



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. Dinner is served at 19:30 during summer and for winter times at 19:00.

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 (30 up to 60 min) The treatment promotes relaxation, relieves tension, jetlag and other benefits and improves blood circulation to the brain
- A Swedish massage (45Min or 1 Hour) To help calm, relax and relieve sore muscles.
- Grootberg Full Body Massage (1 And ½ Hour) A Swedish massage used for draining away fatigue, relieving swelling, reducing muscle tension, and promoting flexibility.
- Damaraland Back & Neck (30 up to 60mins) African strength focusing on back and neck to relieve muscular spasms.
- Hot stone massage (30 up to 60mins) Melts away tension eases muscle stiffness and increases circulation through placement of smooth heated stones.
- Sports Massage(30 up to 90mins) A powerful therapy focusing on deep layers of muscle. especially helpful for muscular tension and stiffness in deep tissue.

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 07:00, Winter 06h00 | 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 05h00 | Duration: ¾ day
Minimum 2 guests per excursion - Max 8 per vehicle | Children under 16 years may not join this activity |

Credit Cards accepted
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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

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 16 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. Landing strip is at Palwag (23km from Grootberg Lodge).

Sundowner drive

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.

Afternoon departure 18h00 (summer) or 17h00 (winter) | Minimum 2 guests per excursion – Max 9 per vehicle
Children under 12 are discounted at 50% of adult rate

Damara cultural tour AM

Guests will be guided through surrounding conservancy farms visiting a couple of authentic homesteads of the Damara people which allows them with the exclusive opportunity to spend time with their hosts understanding their origins, cultures, traditions and their approach to human wildlife conflict farming within the harsh desert conditions.

The tour includes a visit to the #Khoadi //Hoas Conservancy office to meet their staff and then on to the Erwee Primary School. This provides the guest with the unique experience of understanding and gaining insight into the positive impacts and benefits that the Conservancy enjoys directly as a result of its ownership of the Grootberg Lodge. The tour concludes with a cultural performance by the Erwee school pupils, followed by a lunch under the trees in a remote spot in the wilderness of Damaraland.

Departure time from the lodge: Departure 07h00 | Return around 13:00
Minimum 2 guests per excursion - Max 9 per vehicle. | Children under 12 are discounted at 50% of adult rate. Only available from Monday - Friday.

Sun cycle tours (Only available at Hoada Campsite)

Absorb the scenery of the Grootberg Conservancy while enjoying the environmentally friendly solar bikes with at **Hoada Campsite**.

Morning departure time from the campsite: 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

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.

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