

## Establishment: Fish River Lodge

### Location & Description

The Fish River Lodge is the only lodge situated directly on the edge of Namibia's Fish River Canyon, with breath taking views over the canyon from sunrise to sunset.

The Lodge is uniquely designed with dry-packed stone walls and large windows through which to contemplate 300 million years of geological history. The 45 000 hectare Canyon Nature Park is a natural sanctuary for Karoo succulent flora and endemic wildlife. Incredible hiking trails meander down into the heart of the canyon affording guests spectacular scenery combined with 75 km river frontage made up of permanent water holes and rock pools that attract Hartmans Zebra, Kudu, Oryx, Springbok and many other smaller wildlife species and endemic birdlife.

Lodge co-ordinates: S 27 31.640 E 17 32.213

Airstrip co-ordinates: S 27 30.237 E 17 31.657



### FISH RIVER LODGE

#### Reservations

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#### Booking E-mail

<mailto:reservations@fishriverlodge.com.na>

#### Website

[www.fishriverlodge-namibia.com](http://www.fishriverlodge-namibia.com)

#### Postbox

PO Box 91045  
Klein Windhoek  
Namibia

#### Credit Cards accepted

Master / Visa / Cash

#### Cancellation policy

4-6 weeks notice: 25% cancellation fee  
3-4 weeks notice: 50% cancellation fee  
2-3 weeks notice: 75% cancellation fee  
1-2 weeks notice: 90% cancellation fee

#### 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.

#### Airstrip:

Guests chartering in by plane are requested to coordinate their arrival and pick up times with our Reservations office beforehand.

- Our airstrip is situated 4 km from the lodge.
- Compacted gravel surface (Length 1.6 Km)
- Name: Grand View Airstrip

### Services

The main Lodge caters for indoor and outdoor living, given the extremes of weather that can be experienced throughout the year. Good home-cooked food with stylish touches is served on handcrafted tables from reclaimed wood next to crackling fires in winter or outside on the deck in summer. We can cater for specific dietary requirements and children meals. Drinks can be enjoyed in the indoor or outdoor bar area overlooking the swimming pool.

### Accommodation

- Twenty spacious chalets positioned along the rim with sufficient distance from each other to ensure privacy and quiet at all times.
- The 6 double and 14 twin rooms each have a large walk-in pebble stone shower and dressing room and a secluded outside shower adjacent to the indoor bathroom.
- The all-round rooftop windows offer you a starry view of the night sky while you drift away to sleep.
- Outside bed platform next to the veranda for guests who prefer a night under a blanket of stars – *(Our staff will make up your outside bed on request)*
- Double rooms can be converted into family rooms for parents with maximum two children.
- Each room is equipped with a metal pedestal fan and small writing desk and lamp.
- No mosquito nets required – the prevailing evening wind keep insects away from the plateau.

## Activities: Fish River Lodge

### Canyon Day Drive (Full Day)

Experience an amazing variety of geological features as you journey into the depths of the second largest canyon in the world. See rough limestone, shiny quartzite, fine shale and dramatic fault lines. Catch your breath as you take in the dramatic views of the river before descending into the base of the canyon for refreshments by the river. The excursion is approximately 7 hours.

- Departure time from the lodge – After an early breakfast between 06h00 – 07h00.
- Minimum 2 guests per excursion - Max 9 per vehicle.
- Children under 12 are discounted at 50% of adult rate.

### AM Scenic Drive

The AM scenic drive is the perfect introduction to the geology of this fascinating landscape. The drive will take you around the pristine Canyon nature Park, passing by some water points which will give you the opportunity to read signs of past animal activities. There will be chances to see general game as well as Karoo Korhaan and Ludwigs Bastard for the bird lovers.

- Departure times vary from 7:30am in winter to 8:00am in summer.
- The drive is between 3 to 4 hours before returning to the lodge for lunch.
- Minimum 2 guests per excursion - Max 9 per vehicle. Children under 12 are discounted at 50% of adult rate.

### Canyon Rim Walks

Awaken your senses with an easy un-guided walk from the lodge along the rim of the canyon, providing spectacular scenery, space to breath & time to reflect. Guided walks are available subject to demand. Our guides are experienced and keen to share their information on the resilient flora and fauna of this harsh environment and stunning geological features.

- It is recommended to do this walk either early morning or late afternoon.

### PM Scenic Sundowner Drive

The afternoon scenic drive will take you on top of the plateau where we will be stopping at two different viewpoints where you can admire the infinite vistas of the Canyon. The guide will also explain the geology, flora and fauna of this fascinating landscape. Watch the sun set while enjoying drinks, snacks and panoramic views of the canyon and meandering Fish River.

- Departure time from the lodge varies from 15:30pm in winter to 18:00pm in summer, so please leave plenty of time when arriving at the lodge by car as this enchanting excursion is not to be missed.
- Minimum 2 guests per excursion - Max 9 per vehicle.
- Children under 12 are discounted at 50% of adult rate.

### Canyon Day Hike (Full Day or Half Day)

*Only from April to September*

Get intimate with the canyon on this challenging, but, rewarding journey of discovery with expert guidance. Climb down the sheer face of the upper canyon wall, traverse the rock strewn wilderness and descend through a stunning gorge. Enjoy lunch and drinks at a shaded spot while absorbing the view of the Fish River.

- Departure time will vary according to the season for this 8 – 10 hour guided expedition.
- Trainers/hiking boots & backpacks are essential.

## Our Multi-day Canyon Hike Packages

### Two Day Hiking Package

*N\$ 5000 per person*

#### 1st Night

On arrival, the guest will be spending the night at the lodge.

#### 1st Day Hike – 2nd Night

Depart with your guide for an enjoyable 14km day of hiking starting with a steep descent of half an hour in the first level of the lower canyon. You will pass through a stunning gorge and go through a second half an hour descent deeper into the canyon until you reach an oasis of natural rock pools where you can swim at your leisure.

Meanwhile a back-up team will set up tents for you with stretchers, mattresses, nice and comfortable duvets along with bucket shower and chemical toilettes before enjoying your second night dining by the light of the camp fire. A dedicated chef will be there for an unforgettable dining and breakfast experience.

Departure from the lodge will be at 08H00 and depending on the client's fitness and pace, estimated arrival time at the fly camp is 15H00.

#### The Last day

With either option 1 or 2, we will be back the back for lunchtime at the lodge.

### Three Day Hiking Package

*N\$ 7000 per person*

#### 1st Night

On arrival, the guest will be spending the night at the lodge.

#### 1st Day Hike – 2nd Night

You will be shuttled to the first lower point of the canyon and the hike will start from there, an enjoyable 14 km hike along the mid-level of the canyon, and across the rocky plains to the camp.

Departure from the lodge will be at 08H00 and depending on the client's fitness and pace, estimated arrival time at the camp is 15H00. After the day's sweaty hike, you will have the opportunity to unwind and relax with ice cold drinks and snacks while watching the sun set over the plains of the upper canyon. Dinner at the camp will be accompanied by the warm campfire and the friendly camp service.

#### 2nd Day Hike – 3rd Night

During the second day you will enjoy the 17 km walk down stream along the river bed where you may observe a variety of water birds including Heron, Goshawk and Fish Eagle. Depending on the season, there might be wonderful water pools where you can cool down in. The second camp will be at the natural pool in between oldest rock

#### The Last day Options

- **Option 1:** Hike back to the lodge with departure at 07H30, arrival time at the lodge is estimated to be 12H00.
- **Option 2:** Depart at 09H00 from the fly camp and drive back to the lodge with arrival at the lodge at 12H00.
- **Recommended equipment:** small backpack, sturdy worn-in hiking boots, bathing costume and warm clothing for winter nights.
- You will need to be fit and healthy to enjoy this unique adventure.
- N.B.: All drinks, meals, transport and activity are included in the two-day packages.
- The activity is based on a minimum of 2 people and maximum of 10.
- All Hiking packages are only available from April – September.

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Departure from the first camp on the second day of hiking is 08H00 and arrival at the second camp is at about 16H00. Again, the guests can enjoy a relaxing sundowner with snacks and drinks followed by dinner.

## The Last day

With either option 1 or 2, we will be back the back for lunchtime at the lodge.

## Five Day Canyon Hike

N\$ 13000 per person

### Day 1

Arrival at the lodge and overnight. Your guide will brief you on your forthcoming canyon adventure. Dinner is included.

### Day 2

The first day hiking will include a steep 3-hour, 14km decent into the canyon, where you may see kudu, oryx, springbok even the elusive mountain (Hartmann's) zebra. You will pass through a stunning gorge and hike down to the riverbed where you can swim in the rock pool before enjoying your first night dining by the light of the campfire.

### Day 3

A gentle 17km amble along the riverbed where a variety of water birds including heron, goshawk and fish eagle are often spotted. After a short ascent to the upper level you reach your second camp on the edge of a gorge with spectacular views of the river.

### Day 4

Descending back down into the riverbed, day three is a 17km hike along the floor of the canyon where enchanting geological features line this extraordinary landscape. Enjoy your last night camping under the magnificent African sky.

### Day 5

A challenging 16km hike from the base of the canyon to a beautiful green oasis of acacia trees on the upper level, where you will be transported back to the lodge to relax before reflecting on your extraordinary adventure over dinner.

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