phase 2

• Industry Partner Placement

- We place you with an industry partner. Students that do not yet qualify for Phase 1 may sometimes qualify to do a Phase 2 placement. The most frequent reason for this will be age (not yet 21 and still waiting for PDP licence) or outstanding course components, perhaps due to medical or other personal requirements that led to an interruption in course attendance. Industry partner placement can be paid or unpaid – each case is managed individually to the best available outcome.

Phase 3

• Bhejane Internship

- Selected students may be invited to complete their 3rd year at Bhejane due to their particular skills or desire to be in a training environment for their placement (for example a student whose career aspirations is to work with educational groups etc rather than guiding in high end establishments).



Industry Partners

We are blessed to be very well supported by the lodges and reserves in Zululand, and have established a good working relationship with many local reserves as well as reserves and organizations in other areas, that are eager and excited to include our Advanced Course Students in their programmes and to offer them opportunities for experience and employment.

Below is a list of some of these partners. We are however continuously working on establishing new relationships in industry that will benefit our students, and this list is therefore always growing and changing.

- mFulaWozi Wilderness Private Game Reserve
- Manyoni Private Game Reserve (Previously known as Zululand Rhino Reserve)
- Bushwillow Collection (Hospitality Training)
- Mhondoro Private Game Lodge
- Thanda Private Game Reserve
- Mongena Private Game Lodge (Dinokeng)
- Adventure Mania Sodwana Bay
- KZN Ezemvelo Wildlife (monitoring practical field work)
- Smart Response Wilderness First Aid Training
- Zulu Ranger Safaris (PFTC Training, Guiding Experience for 2nd Year students)
- Kuleni Game Park
- Isimangaliso Wetlands Park
- The Lion Heart Experience
- Makakatana Bay Lodge
- Isibindi Group of Lodges
- Wild Tomorrow Fund
- Bonamanzi Game Reserve
- Somkhanda Community Game Reserve



FAQ – is this really a good career option? Are there any opportunities for growth?

Yes, working as a guide in the Wildlife Tourism industry has become an exciting and rewarding career option for professionally qualified guides. The demand for professional guides has been increasing steadily over the last 20 years and shows no sign of slowing down.

Southern Africa is still a long way from reaching its full potential as a safari and nature-based tourism destination, and employment as well as entrepreneurial opportunities for competent, career orientated guides likewise is still on the rise. **We are fortunate to be in an industry where the demand for professionals still outstrips the available supply.**

Bhejane Nature Training pioneered the first ever comprehensive 3-year career training programme for Nature Guides in 2012 and since then has been able to track our graduates to see what their careers look like. **There are very few industries able to boast an industry placement rate of 100% for qualifying graduates, but also a retention rate of over 80% 5-7 years down the line.** The Safari Guide industry - at least for Bhejane qualified nature guides, has proven itself an industry able to offer this. For more on Bhejane Graduates and what they are doing in industry, make sure to follow our social pages, and subscribe to our newsletter, where we feature news from the industry from time to time.

FAQ - What jobs will I be able to apply for after I complete this course?

You will be able to apply for

- Nature, Field or Marine Guide Positions
- Game Ranger positions
- Research assistant positions
- Wildlife Monitor, Volunteer coordinator
- Entry level Wildlife or Habitat Management positions
- Junior or Assistant Game Lodge or Reserve Management positions

FAQ - What are my career growth possibilities in this industry?

Working your way up from the entry level positions listed above, you could become eligible for senior positions such as that of

- Senior or Head Guide
- General Manager of a Reserve or Lodge
- Wildlife or Conservation Manager
- Tour Operator
- Specialist or Private Guide



Complete the Bhejane [“What type of Guide are you? Quiz”](#) to see what you are suited for!



Ruvan Grobler – Runner up Safari Guide of the Year 2022

Bhejane Imvelo Advanced course
2015-2017

Follow Ruvan [@ruvang_wildlife](#)

Programme Description and Purpose (1 and 3 Year Programmes)

Recognising a lack of suitably qualified and experienced guides, ***Bhejane Nature Training pioneered the first ever comprehensive Career Course for Nature & Marine guides in 2012.*** The programme combines the intimately related fields of Professional Nature Guiding and Conservation/Wildlife Management and Tourism and Hospitality. This enables the student to get a quality academic qualification whilst at the same time living and training in the bush.

The programme is designed ***mainly for school-leavers that are serious about a career in Wildlife Tourism and Conservation.*** While we will accept older students, we recommend that anyone over the age of 22 enrol for the shorter 1 Year Career Development Programme, before deciding to migrate onto the longer course.

Year 1 of the programme includes all fundamental training certificates, while Year 2 provides opportunity for mentored field and guest experience and the advanced and specialization courses. Students also work on their professional profiles throughout this year while identifying their career objectives – after which we work with each student to establish links in industry and to start pursuing opportunities for work placement.

After 12 successful years, the Advanced Course has only gone from strength to strength and has managed to achieve all the objectives we had hoped to achieve with the inception of the programme. The initial objectives included providing a strong foundation with the necessary skills and depth of character to enable young guides not only to gain entry, but to remain in the industry, whilst continuing to gain on their knowledge and skills, and to achieve promotion and specialization early in their careers in comparison to guides that completed shorter training programmes.

In terms of advancing in Qualifications, those that have achieved the highly sought after ***FGASA Professional Field Guide (Previously FGASA Level 3) since leaving Bhejane are, all exclusively from the Advanced Course groups.*** Many of our past Advanced Course students are today Senior Guides, Business Owners, Specialist Private Guides, and Guide Trainers at a number of other FGASA and other training providers.

Follow our Blog and Social Media pages for updates on what our students in industry are doing.

Dates and Registration

The Bhejane Advanced course is a 3 year programme, that consists of 2 years of full time theory and practical training followed by a practical year in the industry. The 1 year programme consist of 1 year full time training on site, followed by industry placement.

The intakes for Year 1 is in January each year. The next intakes are: **2025 - 20 Jan 2025 | 2026 19 January 2026**



Yearly schedule

There are 4 scheduled term breaks during each of year 1 and 2. Students are given a term calendar at the start of each course to confirm their term dates. Breaks are usually 3 weeks in April, 3 weeks in June/July, 3 weeks in September, with a longer break of December / January between the two years.

Students are welcome to stay in camp during their breaks if it is not possible to go home. They are however responsible for their own meals over this time. They do have access to a student kitchen to make use of during this time.

Registration

Registration for South African Students closes 6 weeks prior to the course starting date.

In order to register, please complete the 2025 Career Course Registration Form and return to the address indicated on the form. Once submitted you will receive an acceptance letter and course invoice. In order to confirm your place on the course, a 15% non-refundable deposit is payable.

If you are waiting for the results of VISA or LOAN application, you need to inform our registration office of this and a provisional spot will be kept for you until 4 weeks prior to close of registrations, after which the registration needs to be confirmed.

Course Fees 2026

Year 1 - R260 000

Year 2 – R190 000

Year 3 – No Fees – Industry Practical Year

Student Loans: (South African Students only)

A number of South African banks can be approached for application of study loans. If you intend to apply for a study loan you will need supporting documents from us. It is important that you complete the registration form to enable us to generate the necessary supporting documents for you. When submitting the registration form, please request the supporting loan documents to be sent to you.

Admission requirements

Requirements	Comments
Minimum age of 18	Students younger than 18 may apply – but must be aware that they will only gain FGASA certifications once they have turned 18. Students without Matric may apply but will be evaluated for their ability to complete the programme.
National Matric or Senior Certificate or equivalent qualification	
Reasonable level of personal and mental fitness	
Must be able to swim 400m unaided	For Marine Guiding Can be completed during the first year, but must be in place by Year 2. PDP may be done in Year 3
Drivers Licence and PDP	
Health insurance or Medical Aid	Optional but recommended
An acceptable standard of English Literacy	

FAQ – I have Dyslexia / ADHD and related learning challenges. Will I be able to complete the programme?

Yes - you are an ideal candidate. Some of our most successful students are those that prefer a more practical or kinaesthetic learning programme (and career). We make use of a variety of teaching and learning tools as well as assessment methods to help you reach your full potential as a guide.

FAQ – Is diving compulsory for Marine Guiding?

No – if you cannot dive – either due to preference or a medical condition you will do an adapted programme and will still be able to qualify for the full FGASA Marine programme.

FAQ - I am already an experienced diver do I have to do the qualifications again?

No, if you are experienced or already qualified as a diver, you will simply do more interpretive dives, while the rest of the group is busy with their theory/ pool sessions.

FAQ - I have already completed my FGASA NQF 2 qualification but would love to do this course – can I still enroll?

Yes you can. We will evaluate and give credit for your current qualification level, and you will join the group for the rest of the modules. Each application for academic credit or discounts will be evaluated individually to ensure that it meets the necessary requirements for academic credit and/or discounts. FGASA qualifications completed prior to 2022 will not be considered as credits since the qualifications have changed substantially since January 2022.

Syllabus and Certifications

In addition to the overall Bhejane Advanced Nature Guiding and Wildlife Conservation Certificate, there is a large range of qualifications, licenses and permits that guides require to work in many different environments.

Refer to the comparison table on page 6 and 7 for an overview of the certificates available to students.

YEAR 1 and 2 - BHEJANE MODULES include the following study topics

Geology, Astronomy and Weather and Climate for nature guides	Reserve Management Practice
Ecology, Animal Studies,	Conservation Principles and Ethics
Plant Studies	Wildlife Research and Monitoring
Guiding Communication Skills	Tourism and Hospitality
Vehicle and Game Drive Skills	Industry and Workplace Skills
Research Skills	Photography and Social Media
Storytelling and Interpretation	CV's, Interviews and Employment Contracts
Use and Care of your Guiding Equipment	Basics of Labour Law
Track and Sign Interpretation	Conservation Entrepreneurship
Rifle Handling for Guides	Personal Development and Goal setting
	Leadership Skills and Communication



Important Information to be aware of:

One of the challenges facing young guiding students is the requirement to be 21 before you become eligible to obtain a PDP. The problem with shorter courses, is that you are still unemployable for a full 2 years after having qualified. Completing the 3 year course, means that a school leaving student, will start the programme typically at 18 years of age, and on completion of the course will be able to meet all requirements not only to gain entry, but to build a successful career and apply for meaning full positions. In our experience, spending 2 years in a professional development environment, allows young guides to not only get the required paperwork, but grow and develop confidence and other life skills that are essential for successful entry to the workplace.

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the typical day on course look like?

There is no such thing as a typical day on course. Although you will work according to weekly schedules and set learning outcomes, we follow a hands-on developmental approach at Bhejane. This means that the daily routine is adjusted to fit into the required learning outcomes and opportunities. If conditions are good, your afternoon lectures might be cancelled to go on a practical instead or the other way around. Instructors meet weekly to discuss individual and group progress on the course, and schedules as well as activities and classroom work are adjusted accordingly to ensure that all students receive the best opportunities to master the theory and practical outcomes of the course.

The reason many people choose guiding and related careers in wildlife and volunteer tourism, is very much because of the excitement and adventure each day holds. However, when on course we often find students want to know every detail of what is in store for the week - and this is not necessarily always provided up-front, for various reasons.

Our best advice to prepare yourself for this, is simply to come with the mindset that you are on a course - your schedule will change from time to time, and you will be required to have your head in the right space. Have a positive and enthusiastic attitude when it comes to course work and to embrace each learning opportunity that comes your way. Once you are in industry, you will soon discover that real life, is far more unpredictable than course life - and knowing how to deal with a change of plan will be one of your most valuable skills to succeed.

Students will be given yearly as well as term schedules in the beginning of each term that will outline the learning areas and scheduled practicals. Students usually work from Monday to Friday with weekends for self study and research projects.

In addition to course work, students are also divided into rotating duty teams that assist with daily camp duties.

What practical activities can I expect to do on course?

Practical activities range from Game Drives and Walks, to field surveys, kayaking, animal and plant identification, identification and removal of alien plants, animal monitoring and surveys, snorkelling, diving. Exploring local wetlands and secret birding spots. Skills training includes a wide variety of skills from practical communication skills to rifle handling, vehicle skills, teamwork and organizational skills. For more information on the activities students complete while on course, browse through the photo albums on our [Facebook Page](#).

In year 2, students get involved in working with educational groups, guest groups and will host visitors to Bhejane in order to gain experience and prepare for the workplace.

What is the ratio between theory and practical training?

In line with the outcomes of the course, your time will on average be spent as follows on course:

- Theory Sessions 40%
- Practical Sessions 40%
- Self Study and Projects 10%
- Assessments 10%

This is a general guideline, and this ratio differs for some modules. Some are more practical, some have more study and project time



Are there any social events or sporting facilities available to use during free time?

We encourage students to play sport as much as possible – and provide opportunities for interested students to join the local Hluhluwe Rugby Club for practice. We have a small “bush” sports field, used for playing soccer and Touch Rugby and staying fit.

There is a small student gym that students are able to use at any time. The Bhejane Base camp at Gobandlovu is not in a dangerous game area, and students are also free to go on hikes or walks during their free time.

Students have access to the Bhejane Student Kitchen and Braai area for weekends and will often get together for a braai on a Friday evening. There is also a communal lounge with Wifi and DSTV where students can get together for a movie night or watch sports games together.

Khoffee Khaya is the camp Tuck Shop and supplies beverages and a small snack menu with items like Pizza, Milk Shakes, Toasties, Burgers and a few other specials for those that don't want to cook on weekends. We have a lovely small restaurant in walking distance from Camp that is also a nice distraction from daily routine from time to time for students to enjoy.

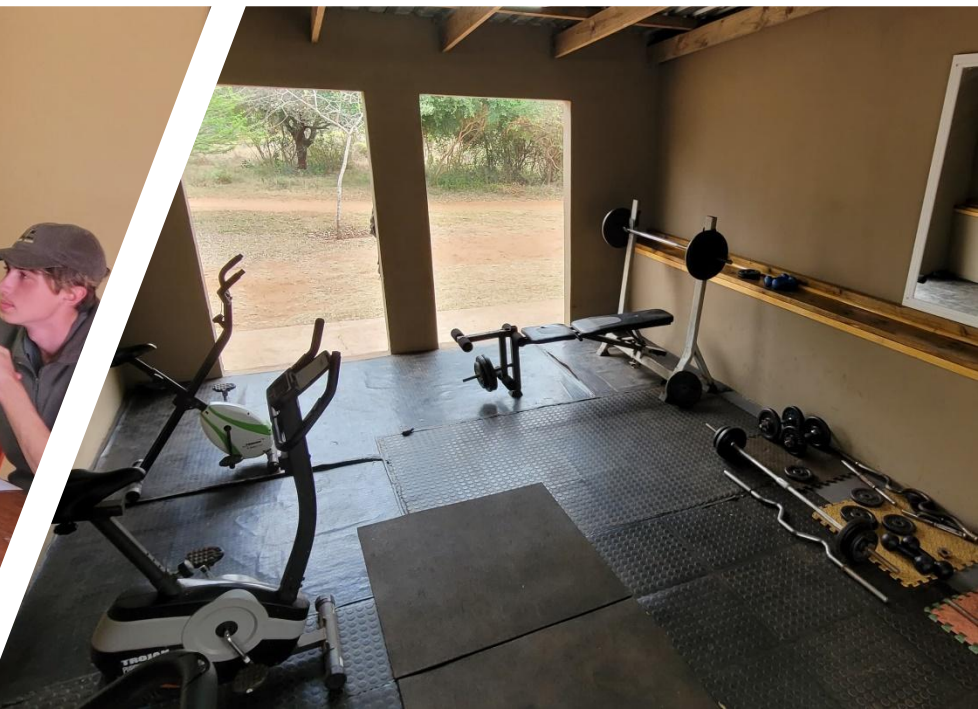
Students are allowed to purchase limited quantities of alcohol during the week and will not be allowed to keep any alcohol of their own on the property. Students are allowed to leave the camp on weekends but must take care to be back in time for gate closing (9pm). All students must be back at 17h00 on a Sunday.

Please also see our General Information Document for more info on Facilities in Camp.

Can we come to see the camp before registering?

Yes, you are welcome to come and see our camp and facilities anytime. Just let us know when you will be in our area, so that we can ensure that we have someone to show you around. You are also welcome to book a meeting with Dylan & Christa or one of our Senior staff to answer your questions about the course or guiding as a career option.





What accommodation options are available for students?

Our student village consist of comfortable accommodation in safari tents or wooden huts and are furnished. Students share central ablution facilities and have access to a student kitchen, study lounge, library, and social area. Students are catered on all course days, typically Mondays – Fridays and for all practical camps. Students must prepare their own meals on weekends and off days. A student kitchen is available for this purpose with fridge and freezer space.

Facilities used on practical vary greatly from remote and rustic bush and beach camps to comfortable hutted accommodation. Please refer to the General Information Booklet for more information about facilities.

I do not have my own vehicle, will I be able to get to and from town to get everything I need?

Many of our students do not have vehicles. There are usually opportunities for lifts with friends and fellow students, and the camp student coordinator is always happy to assist students where possible. The camp has also got a store- room and shop from where students are allowed to buy supplies. Students are welcome to spend their free time in the camp relaxing or socializing in the student lounge.

Can my friends or family visit me at the college?

Friends or family are welcome to visit students during their off days or free time at the college but we are unable to accommodate any visitors. Alternative accommodation is available from lodges and reserves surrounding the college. Please contact us for a list of establishments that provide special rates for Bhejane students and their friends/family.

What do most students find challenging while at camp?

In our experience students struggle most with **community living - it is important to prepare yourself for the idea of sharing your space with other students.** There are various measures in place to aid your comfort and well-being, however dealing with the same people over a long period can be emotionally draining if you are not prepared for it. At the same time, however, rest assured that groups generally bond very well - you are after all like-minded people with similar interests, and we find that groups tend to support each other very well, and become life-long friends during and after the course.



Living with camp and reserve rules:

There are various camp and reserve rules that you will be expected to follow and respect. These include times when we expect all students to be quiet, gate locking times and rules regarding when you are allowed to leave the property. We encourage you to simply be ready for and accept these rules - these are industry standard rules, not Bhejane specific rules, and as with the challenge above, you will find that where-ever you end up working, this will become your life. It is a small sacrifice to make for the privilege of living and working in such beautiful and awe inspiring natural areas - a privilege available to fewer of us every day. Embrace the opportunity and come with a positive attitude - moaning and nit-picking about camp rules that inconvenience you can really spoil your course experience. It is however entirely in your hands how you choose to experience this.

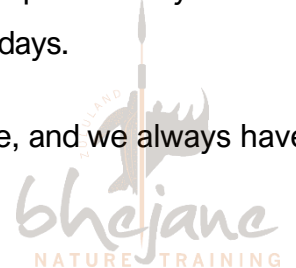
Should I be concerned about Malaria and Tick bite fever?

The Isimangaliso Wetlands Park and its surrounding areas are regarded as low to intermediate risk areas for malaria. According to local doctors they treat very few cases of malaria annually, and the ones that they do treat, are for people that have travelled further north. Malaria is therefore not a concern, but it is still wise to take the necessary precautions. Use insect repellent and cover up at night. Mosquitoes are generally not a problem during winter months (May - August), but can be very bothersome during the rainy summer months. You can bring a mosquito net for comfortable sleeping if you wish. Kosi Bay, one of our camps for Marine Guide Training, is regarded as an intermediate risk area for malaria. Please take the necessary precautions during this time, as advised by your travel clinic or health care professionals.

Pepper Ticks –these small pin sized ticks are carriers of the parasite that is responsible for Tick Bite Fever in humans. As with mosquitoes, your best course of action is to wear long pants when walking and to regularly spray your clothes with insect repellent. Symptoms of Tick Bite Fever include headaches, hot and cold flushes, needles and pins, and mild fever. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have any of these symptoms. In most cases, Tick Bite Fever is not too serious, and you will get better within a couple of days.

General Safety

We advise the same general safety precautions as recommended everywhere in South Africa. Our camps are safe, and we always have a Duty Manager on call to assist in case of emergency.



The Bhejane Story

Bhejane Nature Training was founded in 2008 by Dylan & Christa Panos. Dylan, at the time, an experienced Trails Guide, FGASA Assessor & Mentor, and accredited Firearms Instructor.

Christa who is also a qualified nature and Marine Guide and assessor, came from a career with some of South Africa's leading private education providers, closely involved with developing and implementing new qualifications in guiding, tourism and hospitality programmes.

Prior to starting Bhejane Dylan & Christa also spent a number of years in the industry at private game reserves in guiding and management positions.

Dylan and Christa are actively involved in the running of Bhejane and are now also assisted by their daughters Tegan Panos & Nicole Panos, while their son Kairan, has just started on his journey to becoming a qualified guide. (Pictured here is the Panos Family, Dylan, Christa, Tegan, Nicole with her kids Kaia (late) and Kayden and Kairan as well as Dylan's parents Nicky & Dianne Panos.

The Panos family is assisted by a competent and passionate team of camp and administration staff, as well as a well-rounded and capable Facilitator team to lead Bhejane students in their courses. Read more about our Team updates on the Bhejane Blog Site.



Empowering Guides and Conservation Entrepreneurs

Our mission is to develop exceptional guides and conservation entrepreneurs who embody the values of:

**Competence- Accountability- Resourcefulness-
Reliability- Preparedness- Innovative thinking**

We achieve this by:

Fostering goal-driven individuals with strong character and work ethic

- Cultivating a training environment that promotes personal growth and development beyond career aspirations

**Self-awareness, Environmental awareness and
Awareness of others**

By focusing on holistic development, we empower our students to become confident, capable, and compassionate professionals who make a positive impact in the world of conservation and beyond.



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