



## FISH RIVER LODGE

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### 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

### 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 quietness 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.



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Any cancellations before 45 days incur a 10% handling fee

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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

Sundowner : depart lodge 18h00 (between 2 to 3 hours depending on guests)

Canyon Drive: depart lodge 07h00 return 14h00 (times can vary slightly depending on guests)

Am Scenic Drive: depart lodge 07h00 (about 3 hours depending on guests)

Fat Bike Cycling : no specific time (preferred during morning due to heat or late afternoon, can be guided on request)

Hiking on the Rim: no specific time but preferably during the morning due to heat or late afternoon, can also be a guided walk if requested

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### 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.

### Sundowner Fat Bike cycling tour

Be rewarded with a cold drink and snacks at the sundowner spot.

### 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.



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### 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 17:00 pm in winter to 17:30 pm 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 the rock pools 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.

### Two Day Hiking Package - Only from April to September

#### 1st Night

On arrival, the guest will be spending the first 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 toiletries 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 07H00 and depending on the client's fitness and pace.

#### The Last day

Hike back to the lodge with departure at 07H30, arrival time at the lodge is estimated to be 12H00, just in time for lunch at the lodge.

**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. | The activity is based on a minimum of 2 people and maximum of 10.

**All Hiking packages are only available from April – September.**

### Three Day Hiking Package - Only from April to September

#### 1st Night

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

#### 1st Day Hike – 2nd Night

The hike starts today, from the first lower point of the canyon, 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 07H00 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.

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### 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 formation, Namaqua Metamorphic Complex, which is an excellent place to swim and to be taken back millions of years. Departure from the first camp on the second day of hiking is 07H00 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

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### Five Day Canyon Hike - Only from April to September

#### 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 11km hike 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

Hike back to the lodge with departure at 07H30, arrival time at the lodge is estimated to be 12H00, just in time for lunch at the lodge. A challenging 19km hike from the base of the canyon to a beautiful green oasis of Euphorbia trees on the upper level.

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### Fish River Lodge Canyon Hike Packages:

#### Please note:

- Journeys Namibia Office requires a Doctor's Certificate of Fitness for every hiker taking part in the Canyon Hiking Package activity.
- No children under 16 years old may take part in the Canyon Hiking Package Activity.
- All meals, soft drinks and house wines are included in the per person rate. The activity is based on a minimum of 2 people and maximum of 10 people.
- All imported drinks are not included in the per person rate and will be charged extra.
- Should a client request an extra transfer between the lodge and canyon, this will be an extra charge.
- Hiking is only done between April and September
- Please be aware that the hike will include some rock climbing and clients are advised to be fit especially for the descend and ascend of the canyon as it is physically demanding.

#### Essentials to bring along on your hike:

Pack a smaller soft bag (if possible) with clothing to be used at the camp. The bag will be driven down by the back-up team.

#### Hiking:

You will need to have a small backpack for carrying water and lunch pack for each day. Guests will not be required to carry anything else. Larger luggage will be kept safe at the lodge until your return. You will need 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.

The first day's hike is a steep, rocky descent that requires about three hours before you get to the bottom. From there it takes another 2 – 3 hours to cross the rocky plain to get to the first camp. The second and third days' hikes follow the riverbed through thick sand interspersed with the occasional bouldered sections.

#### Type of clothing:

Temperatures can drop sharply after sunset, warm clothing is essential. We suggest you bring along outdoor safari clothing and strong, worn-in hiking boots for the hike itself. Your swimsuit is a must if you would like to swim and cool off in the rock pools along the Fish River.

The first and third camp is situated on the sandy banks of the river. The second and third day hike trails along the river's edge, allowing enough opportunity for swimming and breaking for lunch. The lunch pack includes fruit, a cold meat sandwich, fruit juice, cheese, peanuts and raisins, snack bar and a boiled egg.

#### Accommodation/Camp – Tents will be pitched at each camp.

Blankets and pillows are provided. You will only be allowed to relax in your camp chair while your fully equipped and capable camp team serve you. The camp chef will cater a full Continental and English breakfast in the mornings as well as a full three course dinner in the evenings. There will be a fully-stocked bar with drinks of your choice and a sumptuous snack platter to nibble on before dinner while you enjoy the beautiful sunset over the pristine Fish River Canyon.



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