

NEWSLETTER: *SKYAFRICA*

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A few years back, *SKYAFRICA* originated a unique bush pilots training course, targeting pilots keen to hone their skills for flying into the African bush, the Outback and other remote areas.

The *SKYAFRICA* Bush Pilots Course also has a recreational part, being mainly aimed at pilots combining their holiday to Africa with some useful flight training.

In the past we have had many calls for a more compact course, concentrating on the flight-training portion of the syllabus. We are thus presenting our new 7-day **Bush Pilots Finesse Course**.

In addition, there have been requests to sharpen up on the survival and bush craft angle of the course. So in order to present a professional practical survival course, we have enlisted qualified survival specialists that will compliment the flight-training syllabus. Our **Aircrew Survival Course** can be completed **before, during or after** the flying course as an either integrated or separate part.



The *SKYAFRICA* Professional Bush Pilots Finesse Course

Pilots aiming to work as safari flyers, operate in game and ranch management, fly for aid organisations, med rescue or simply operate their own plane into the bush, will benefit from this week-long training session.

PROFESSIONAL BUSH PILOTS FINESSE COURSE	ACCOM	Activity included
First flight assessment	Guesthouse BB	BASE SORTIE 1
Familiarisation with Aircraft, air exercises	Guesthouse BB	BASE SORTIES 2/3
Familiarisation with airspace. 3 airfields, short field and soft field landing techniques	Guesthouse BB	BASE SORTIE 4
Navigation flight to Bush Lodge, 6 airfields, instruction in bush flying techniques, landing techniques, aircraft ground handling and protection	Bush Lodge FB	BUSH SORTIE 1
Low level navigation 6 airfields, Game spotting techniques, Safari flying and nature conservation, Airmanship,	Bush Lodge FB	BUSH SORTIE 2
Bush exercises 5 airfields practical bush flying techniques, landing techniques, safety precautions,	Bush Lodge FB	BUSH SORTIE 3
Long range navigation 5 strips, approaches soft field and short field landings, hot and high airfields, flying for range		BUSH SORTIE 4/5

This flying course can be done as a group or as an individual course; pilots can use either *SkyAfrica* aircraft or their own private plane. All course material is included. Course dates are as published or upon special request all year round. Flying takes place in the Highveld, the Waterberg mountain range and the Limpopo Bushveld.






The *SWAFRICA* Aircrew Survival Course 2006

The courses are easy going, no age limits and no great level of fitness required. The normal course duration is three-night & four-days which encompass




- **Trauma First Aid:** Saving lives during the "Golden Hour" following an accident.
- **Leadership Management and organizational skills**
- **Aviation Safety:** Specialist Consultant, Jan Delpont, SA Air Force (retd.), lecturer in aviation safety at University of Pretoria.
- **Psychological Management of Stress and Anxiety - minimising the effect of post traumatic stress - Specialist Psychologist.**
- **Survival Techniques:**
 - Planning & preparation
 - Selection of survival equipment
 - Navigation & map reading on foot
 - Search principals & methods
 - Environment survival tips
 - Building shelters
 - Making fire
 - Making weapons and useful items
 - Edible plants
 - Traps, snares & fishing
 - Finding water
 - animal behaviour

Instructors are:


Koos Moorcroft

-  Ex Special Forces soldier qualified in all Special Forces Operators techniques including bushcraft, tracking and survival.
-  Served in S.A. Special Forces from 1970 to 1991 as an operator and instructor.
-  Retired after 40 years service in the S.A. Army, the last 7½ years served on the General Staff as Sergeant Major of the S.A. Army.

Jan Delpont

-  Ex South African Air Force pilot with 10400 flying hours of which more than 3000 hours were on operations.
-  Qualified as a single and multi-engine instructor pilot.
-  Lecturer in Aviation Safety at the University of Pretoria (B Com Aviation Management.) Retired after 36 years of service as Officer Commanding Air Force Base Swartkop with the rank of Brig. Gen.

Raphael Gunduza

-  Ex S.A. Special Forces Qualified in all Special Forces Operators Techniques and specialised in Bushcraft Tracking and Survival skills as chief instructor.
-  Years of experience in the African bush.



The unexpected that is always there can change a controlled, planned situation, into one in which dire consequences may result.

Should an aircraft have to make a forced landing in a remote, desolate and perhaps uninhabited area, these can be lessened considerably through the flight crew and passengers having been thoroughly trained in survival techniques.

Survival Strategy:



Your survival depends upon applying the basic principles learnt on this course and applying them to the circumstances in which you may unexpectedly find yourself.

Knowledge is power.

● **Kit:**

The following essential items should always be part of your survival kit: backpack/pouch, knife, compass, cell phone (satellite if possible).

●● **Knowledge:**

Knowledge – dispels fear. You should learn the basics, practice them and have a thorough knowledge of how to use your kit and its capabilities.

●●● **Will to Survive:**

Means never giving in, regardless of the situation. You should be able to cope with any challenge as long as the basic principals of survival are followed.

Survival courses endorsed by Civil Aviation Authority.



SKYAFRICA Bush Pilots Course

The next scheduled dates are:

- **15. April 2006**
- **13. May 2006**

But remember that we organise courses all year round on special request.

Flying Humour

Tower: Have you got enough fuel or not?

Pilot: Yes.

Tower: Yes what??

Pilot: Yes, SIR

Until next time, fly safe and happy landings!

Erika Finatzer