

## *Location and Description*

The Fish River Lodge is the only lodge situated directly on the rim of Namibia's Fish River Canyon, the world's second largest canyon. Located on the western side, the lodge and all chalets have breath-taking views directly into and over the canyon from sunrise to sunset. The lodge is uniquely designed with dry-packed stonewalls and large windows through which to contemplate 500 million years of geological history.

The desolate beauty of this vast and empty landscape is a sanctuary for Karoo succulent flora and home to Hartman's zebra, kudu, oryx, springbok, honey badgers, leopard and many other smaller wildlife species and endemic birdlife. There are easy walking trails along the rim with a guided hike down to permanent rock pools in the heart of the canyon where the Fish River meanders.

A maximum of 40 guests can enjoy peace and solitude in the 45,000-hectare Canyon Nature Park where the lodge is located.

Lodge co-ordinates: S 27 31.640 E 17 32.213 | Airstrip co-ordinates: S 27 30.237 E 17 31.657

## *Services*

The lodge is perfect for guests wishing to take time off from the world just to relax. For the more energetic and adventurous, there are a host of outdoor activities to enjoy. Good home-cooked food with stylish touches is served on handcrafted tables next to crackling fires in winter or outside on the deck in summer. We cater for specific dietary requirements and children. Drinks are served indoors and outdoors on a deck overlooking the swimming pool and the canyon.

## *Accommodation*

- Twenty spacious chalets are positioned along the rim with sufficient distance from each other ensuring privacy and quietness at all times.
- The 6 double and 14 twin chalets each have a large walk-in pebble stone shower with dressing room and a secluded outside shower with views over the canyon. 2 of these chalets can be converted into family rooms of 4 and 2 chalets that can be converted to family rooms of 3.
- An outside platform can be used for yoga or for guests who prefer a night under the stars. Staff are available on request to make up the outdoor bed.
- Each room is equipped with a fan and coffee/tea station with hot water available in flasks from the kitchen.
- The lodge is powered by solar and therefore fridges and kettles are not available in the chalets.



## Activities

### Canyon Drive

A knowledgeable guide will accompany guests down into the heart of the canyon in an open safari vehicle. There are some breath-catching moments as the driver navigates some challenging parts of the track. All the while guests will experience firsthand the dramatic geological features of the canyon including petrified ripples of ancient flood plains, shiny quartzite, fine shale and dramatic fault lines. Guests can enjoy a swim in the permanent rock pools and a picnic lunch before returning to the lodge arriving mid afternoon

*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.*

### Morning / Afternoon Cycling

For the more energetic guest, a guided fat-bike cycling tour of 22km is available. The track meanders along the edge of the canyon before swinging back through quiver trees and other indigenous flora. Helmets, water bottles and a snack pack are provided. The duration is around 3hrs and 30min, depending on fitness levels.

A shorter 10km cycling tour to the popular sundowner spot is also available. Helmets and water are provided as well as a cold drink and snacks before guests return to the lodge.

### Canyon Rim Walks

Guest can take a self-guided walk from the lodge along an easy trail on either side of the lodge offering spectacular views over the canyon.. Guided walks are also available on request for guests who would like to know more about the flora, fauna and geological features of the canyon.

It is recommended to do this walk either early morning or late afternoon.

### Scenic Sundowner Drive

The afternoon scenic drive follows the rim with stops at two different viewpoints over the Canyon. The guide will explain the geology, flora and fauna of this fascinating landscape. Guests are offered a sundowner drink with snacks whilst they enjoy the setting sun and the lengthening shadows over the canyon.

*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.*

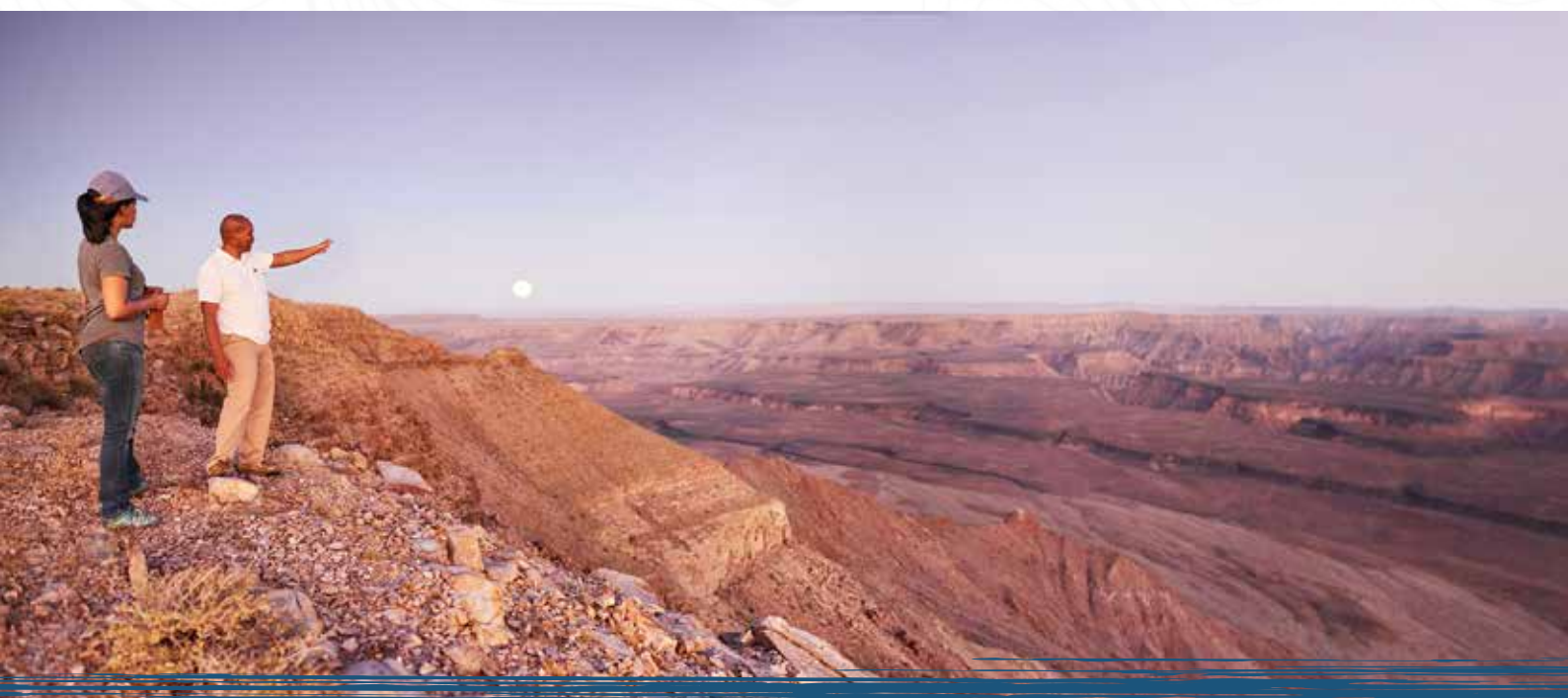
### Canyon Day Hike (Full Day or Half Day)

*Only from April to September*

Hikers depart after breakfast with a guide and descend rapidly into the canyon, traversing a rock-strewn plain before the final scramble to permanent rock pools in the Fish River. Lunch and drinks are provided before ascending back up to the lodge. There is also the option of a safari vehicle that will drive guests back to the lodge.

*Departure time will vary according to the season for this 8 - 10 hour guided expedition. | Trainers/hiking boots & backpacks are essential.*

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## *Fish River Lodge : Rim To River Hike And Canyon Mountain Bike Trail 2021, Fish River Canyon*

### **New! Canyon Rim to River Hike**

- This is a guided hiking route that does not follow a designated track therefore adjustments can be made en route.
- The terrain is rugged, and the daily altitude gain and loss can be considerable.
- According to a grading scale adopted by Australia, the hike would be classified as Grade 4 out of 5.
- A doctor's fitness certificate is required.
- No children under 16 years are allowed on the Canyon Rim to River Hike.
- Good hiking boots as well as hat, sunblock and warm clothes in winter are required.
- Only daypacks are needed. A canvas bag for personal belongings will be provided and delivered to each camp. All other belongings should be packed away in vehicle for the duration of the activity.

### **3-Day Hike**

#### **Arrival Fish River Lodge**

On arrival guests will be checked into their chalet at Fish River Lodge.

A canvas bag will be provided for guests to pack their hiking gear and toiletries in a canvas bag. This bag will be delivered to the respective camps whilst guests hike for the day. All other belongings should be packed away in the guest's vehicle.

Guests will meet their guide at dinner time where he will brief them on the hiking routes.

#### **Day 1: Overnight Camp Eternity**

After breakfast, departure in a vehicle with a personal guide to the start of the hike.

The hike commences with a steep descent down 'jelly legs' gorge into the canyon ending at the rock pools where a packed lunch will be provided.

A steep ascent back up the canyon for an overnight at Camp Eternity.

After a refreshing welcome drink, guests can retire to their tents where they will find their canvas bag.

After a sundowner, guides will brief them on the next day's hiking.

A 3-course dinner will be served under the stars before guests return to their tents.

*Distance: Approximately 16 km*

#### **Day 2: Overnight Camp Edge**

The hike commences after breakfast. A descent back into the canyon follows a loop behind ancient sediments. After a stop for lunch, hikers will pass 'mushroom rocks' back up to Camp Edge.

Again, a welcome drink will be served before guests are shown to their tents where their canvas bags will have been delivered.

After a sundowner, guides will brief guests on the next day's hiking. A 3-course dinner will be served under the stars before guests retire to their tents.

*Distance: Approximately 14km*

#### **Day 3: Hike back to the Lodge**

After breakfast, guests will commence their final hike down into Granite Gorge and back up to the Lodge where they will arrive between 11h00 and 12h00.

Guests are welcome to use the facilities before their departure should they not be overnighing at the Lodge.

*Distance: Approximately 9km*

*Should guests wish to spend another night at Fish River Lodge, additional booking and payment should be made.*

### **2-Day Hike**



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## New! Canyon Mountain Bike Trail

Mountain Biking Important Information:

- This is an unguided 3-day ride with overnights at Camp Edge and Camp Eternity where cyclists will be hosted
- No children under the age of 16 are allowed on the Trail
- Bring own mountain bike, helmet and hydration pack
- Maps of the routes will be provided
- Trail varies from technical single track to farm roads
- Dinner, breakfast and a packed lunch will be provided.
- A canvas bag for personal belongings will be provided and delivered to each camp. All other belongings should be packed away in vehicle for the duration of the activity
- Minimum of 2 and maximum of 8 cyclists



## Arrival Fish River Lodge and Day 1 of Cycling

Cyclists should arrive at the lodge by 13h00. Reception will brief guests on the routes and the Camps.

Cyclists will be required to pack their personal belongings and toiletries in a canvas bag provided by the lodge. This bag will be delivered to the respective camps. All other belongings should be packed away in the cyclist's vehicle.

Depart for Camp Edge by 14h30 at the latest.

The route commences from Fish River Lodge, follows the rim of the canyon east and then north on single track to the airstrip where it joins a jeep track to Camp Edge. Total distance 23 km,

On arrival, guests will be met by their host, the camp facilities explained, and they can relax before dinner over a welcome drink.

Canvas bags will have been delivered to tents.

A 3-course dinner will be served under the stars before guests retire to their tents for the night.

## Day 2

A leisurely breakfast will be served with a recommended departure by 10h00. A packed lunch and refreshments will be provided.

The route will follow farm roads through the rugged terrain and mountains to a shaded lunch time spot in a dry riverbed north of the canyon in a very secluded area.

The route then backtracks and turns south up Rhino Valley where there are several old Rhino rubbings on the rocks along the way. At the top there are great views of the canyon and the landscape beyond the eastern rim.

The route then follows some steep ascents and descents to Camp Eternity, also located on the edge of the Canyon. Total Distance 40 km

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## Day 3

Guests will be served a leisurely breakfast. Departure time will depend on whether guests are planning to overnight at Fish River Lodge or not.

A packed lunch and refreshments for the morning will be provided.

The route will follow a jeep track passing old stone shepherd huts to the airstrip where cyclists join the rim single track for a final spectacular view of the canyon before returning to the Lodge. Total Distance 29 km

*Should guests wish to spend another night at Fish River Lodge, additional booking and payment should be made.*

Canyon Mountain Bike Trails can only be booked through [res2@journeysnamibia.com](mailto:res2@journeysnamibia.com)

*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 the following:*

*Telephone calls, Bar, activities and curios are excluded from the rates  
Activity rates are based on minimum 2 persons  
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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 adult 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 all clients who plan to go on safari.*



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