



OKAHIRONGO ELEPHANT
LODGE

KAOKOLAND

SEVEN SUITES AND ONE TWO BEDROOM VILLA

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LUXURY, NATURALLY

Adventure, enchantment and 'Luxury, naturally' - all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place – is the guiding philosophy of Sanctuary Retreats and our luxury safari lodge, Okahirongo Elephant Lodge.

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The magnificent lodge sits atop the banks of the Hoarusib Riverbed and is an impeccably appointed base for your adventures, which include scenic drives in the desert with local guides, exploring the phenomenal clay castles and sipping sundowners as the sun sets over the dunes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Few people have set foot in this remote location– or experienced the extraordinary desert safaris
- Encounter desert-adapted elephants, giraffes and springbok- and meet local tribespeople
- Exclusive lodge has just seven suites and a two-bedroom villa
- Enjoy delicious food and drink in extraordinary locations: sundowners on the dunes or picnic lunch in the Hoarusib Valley

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

Okahirongo Elephant Lodge may be the most unique place you ever stay, from the otherworldly landscape to the eccentric architecture. The colours and textures echo the landscape, and the dramatic dome is styled like a signature Himba home.

The exclusive lodge has just seven well-appointed suites. Each room has a private terrace with a covered day bed overlooking the desert, plus a bathroom with both indoor and open-air showers. There is also a private villa, with two bedrooms, two spectacular bathrooms, private terrace, open bar and boma.

The main lounge and dining room have open sides, for dazzling desert vistas. The infinity-edge pool has never-ending views to the distant mountains and there's a traditional boma, where you can gather around an evening fire.

LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

Okahirongo Elephant Lodge is located in the remote Puros Conservancy in Kaokoland.

Flying time:

- Windhoek to airstrip - 2.5 hours (refuelling stops en route)

Road transfer:

- Windhoek to lodge – 12 hours

PLEASE NOTE:

The luggage restriction for light aircrafts is 20kg / 44lbs per person in a soft-sided bag.



ACTIVITIES

Desert elephants and wildlife

When you reach this ultra-remote location in the Puros Conservancy, you'll be rewarded with a fascinating living landscape. The expert Himba guides escort you on morning treks or afternoon game drives to encounter a range of desert wildlife: the emblematic elephants, iconic giraffe, Hartmann's mountain zebra, and a wide variety of antelope: gemsbok, springbok, steenbok and kudu, with their unusual striped flanks and manes and the males' distinctive spiral horns. Birdwatchers will keep their eyes peeled for native and exotic species, from large and lethal vultures to delicate bee-eaters, the distinctive Rüppell's Korhaan and Monteiro's hornbill.

Scenic drives

The Hoarusib River winds through the heartland of the Puros Conservancy, attracting a variety of large and small wildlife, from elephants and giraffes to oryx and jackals. Scenic drives with our local guides bring you closer to the animals and breathtaking landscapes. The river has carved a path deep into the mountains, creating spectacular cliffs and the stunning natural phenomenon of the "Clay Castles", thousands of years old and hundreds of metres high, these towering yet fragile castles inspire awe at the power of nature. A scenic drive through the Hoarusib Valley includes a satisfying picnic lunch.

Sundowners

Watch the sun set over the majestic dunes as you sip a delicious sundowner – yet another unforgettable experience. Our guides will set up snacks and drinks whilst guests can experience a sight seen only by a lucky few. Guests can also enjoy sundowners in the tranquil setting of the lodge's sun deck, and at nearby picturesque locations.

A TYPICAL DAY ON SAFARI

Schedule:

- 06:30 Wake-up call
- 07:00 Breakfast
- 07:30 Depart for morning game drive
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Optional Activity
- 18:00 Sundowner Drives
- 19:00 Dinner



HONEYMOONS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Guests celebrating their honeymoon will receive special surprises during their stay. All attempts are made to keep honeymooners separate from other guests.

Our honeymoon services include:

- Candlelit dinner
- A bottle of sparkling wine during dinner
- Romantic turndown
- Sundowners

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages at Okahirongo Elephant Lodge.

With seven spacious suites and a two bedroom villa, Okahirongo Elephant Lodge is the perfect choice for a trip to Namibia. Activities can be arranged especially for children including tailored game drives.

Children aged 15 years and younger are required to share with their parents. Babysitting service is available on request (not a registered babysitter) at a nominal fee which will be paid directly to the child minder.

A private vehicle must be booked for game drives by families including children aged 5 and under.

DINING

Breakfast, lunch (full board package), snacks during activities and dinners are all included in your stay. Breakfast is served before the morning activity. During your morning activity, coffee, tea and a selection of scones and biscuits will be served. Lunch will be enjoyed back at the camp. During the full day Clay Castles activity, a picnic lunch will be provided. Afternoon and evening game drives include classic sundowner cocktails at specially selected spots before returning to the camp for pre-dinner drinks and dinner. With prior notice, our camps are able to arrange halaal meals, however, please note our kitchens aren't strictly halaal and our chefs are not trained in halaal food preparation. Unfortunately, we are unable to arrange kosher meals.

Meals typically consist of the following:

- **Breakfast:** Continental and full English Breakfast
- **Lunch:** Table d'Hote
- **Dinner:** Table d'Hote

CLIMATE

Namibia can be visited throughout the year. The climate is generally dry and pleasant.

Summer (October – April) Average temperatures range from 20C to 35C during the day. Early rains may occur from October onwards and the main rainy season falls between January and April. During this time, flash floods are common.

Winter (May – September) Temperatures range in the interior from 18C to 25C during the day. Below freezing and frost are common at night.



CLOTHING

Clothing should be cool and comfortable; and colours should blend in with nature as much as possible. A fleece, sweater or warm jacket is advisable for morning and evening game drives. Sturdy and comfortable shoes are essential. A complimentary overnight laundry service is offered in the camp (full board package).

Accessories: Sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are essential. Binoculars and good cameras are an absolute must. The camp provides a torch as well as complimentary mosquito repellent and toiletries.

HEALTH

Please discuss health precautions for your travel itinerary with a qualified health professional at least six weeks before departure.

MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS

All extras can be paid for with Visa and Mastercard. Namibian dollars or South African Rand are also accepted; however change will be given in the local currency. Diners Cards are not accepted.

TIPPING GUIDELINE

Tipping is not obligatory but generally accepted rates are \$15 per guest per day for the guide and \$15 per guest per day for the rest of the staff.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

OKahirongo Elephant Lodge prides itself on its personalised services. Please let us know if you have any special requests, dietary requirements, allergies or medical conditions.



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LUXURY, NATURALLY

Sanctuary Retreats was born in Africa with the launch of our first luxury safari camp, Sanctuary Olonana, in Kenya, in 1999. Today, the Sanctuary Retreats portfolio of luxury safari lodges and expedition ships brings a much wider choice of our boutique adventure than ever before – but our standards remain the same. We promise adventure, enchantment and ‘Luxury, naturally’, all delivered with a quiet, understated charm and understanding of place.

RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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