



About the Lodge:

The Erongo Wild perches on the rugged granite koppies of the lower Erongo Mountain range, the walls constructed from the rock of the surrounding area. These awe-inspiring mountains that are home to the lodge make you contemplate on an era long past, where perhaps mammoths raged, tossing the boulders across the landscape. In reality this mountain was formed by an erupting volcano over 130 million years ago and at 1245 meters above sea level, is a geological wonder.

The lodge is situated on a 2,000 square kilometre conservation area, formed by thirty private landowners and managed by [Journeys Namibia](#), in an effort to preserve this diverse Eden, the wildlife that inhabit it, and the San that maintain their old ways of life. Ancient Bushmen paintings decorate the caves in the mountain, and you can plan a trip back in time to view them or experience life with the San in their village.

Bounteous birdlife, both common and endemic, make this a birders paradise. Walking trails span the mountain and the bushveld surrounding it, and guests can choose between a relaxing short stroll or a longer and more strenuous hike. Alternatively, if your preference is relaxation, there are viewing decks, a swimming pool with loungers, a fully stocked bar, restaurant with delicious food, and fabulous service with a Namibian flair.

Offering luxury, sumptuous food, amazing views and unforgettable experiences, this lodge is a gem for any guest. Unfortunately, due to the area, construction of the lodge and the inability to avoid the use of steps in the mountainous terrain, the lodge is not suitable for guests with limited mobility.

Location:

In the heart of north-western Namibia, just 14 kilometres west of Omaruru and 208 kilometres from Windhoek, you will find The Erongo Wild. Road access is via the tarred C33 and onto the gravel D2315. A high clearance two-wheel-drive vehicle is suitable, but 4-wheel-drive is preferred. For fly-in guests, the closest airstrip is Omaruru, just 15 minutes away, and transfers are available on request.

GPS Coordinates -21.461276029544244, 15.87557834273283

Facilities:

Built from natural stone and with a sprawling thatch roof, the lodge has a comfortable lounge, bar, and restaurant over-looking a waterhole for you to enjoy your meals while watching the wildlife come and go.

Viewing decks will give you great opportunities to see the game and birdlife in action, while a small swimming pool nestled in between the granite boulders allows you to cool off in the heat of the summer day. When the temperatures drop in winter, there's an indoor fireplace to relax in front of with a book from our shelf, or a firepit outdoors to warm yourself while enjoying the surroundings.

Raised wooden walkways and steps hewn into the boulders connect you to the luxury tented chalets, where you can relax in a comfortable bed or sit on the deck to absorb the sprawling expanses peeking out from between the boulders. If solitude is what you're looking for, do enquire as to the availability of The Tree House, where you can spend a night in the silence and serenity of the bushveld.

We have a small exchange library for you to trade your holiday reads at, and Wi-Fi is available in the main lodge if you want to connect with those at home – although we do advise that connectivity is limited due to our remote location, and kindly request that large uploads or downloads be limited due to this.

Arranged tours of the local sights or bushveld dinners under the night sky are not to be missed, as well as numerous hikes or walks. Our guides offer a wealth of experience, and are knowledgeable on the area and the history, so please do engage with them when out and about.

Accommodations:

The twelve tented chalets are constructed on raised wooden platforms tucked between the boulders of the lower mountain. Each chalet is carefully positioned to provide the utmost seclusion and privacy while providing for the best views across the vast plains.

The spacious tents have sliding glass doors out to a small partially roofed deck that holds a rustic table and two chairs. The insect-proof "windows" can be zipped closed in the event of weather, otherwise they allow the cool breezes and perfume of the bush to envelop you.

Inside, warm wooden floors, wicker chairs, and comfortable beds with crisp linens will welcome you, and there's a clothing rail and luggage rack for your personal items. Each chalet is suited for two people, with a double or two singles side-by-side, apart from the family accommodations, which can hold 4 guests.

A bathroom is at the rear of the chalet, set against the bare rock of the mountain, and equipped with a shower, toilet and handbasin as well as complimentary toiletries. Cleverly designed spaces between the roof and walls allow for more great views – even from the shower.

Coffee and tea facilities are supplied in each chalet for you to enjoy an early morning hot drink or afternoon tea. Flasks of hot or cold water are supplied by the lodge so please remember to ask for your choice before leaving the main lodge. Supplied by our local roastery, the Slow Town coffee will give you a taste of the local life.

In May 2023, our new **Tree House** will be available for bookings. This is the perfect getaway for those that want to escape to the solitude of the bush and enjoy a romantic stay immersed in the magic of an African night. The cabin is cosy and has everything you need – a bathroom on the same floor as the room, so no need to brave the wild night!

This is an extraordinary experience for those that want to rediscover nature and absorb the savannah, the sunset, and the animals and birds of the area. A guide will drive you to The Tree House at dusk and leave you with a cooler box with your choice of drinks, sundowner snacks, and a cold dinner platter.

You will then be left alone to soak up the sights and sounds of a night in the African bush.

A radio is provided for you to contact reception with in the event of an emergency. Please note that as a safety precaution no children are allowed at The Tree House.





Activities:

Please always remember to confirm all departure times with reception as these can change, as well as what you should take along. Always ensure you have the appropriate clothing and footwear on. All hikes are guided.

The Sun Rise Walk:

This guided short walk will leave before dawn, taking you through the bush so you can watch the sun rise on the Erongo Mountains.

Start: 06:00 from the restaurant (please confirm the time)

Distance: 1 kilometre.

The Dassie Trail:

This is a short guided trail. This trail is recommended for the nature lover and has no real challenges.

Start: Please query at reception, as this can be arranged for any time of the day.

Distance: 1.8 kilometres.

Baboon Trail:

The playground of the baboons and *dassies*, this walk takes you up the ancient ruins of the volcano. Keep your eyes peeled to see if you can spot the Peregrine Falcon, as this is his favourite hunting ground year-round. Part of this trail is very steep and runs along point-blank rocks so be sure to have on the correct hiking gear with maximum grip on your soles and your hands free.

Start: 07:00 from the restaurant.

Distance: 2.7 kilometres.

Eagle Rock Trail:

This walk leads up into the rocky granite outcrops and over the whalebacks offering incredible views of the surrounding landscapes and lodge below. Our guides will regale you enroute with fascinating stories of their life in the area, and always keep your eyes open for sightings of our rare and/or endemic birds. This is a hike for the adventurous that prefer extreme experiences!

Start: 07:00 from the restaurant.

Distance: 1.9 kilometres.

Gecko Trail:

This trail follows the same path upwards as the Eagle Rock Trail, however you will descend via a different path. You will walk through mountainous terrain as well as a riverbed and the bushy veld, where you will be enthralled by the different landscapes in such a short distance. This is a guided walk, by one of our friendly staff.

Start: 07:00 from the restaurant.

Distance: 7.3 kilometres.

Pangolin Trail:

Due to the length of this trail, you must have some stamina and good hiking gear. You are also sure to experience the best of the surrounding scenery, birdlife, wildlife, and flora to be seen in the area. If you can gather the breath, be sure to ask your guides for their stories and experiences along the way, as they are always happy to share and engage.

Start: 06:00 from the restaurant.

Distance: 9.8 kilometres.



The Sunset Walk:

Prepare yourself for an awe-inspiring sunset as can only be seen in this country, where the red dust swept into the air by our strong winds makes for the vivid colours that paint the sky as the sun goes down. Enjoy a drink of your choice as you snap a memory on your camera.

Start: 18:00 from the restaurant (please confirm the time).

Distance: 1 kilometre.

Nature Drives:

The Sunrise Experience:

Climb into the 4x4 vehicle with one of our professional guides and ascend the mountain before embarking on foot to enjoy hot coffee or tea and a muffin as the sun graces us with another glorious day in this arid paradise.

Start: 06:00 from the restaurant (please confirm the time).

Duration: 2.5 hours.

Paula's Cave Tour:

Discovered roughly 100 years ago and believed to have significant meaning to the ancient tribes, this cave holds a number of paintings. We can only begin to imagine the meaning behind them, as they depict various figures and animals of different shapes, sizes and colours. You can enjoy a scenic drive while looking for game before ending at the caves to view the paintings and take in the history of these nomadic tribes.

Start: Please query at reception, as this can be arranged for any time of the day.

Duration: 2 to 2.5 hours.

The Scenic Drive:

If you're looking for amazing scenery dotted with game and birdlife, this is the drive for you. Your guide will be a font of information on both the area, the game that make it home, and supply you with cold refreshments along the way.

Start: Summer – 06:00 or 17:00. Winter – 07:00 or 16:00.

Duration: 2 – 2.5 hours.

The Bush Lunch or Dinner:

If you fancy the experience of eating out in the tranquillity of the bushveld, do ask us for details on this experience. Our staff can advise on the menu's, drinks, and the five-star service supplied for those wishing to join us on this excursion. You might see game as you sample excellent cuisine, or simply enjoy the experience with a cold drink in hand while looking for endemic birds or admiring the views. Transfer to and from the location is included.

Start: Please enquire at reception.

Duration: 3 hours.

The Sunset Drive:

Should you favour sunsets, take a short drive with one of our guides before disembarking and being served a cold drink. As the stars come out and the bush stills, you can imagine the little creatures settling into the safety of their burrows or holes while the big game venture out to search for water and food in the cool, or rest beneath a sprawling acacia.

Start: 17:00 from the restaurant.

Duration: 2 hours.

Side-by-side 4x4 self drive activity:

A rugged 4x4 buggy will be your ride through the Erongo wilderness with a guide to accompany you on a quad-bike. For those we seek the thrill of testing their 4x4 skills.

Start: Please query at reception, as this can be arranged for any time of the day.

Duration: 1 to 1.5 hours



Day Excursions:

Omaruru Day Excursion:

A guide will drive you in one of our vehicles to the artsy small town of Omaruru where we will take in some history of the local area, followed by stops at the local crafters to view their wares, and a winery where the local brews can be tasted and purchased. Finally, a tour of the only root carving manufacturers in Namibia will complete our tour. We will be back at Erongo Wild in time for a light lunch.

Start: 08:30 from reception.

Duration: Approximately four hours.

The Ju/'Hoansi San Living Museum:

This immersive experience allows you into the heart of the local Bushmen tribe, the Ju/'Hoansi San. They will show you the old ways, of hunting and gathering, and their traditional lifestyle that has been maintained for thousands of years. There are two options to choose from here: one, to stay in the village and interact with them while making jewellery, medicines, or bows and arrows, or secondly to go on a bush walk, and possibly even a hunt for small animals. A highlight of the outing is the display of dancing and ancient rituals – but also the games that will bring a laugh bubbling up.

Start: 08:30.

Duration: Approximately four hours.

Directions:

From Windhoek:

- About 70km after Okahandja take the C36 turn-off to Wilhelmstal on your right.
- Travel on this gravel road for about 67km until you reach the T-junction with the C33 (Karibib - Omaruru tar road).
- Turn right on this road towards Omaruru and continue for approximately 3km along this road.
- Just before reaching the town of Omaruru turn left onto the D2315.
- After 10 kilometres you will find the entrance gate to the Conservancy.
- Pass through the gate and 100m later turn left into The Erongo Wild.

From Swakopmund:

- From Swakopmund, take the B2 towards Windhoek.
- Shortly after Karibib, turn right onto the C33 towards Omaruru.
- Travel on this road for 63km before turning left onto the D2315.
- After 10 kilometres of gravel road turn left into the lodge as per the above.

Please do see our website for more detailed information on all of the above.



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