

Location and Description

Hobatere Lodge is strategically located 65 km north of Kamanjab on the western border of the Etosha National Park. The lodge has an airstrip and is situated in a concession area of 8,808 ha which is home to a wide selection of game, including elephant, giraffe, eland, and Hartmann's zebra.

The lodge offers the visitor the opportunity to experience game drives in open vehicles with experienced and knowledgeable rangers. Early morning and night drives are part of the activities on offer. Many nocturnal animals, such as aardvark, cape fox, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, genet and many more can be encountered. Activities also include drives into the Etosha National Park.

The lodge belongs to the #Khoadi //Hoas Conservancy. One of the primary objectives of the lodge is to increase the benefits to the local community, reducing human wildlife conflict and also conservation of the area.

Lodge co-ordinates: S 19.19 E 14.22

Services

Our guests can look forward to great hosts from the local community, a warm welcome, personalized service, excellent food, inviting chalets with comfortable beds in the middle of the wild.

There is a swimming pool next to the main area with sun lounges for relaxing under the Namibian sun. A spacious restaurant is complimented by a lounge, bar area and an outside veranda with seating allowing for viewing of the waterhole. A small curio shop is available.

Accommodation

- 6 twins, 6 doubles, the double room can accommodate families of 4.
- Each room has a shower, toilet and washbasin complimented with the necessary guest amenities.
- Each room also has a writing desk, bedside lamp and a small deck in front of the unit.
- A small coffee and tea station with hot water flask (refillable at reception) included for your convenience.

Activities

Etosha Drive

Guests will have a buffet breakfast at the lodge before departure. The Etosha Drive will be conducted on open safari vehicles with knowledgeable guides. Warm ponchos will be provided on chilly mornings.

Etosha National Park is about 17 km from the Lodge, and the guests will enjoy a leisurely drive to the Park through our Concession area with the possibility of wildlife sightings. The guide will stop at the iconic water holes on West side of Etosha and the guests will be offered Coffee, Tea and hot chocolate with homemade rusks while enjoying the view at one of the waterholes.

The guests will briefly stop at Dolomite Lodge to make use of the toilet and stretch their legs. The activity will then proceed to the next water holes and the guide will share his knowledge on flora and fauna of the area, while the guests can enjoy the wildlife sightings and the photographic opportunities. The guide will stop at Elephant Rest Camp, where the guests can have a light pic-nic lunch in front of the famous water hole.

After lunch, the guests will continue exploring the game reserve and then slowly head back to the Lodge. Arrival at the lodge between 16:00 and 17:00 depending on the sightings.

Summer Departure time: 06:30 am | Winter Departure time: 07:30 am | Departure time might change slightly depending on Park gate's opening time which varies seasonally | Duration: full day. Minimum 2 guests per excursion - Max 9 per vehicle | Children under 12 receive a discount of 50%



AM Drive

The AM Drive will be conducted on open safari vehicles with knowledgeable guides. Warm ponchos will be provided on chilly mornings. The activity will focus on flora and fauna of the area, with the possibility of seeing our resident pride of lions. The guide will stop in a suitable area where the guests can safely disembark the vehicle and enjoy a warm cup of Tea, Coffee, Hot chocolate with homemade rusks. The guests will drive back to camp in time for a full breakfast served at the lodge.

Summer Departure time: 06:00 am | Winter Departure time: 07:00 am | Duration of the activity: Approximately 2.5 hours depending on sightings | Minimum 2 guests per excursion - Max 9 per vehicle | Children under 12 receive a discount of 50%

PM Drive

The PM Drive will be conducted on open safari vehicles with knowledgeable guides. The activity will focus on flora and fauna of the area, with the possibility of seeing our resident pride of lions. Before sunset, the guide will stop in a suitable area where the guests can safely disembark the vehicle and enjoy their sundowner drink of choice and snacks. After the sundowner, the guests will drive leisurely back to the lodge in time for Dinner.

Summer time: Guests will meet the guide at 16:30 for tea time at the lodge. Departure time 17:00 | Winter time: Guests will meet the guide at 15:30 for tea time at the lodge. Departure time 16:00 | Duration of the activity: Approximately 3 hours depending on sightings | Minimum 2 guests per excursion - Max 9 per vehicle | Children under 12 receive a discount of 50%

Boma Dinner Experience

Depending on the period of the year, guests will depart the lodge 45 minutes before sunset. Guests will be driven directly to the Boma where they will be welcomed by the staff with welcome drinks and snacks. Enjoy the sunset while sitting around the fire with a drink of choice while being entertained by your guide.

The menu will be introduced and the guests will be asked for their preference of meat so the chef can start cooking on the fire. After sunset, as the night starts to fall, the guests will move to the dinner tables where dinner will be served.

We will allow ample time for the guests to enjoy their dinner and the atmosphere at the boma.

After dinner the guests can enjoy some Sherry and Port or Tea, coffee and Hot chocolate around the fire. The guide will host the guests with African Bush Stories, folklore and stargazing. Guest are welcomed to enjoy the bonfire and the atmosphere before heading back to the lodge on a leisurely drive.

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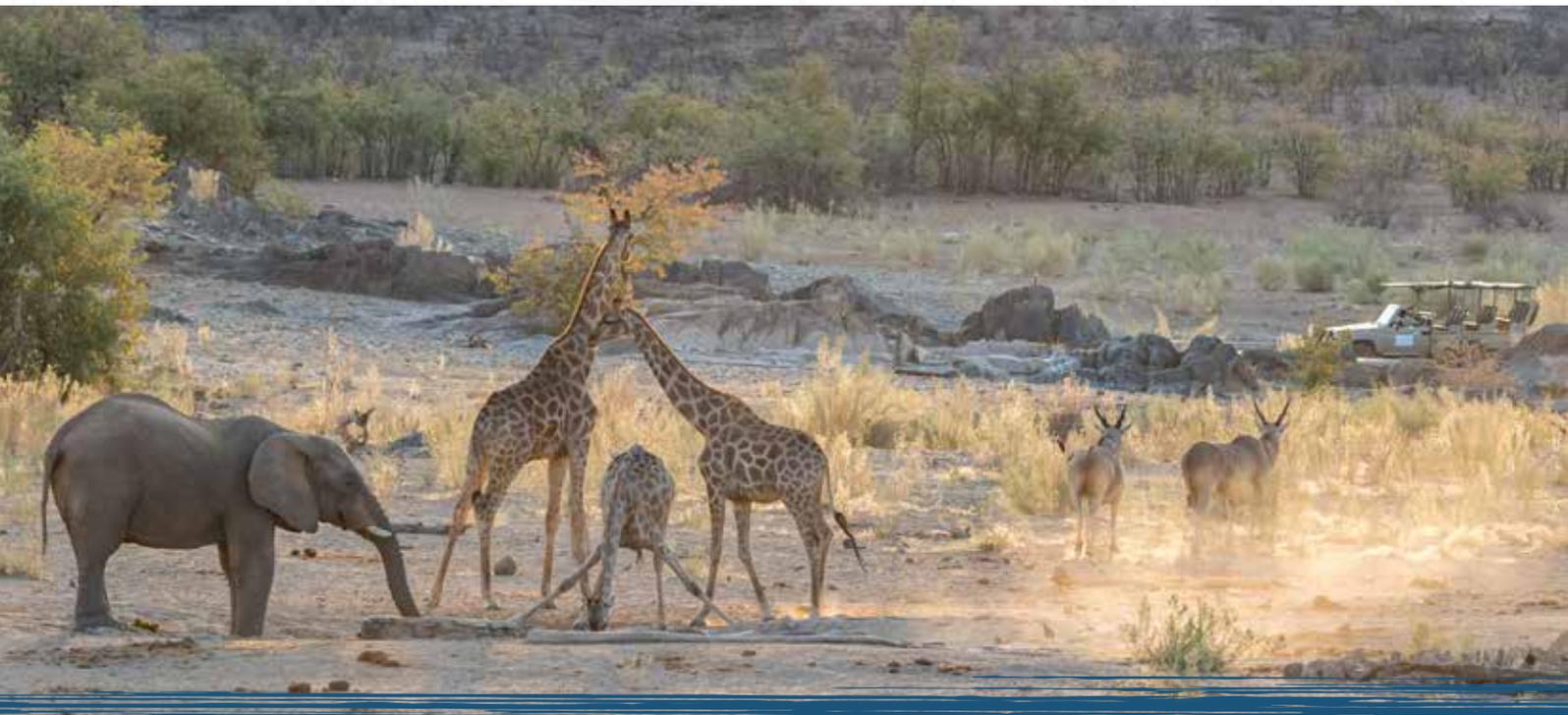
Night Drive

Guests will enjoy an early dinner at the lodge before departure for the Night Drive at 20:00.

The activity will be conducted by an experienced guide and a spotter with a spot-light. Warm ponchos will be provided on chilly evening. During the drive, the guide will find a suitable and safe area to offer coffee, tea, hot chocolate and port. During this stop, the guide will do a brief explanation of the Southern night sky.

The Night drive will focus on nocturnal animals such as genets, African Wild cats, owls, spring hares, nightjar and the possibility of seeing the elusive aardwark. The drive will be about 1 hour and a half long, depending on the sightings.

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New in 2020: Hobatere Lodge Tree House

- Guests will arrive at the lodge during the day, will be checked-in and briefed on the Tree House Experience.
- They are free to use the lodge facilities, have A la Carte lunch and tea-time.
- Depending on the period of the year, guests will depart the lodge 45 minutes before sunset.
- They will be driven to the Tree House and the guide will help them to familiarize themselves with the accommodation. (Guests will be briefed on a list of "Dos and donts" - which we need to standardize and implement).
- A radio will be provided in the room, and part of the familiarization and safety talk will be to instruct them how to use the radio in case of emergency.
- The guide will leave a cooler box stocked with preferred choices of drinks, sundowner snacks and a standard cold dinner platter.
- Before leaving, the guide will serve a sundowner drink to the guests on the balcony so they can enjoy the view of the sunset over the waterhole.
- The guide must ensure the guests are feeling comfortable and ready to experience the night in the African Bush before leaving.
- There will be a simple table and chairs for the guests to have dinner comfortably.
- The guests will be picked up in the morning at a pre-determined time - suggested between 7 and 8.

It is the pure experience of spending an evening and night completely alone in an exclusive wildlife area to feel in touch with nature and being surrounded by the African Bush.

It's about being alone and completely immersed in the bush. Watching the sunset and the animals at the water hole from the privacy of the balcony, having the wildlife visiting you at few meters of distance, take in the tranquility, silence and beauty of the surroundings.

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If they wish, the guests can book a Night Drive to be paid separately according to the night drive full rate. In this case, the night drive car will pick the guests up at the tree house and they will be combined with the lodge guests doing the night drive, too.

*Credit Cards accepted
Master / Visa / Cash*

Single Supplement fee is waived between 01 February to 30 June 2020

*The following cancellation policy will apply to confirmed bookings
45 - 31 days before travel 25% cancellation fee
30 - 16 days before travel 50% cancellation fee
15 - 07 days before travel 75% cancellation fee
6 - 0 days before travel 90% cancellation fee
No show - 100% cancellation fee
Any cancellations before 45 days incur a 10% handling fee
Please note the following:*

*Telephone calls, Bar, activities and curios are excluded from the rates
Activity rates are based on minimum 2 persons
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*Children/Families
Children under 6 years sharing with parents stay free of charge.
Children under 12 years sharing with parents pay 50% of adult rate.
Children under the age of 12 years pay 50% for activities.
Children joining activities must be under parents' supervision at all times.*

Travel Insurance is a requirement for all clients who plan to go on safari.

