

Establishment: Grootberg Lodge

Location & Description

Perched on the rim of the Etendeka Plateau, the Grootberg Lodge stands sentinel over the Klip River Valley. 12 000 hectares have been set aside by the #Khoadi//Hoas community for conservation and tourism and it is through this pristine wilderness that you meander either on foot or by car to encounter the inhabitants of this remote biosphere. Grootberg Lodge is a landmark in Namibia for the tourism industry as it is the first middle-market establishment in the country that is 100% owned by the conservancy. For travellers making the journey between Etosha and Swakopmund, this lodge provides the ideal midway stopover, whilst allowing guests to experience the true wilderness that is Damaraland.

Lodge co-ordinates: 19.850686, 14.133396 / -19° 51' 2.47"

Services

The friendly staff at the lodge are all employed from the community and well-empowered to perform their various duties. Our guests can look forward to genuine local hospitality complimented by excellent food. The bar tender and waitresses are always ready to serve and assist where needed.

Accommodation

- 14 twin and 2 family rock and thatch chalets gaze out over the Klip River Valley, where Black Eagles hunt just below your private deck
- Two family units provide enough space for parents and two children to share comfortably
- Each room has a shower, toilet and washbasin complimented with the necessary amenities
- The rooms also each have a writing desk, bedside lamp and a small deck in front of the unit
- Small coffee and tea station with hot water flask (refill available at main area). A small coffee and tea station with hot water flask (refillable at reception) included for your convenience

Massages & Treatments

- **Indian Head Massage (1/2 Hour)**
The treatment promotes relaxation, relieves tension, jetlag and other benefits and improves blood circulation to the brain
- **Back, Neck And Shoulder Massage (45Min Or 1 Hour)**
A Swedish massage is used during the treatment to help calm, relax and relieve sore muscles.
- **Full Body Massage (1 And ½ Hour)**
A Swedish massage used for draining away fatigue, relieving swelling, reducing muscle tension, and promoting flexibility.
- **Foot Rub (1/2 Hour)**
There's no better way to treat your sore feet to a wonderful foot massage after a long power walk.



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Credit Cards accepted

Master / Visa / Cash

Cancellation policy

6 – 4 weeks' notice: 25% cancellation fee
3 – 2 weeks' notice: 50% cancellation fee
1 week notice: 75% cancellation fee
6 – 0 days' notice: 90% cancellation fee
No-Show: 100% 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.

Children younger than 12 years may not participate on Rhino tracking activities

Fly-In Safari

Guests on a fly-in safari are requested to coordinate their arrival and pick up times with our reservations office beforehand

Activities: Grootberg Lodge

Elephant Tracking

This is one of our most popular activities. A guide assisted by a tracker will take you out into the surrounding conservancy in search of the elusive desert elephants, giving one the opportunity to appreciate the lifestyle of the local Damara people. Lunch takes place in the shade of a tree in the remote wilderness of Damaraland. Since Damaraland is one of the few remaining places where the wildlife roam freely, sightings cannot be guaranteed.

- Departure time from the lodge: Summer 08:00, Winter 07h30
- Duration: half day Return around 15h00
- Minimum 2 guests per excursion – Max 9 per vehicle
- Children under 12 are discounted at 50% of adult rate

Rhino Tracking - AM

Your guide and game trackers will take you in an open 4x4 game vehicle into Black Rhino territory. Part of the tracking will take place on foot, with the possibility of between 1 to 3 hours walk at the most. At lunchtime there will be a stop near the springs where you can enjoy refreshments. It's almost a full day activity going along bumpy roads and walking in rocky terrain, so not advisable for the faint-hearted. Sightings are not guaranteed.

- Departure time from the lodge: Summer 06h00, Winter 05h30
- Duration: ¾ day
- Minimum 2 guests per excursion – Max 9 per vehicle
- Children under 12 years may not join this activity

Scenic drives on Top of the Plateau - AM or PM

The lodge offers scenic drives on top of the Etendeka Plateau with the possibility of seeing a variety of wildlife population of zebras, antelope, jackal and occasionally leopard and lion. Springbok, Kudu and Oryx are a permanent fixture and even the nervous and shy klipspringers are sometimes seen leaping from ledge to ledge on the steep cliffs of the mountain.

- Departure time from the lodge:
- Morning: Summer 08h00, Winter 08h00
- Duration is +/- 2-3 hours
- Afternoon departure 16h00 (summer) or 15h00 (winter) after coffee & tea and home baked cake
- Minimum 2 guests per excursion – Max 9 per vehicle
- Children under 12 are discounted at 50% of adult rate

Himba trip (1/2 day) - AM / PM

Visit one of the last traditional, nomadic tribes in the world. These friendly people, who are closely related to the Herero, are traditionally herdsmen. They lead a semi-nomadic lifestyle, breeding mainly cattle and goats. Learn how the proud Himba women spend many hours on beauty care and cleansing themselves with herbal scented smoke baths. Have a close-up view of their cone shaped homesteads, made from palm leaves, mud and cattle dung.

- Departure time from the lodge:
- Summer 08h00, Winter 07h30
- Return back to the lodge during the afternoon
- Minimum 2 guests per excursion – Max 9 per vehicle
- Children under 12 are discounted at 50% of adult rate
- All year round activity

Moringa guided walk

Enjoy a scrumptious, wholesome breakfast on the veranda or deck of the restaurant. Your guide will meet you at the lodge for an early start to explore the plateau on foot. You will have an opportunity to see and learn about the local flora, the amazing sedimentary and volcanic rock formation of the Etendeka Mountains and perhaps encounter the wildlife living on the plateau.

- Morning departure time from the lodge: Between 07h30 – 08h00
- Afternoon departure 16h30 (summer) or 15h30 (winter) after coffee & tea and home baked cake
- Duration is +/- 2 hours
- Minimum 2 guests
– Max 9 Guests per guide
- Children under 12 years may not join this activity