

Hobatere Lodge

Hobatere, meaning find him or me in the Nama language, is aptly named – given its location just west of Etosha National Park. Nestled in a forest of large indigenous trees, this intimate lodge comes into view after a 16 km meandering drive through rocky outcrops and riverine vegetation with an abundance of wildlife during the dry season. This last stretch of the way turns off from the main Kamanjab-Opuwo road (C 35).

The highlight of a sojourn at Hobatere Lodge is the 24-hour game viewing opportunity overlooking a water hole where an abundance of wildlife congregates throughout the day and night. Peaceful and quiet days turn into hauntingly beautiful African nights where the roar of a lion is not unusual.

Location and Description

Hobatere Lodge, 68 km northwest of Kamanjab, is located in a concession area of 8,808 ha which is home to a wide selection of game, including lion, elephant, giraffe, eland and Hartmann's zebra. Hobatere has an airstrip.

Game drives in open safari vehicles are conducted by experienced and knowledgeable guides early in the morning and at night. Many nocturnal animals, such as aardvark, Cape fox, bat-eared fox, aardwolf, genet and many more can be encountered only in the dark.

The lodge belongs to the #Khoadi-//Hôas Conservancy. One of the primary objectives of Hobatere is to increase the local community's share in tourism benefits and reduce human-wildlife conflict while conserving the wildlife and its habitat.

Lodge coordinates: S 19.19 E 14.22

Services

Staff recruited from the local community provides a personalised service and warm Namibian hospitality. Accommodation is in a variety of chalets, all of them with easy access to the main waterhole nearby, where all the wildlife action prevails – particularly early in the morning and late afternoon.

For relaxing and soaking up the sun there is a secluded swimming pool with loungers next to the main area. A spacious in-door and out-door restaurant is complemented by a lounge, bar area and an outside veranda, where an open fire is lit on chilly nights. Namibian craft items are available in a small shop near the reception.

Accommodation

Six twin and six double rooms with en-suite shower, toilet and washbasin plus complimentary toiletries.

All the rooms feature a writing desk and bedside lamps as well as a coffee and tea station with a vacuum flask for hot water (refillable at reception). There is a small deck in front of each unit.

Each double room can accommodate a family of four.



Activities

Etosha Game Drive

Tired of driving yourself but you still don't want to miss out on world-renowned Etosha National Park? Book our Etosha Game Drive and let someone else chauffeur you in an open safari vehicle!

Breakfast is served at the lodge before departing for the park accompanied by a knowledgeable guide. Cosy ponchos are provided on chilly mornings.

Etosha National Park is about 17 km from the Lodge. You will enjoy a leisurely drive through our concession area with the possibility of wildlife sightings. In Etosha your guide will stop at iconic waterholes for coffee and a light picnic lunch before slowly heading back to the Lodge.

Departure varies according to sunrise and when Etosha's gates open. Please enquire at reception for your departure time. | Duration: ¼ day | Minimum 2 guests per excursion – maximum 8 per vehicle

Hobatere Morning Game Drive

Embark on an early morning game drive to listen to the chirping sounds of the birds and breathe in the scent of the bush. Your guide will stop along the way at a suitable spot for you to enjoy a cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate with homemade rusks. A full breakfast will be waiting for you at the lodge on your return.

Departure is at 06h00 in summer and at 07h00 in winter. Please enquire at reception for applicable departure times. | Duration: approximately 2.5 hours | Minimum 2 guests per excursion – maximum 8 per vehicle

Hobatere Afternoon Game Drive

End your day with an unforgettable sundowner drive, the best way to enjoy the African sunset in the bush. Sit back and relax while you watch wildlife and birds from an open game viewer vehicle. This is also one of the best times of the day for photography enthusiasts. With a little luck you may even spot our resident pride of lions!

Drinks and delicious bites will be served before the leisurely drive back to the lodge in time for dinner.

Departure is at 17h00 in summer and at 16h00 in winter. Please enquire at reception for applicable departure times. | Duration: approximately 3 hours | Minimum 2 guests per excursion – maximum 8 per vehicle

Boma Bush Dinner

A boma is a southern African term for an enclosure – usually for wild animals. Our boma dinner is for guests who want to connect to the soul of the bush and relish the sights and sounds of an African night.

We depart before sunset so that you can indulge in the best part of an African evening: sundowner drinks around a fire. Our knowledgeable guides will keep you company while our chef prepares a typical African bush dinner under the stars.

After dinner a glass of sherry or port – or on chilly nights a lovely cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate – will be served before heading back to the lodge in the dark. This is when wildlife of the African bush truly surprises even the most experienced guest or guide. Perhaps a cheetah or two, a genet slinking around or the call of a Scops Owl?



Departure varies according to sunset. Please enquire at reception for the applicable time. | Duration: approximately 3 hours | Minimum 4 guests per excursion – maximum 9 per vehicle

Night Drive

Don't miss out on our famous night drives. They are the perfect opportunity to see shy nocturnal animals such as bat-eared foxes, honey badgers, genets, African wildcats, spring hares, owls, nightjars and even the elusive aardvark.

You will depart after dinner at 20h00 together with an experienced guide. Cosy ponchos are provided on chilly evenings.

Departure: Please enquire at reception for the applicable time. | Duration: approximately 1.5 hours | Minimum 2 guests per excursion – maximum 9 per vehicle

New in 2020: Hobatere Lodge Tree House

You and your partner can savour the magic of a romantic night immersed in the African bush... well, actually ensconced in a comfortable cabin perched in an indigenous tree. This is a unique opportunity to rediscover nature and the inebriant earthy smell of the savannah. Watch the sunset and the nocturnal visitors at the waterhole from the privacy of your deck while taking in the tranquillity, silence and beauty of the surroundings.

You will be taken to the Tree House at dusk, given a cooler box stocked with your choice of drinks, sundowner snacks and a cold dinner platter, and then you will be left alone to soak up the evening sounds of the African bush. This luxury Tree House cabin comes with its own toilet and shower (downstairs from the room, so that you don't have to brave the wildlife in the middle of the night), with a double bed and a mosquito net.

A radio is provided for contacting reception in case of an emergency

Departure: Please enquire at reception. | Duration: 1 night in the wilderness | Maximum 2 guests | As a safety precaution, no children are allowed at the Tree House|

Credit Cards accepted
Master / Visa / Cash

Single Supplement fee is waived between 01 February to 30 June 2020

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

Please note

Telephone calls, the bar, activities and curios are excluded from the rates

Activity rates are based on a minimum of 2 persons participating

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Children/families

Children under 6 years sharing with parents stay free of charge.

Children under 12 years sharing with parents pay 50% of the rate.

Children under the age of 12 years pay 50% for activities.

Children joining activities must be under parents' supervision at all times.

Travel Insurance is a requirement for anybody who plans to join a safari.

