



ABU PRIVATE RESERVE

Okavango Delta - Botswana



Job Title: Senior Elephant Mahout
Reports To: Camp General Manager
Location: Seba

We are looking for a dynamic and energy packed suitable individual who is a self-motivated team player, and are dedicated and committed to providing excellent service within a high-pressure environment. The individual should have the ability to interact well with guests from all parts of the world as well as the ability to form good relationships with employees across all levels. We wish to invite suitably qualified candidates to apply for the below position.

PURPOSE OF THE JOB

The Senior Elephant Mahout is responsible for the overall wellbeing of the Abu Elephant herd and should be able to share their extensive knowledge about Elephants with the guests.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF POSITION

- Assist the Elephant Manager in observing the elephant's physical conditions in order to detect illness or unhealthy conditions requiring medical care.
- Work with the elephant teams talking to and interacting with Elephants in order to familiarize them to human voices and contact.
- Document and maintain elephant records concerning animal health, diet, and behaviour.
- Asset control - ensuring that all the elephant areas and equipment are cleaned daily and maintained.
- Guiding guests when interacting with elephants and during the Elephant walking safari.
- Ensuring that all safety rules are adhered to by all staff and guests when interacting with elephants.
- Care for abandoned baby Elephants.
- Feed and exercise elephants, and provide other general care such as cleaning, maintaining holding and viewing areas.
- Mentor junior Elephant Mahouts.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A minimum of 10 years proven working experience with Elephants
- Ability to guide and direct the elephant is vital.
- The mahout must have a keen knowledge and understanding of his elephant's personality and moods.
- Proven working experience in the hospitality field for a minimum of 10 years.
- Ability to work flexible hours

COMPETENCIES

- Outstanding communication skills
- A skilled mahout should be able to "read" and guide elephants using around 70 commands combined with touches behind the ear
- Service excellence (Desire to enhance Guest Experience)
- Problem solving
- Empathy
- Passion for wild

Only candidates who meet the above requirements need to apply by following the link below
<https://wilderness.simplify.hr/vacancy/y1m1ld>

Closing Date: 31st December 2023