



OKAHIRONGO
RIVER CAMP

MARIENFLUSS



FIVE LUXURY TENTS AND ONE FAMILY TENT

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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 camp, Okahirongo River Camp.

This luxurious tented camp lies on a ridge above the Kunene River in northwest Namibia. If you fly in, you'll get an amazing perspective on the breathtaking Marienfluss Valley, surrounded by the Baynes, Otjihipa and Hartmann mountains.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The camp is intimate with just five tents, each with its own covered deck and amazing river views and a family tent with two bedrooms
- Experience the captivating serene desert stillness
- Visit some of the world's most unusual and picturesque locations, such as the red dunes or the Moon Valley
- Visit an authentic Himba village and meet the tribespeople to get a taste of their lives and culture

ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES

The tranquil atmosphere at Okahirongo River Camp is enhanced by the well-appointed yet earth-conscious tented river camp. The natural colours and materials suit the environment, as do the solar panels and traditional lighting. The open-plan main lodge dazzles guests with stunning views of the river and mountains. Enjoy views of the Kunene from the cool waters of the camp's swimming pool – you may even spy crocodiles in the river.

The camp is very intimate, with just five luxury tents. Each has a covered deck with amazing river views. The rooms include a luxurious indoor shower plus an outdoor shower with panoramic views. There is also a private family tent, with a spacious king bedroom, twin room and expansive decking area.

LOCATION AND GETTING THERE

Okahirongo River Camp is located on a ridge above the Kunene River in northwest Namibia.

Flying time:

- Windhoek to airstrip - 3 hours (refuelling stops en route)

Road transfer:

- Windhoek to camp – 18 hours

PLEASE NOTE:

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



ACTIVITIES

Scenic Drives

When you reach this ultra-remote location, you'll be rewarded with a fascinating landscape. Visit some of the world's most unusual and picturesque locations, such as the red dunes or the Moon Valley. You can also visit the mysterious fairy circles, perfectly rounded shapes of desert sand in otherwise lush fields. The fascinating circles inspire speculation – were they created by gods, aliens, wild animals... or something else?

Himba Visit

You can visit an authentic Himba village and meet the tribespeople, to get a taste of their lives and culture. See how they have adapted to desert life, including their unusual skincare routine. They use ochre pigment for protection from the harsh desert climate, giving their skin and hair a distinctive reddish hue. We're grateful to have a close and respectful relationship with the local Himba people.

River Cruise

Get a croc's-eye-view of the scenery with a cruise along the Kunene in a small pontoon boat. You'll spot plenty of crocodiles, as well as native birds and plant life. The river forms part of the border with Angola, and you may be able to stop for a peaceful sundowner on the riverbank. (The boat cruise is not always available from September-November, depending on rainfall)

Walking Safaris

Walking puts the scale of this epic landscape in perspective. Enjoy a magical early-morning trek along one of the mountain chains that enclose and protect the Marienfluss Valley. Witness the morning rituals of birds and wildlife. A sundown climb is another must, and your effort will be rewarded with exquisite mountaintop views.

E-Bike Excursions

The camp features 6 state-of-the-art e-bikes for you to use and explore the surrounding landscapes. Each bicycle is equipped with a helmet, a spare battery for longer journeys and panier bags on the sides to store your belongings. These bicycles can be used at any time, however we recommend you start early in the morning with a 3-kilometre guided ride to the boat station followed by an early morning boat cruise on the Kunene River.

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 River Camp.

With five spacious tents and one family tent with two bedrooms, Okahirongo River Camp 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 game 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. 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. Greens, browns and khaki coloured clothing are advisable for safaris. We suggest long sleeves and long trousers and for morning and evenings due to mosquitoes; and a fleece, sweater or warm jacket 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. We also advise all travellers to take precautions against malaria.

MONEY

All extras can be paid for with cash using Namibian Dollars and South African Rand. Credit cards and 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 River Camp 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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