



ERONGO WILDERNESS LODGE

the natural place to stay

ACTIVITIES

At Erongo, we like to encourage our guests to relax and take the time to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the Erongo Bushveld. It is a perfect place to spend the day by the pool with a good book, or if the energy of the granite mountains inspire you, to take a long walk with one of our experienced guides through the mountains.

A few suggested activities for those people wanting to keep busy during their stay are listed below:

Nature Drive / Paula's Cave

Erongo Wilderness Lodge forms part of the 200 000 hectare Erongo Mountain Nature Conservancy. This pristine wilderness area straddles the Erongo Mountains: a natural reserve within a vast volcanic crater complex, which boasts unparalleled biodiversity. After about an hour and a half's drive through the scenically beautiful lodge property you will end up at the foot of the hill where the site of Paula's Cave can be found. An easy walk up the hill will take you to the National Monument site of some outstanding bushman rock art. After exploring the rock art, relax with a cold 'sundowner' drink and enjoy the closing of the day. A slow drive searching for nocturnal animals with the help of a spotlight will bring you back to the lodge in time for dinner. A must-see for anyone visiting the area. This drive can be done both in the morning or the afternoon.

Guided walks

Walking the area surrounding the Lodge is highly encouraged and is the best way to experience the beauty of the Erongo Mountains. Our guides have been very well trained on the interesting Fauna and Flora of the area and are available to escort guests through the property at any time that suits them. An unlimited number of guided walks are included in the rate. We have put together a number of interesting walks to suit people of all different fitness levels.

- **Sundowner walk:** Very close to the lodge, you will be guided up a granite hill where you can enjoy a cold sundowner drink while watching the sun set over spectacular views of the Erongo and Brandberg Mountains.
- **Early morning walk:** This is for those who want to get the most out of the beauty of the Erongo Mountains during the stunning early morning light. This walk is 3 – 4 hours in duration and can be of various degrees of difficulty depending on your preference. We meet at 06h00 in the restaurant for tea, coffee & rusks. Your guide will take extra water, juice and snacks along for en-route.
- **Morning Walk:** This is for those who want to have a more relaxed walk, but still experience the beauty of the Erongo Mountains. This walk is 1 – 2 hours in duration and can be of various degrees of difficulty, depending on your preference. We meet at 07h00 in the restaurant for tea, coffee, fresh juice, rusks, muffins and a selection of fruit.

Self - Guided Walking Trails

A number of walking trails have been marked out through the spectacular areas around the lodge. Again, these are of varying degrees of difficulty – some being more suited to the adventurous explorer, and some more suited to those wanting to opt for a gentle stroll.

Birding

Erongo Wilderness Lodge has an abundance of bird life. From the raptors to the tiniest of sunbirds, the viewing of birds in the area is superb.

The nest of the resident breeding pair of Black (Verreaux) Eagles can be seen on cliff faces, with sightings of this magnificent bird occurring frequently. The lodge dining room and bar overlook a small valley where a fantastic variety of species can be sighted drinking from one of the three water points. These include both Namibian and South African endemics such as: Hartlaub's Francolin, Redbilled Francolin, Ruppell's Parrot, Rosy-faced Lovebird, Monteiro's Hornbill, Carp's Black Tit, Damara Rockrunner, Pririt Batis, Whitetailed Shrike, Violet-eared Waxbill, and the Redheaded Finch.

The abundance of water around the lodge in what is an otherwise dry area, also make it a haven for Plum-coloured Starlings, Melba Finches, Rock Kestrels, Masked Weavers, Rock Buntings, Whitebellied Sunbirds and a whole host of others.

do as little or as much as you like

