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Okonjima
home of the african foundation

Okonjima - from the Herero word meaning *place of the baboons* - lies nestled in the unspoilt beauty of the Omboroko Mountains, part of the well-known Waterberg Plateau - halfway between Windhoek and Etosha.

Not only is *Okonjima* a luxury lodge, but it is also home to *The AfriCat Foundation*, a non-profit organisation committed to long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores, especially cheetahs and leopards.

A visit to *Okonjima* will give you an opportunity to witness some of *AfriCat's* work.

Both *Okonjima* and *AfriCat* are dedicated to creating conservation awareness, preserving habitat, promoting environmental education, research and supporting animal welfare.



"Why does man destroy that which he does not understand? When we destroy in ignorance, we reap the unexpected... It is only through education, that the men, women and children of Africa will come to understand that we must learn to live within our wilderness and not without."



Leopards are frequently seen, giving you an opportunity to observe these magnificent predators that are radio-tracked from our game-viewing vehicles. The leopards roam freely and catch their own prey within the rehabilitation area.

The *Cheetah Project* offers you valuable insight into the welfare work of The AfriCat Foundation.

Large Carnivores within the rehabilitation area, can be radio-tracked on foot.

Follow in the footsteps of an ancient people on the guided *Bushman Trail*.

Self-guided *Walking Trails* of up to 8km, for those of you who want to spend some time alone in the solitude of the Okonjima wilderness.

Binding - identify some of the more than 250 species in the area, including Namibian near-endemics Carp's Tit, Hartlaub's Francolin and the (Damara) Rockrunner (endemic).



Activities
OKONJIMA, THE EXPERIENCE



O K O N J I M A ' S A F R I C A N H O U S E

The Villa

OKONJIMA'S EXCLUSIVE VILLA

is 10km from Main Camp. This Grand African House is the first of its kind in Namibia.

- 2 select, luxury, en-suite bedrooms in the Main House
- 2 separate, luxury, private Suites.
- Each suite has a mini-bar, coffee/tea making facilities, a private toilet and bidet.
- All rooms have Wi-Fi wireless or dial-up internet facilities, a private safe, a king-size bed, air-conditioning and heating facilities, a roof-fan, a bath, an inside and outside shower and a glass-panelled door that can fold away to give panoramic views.
- 3 of the 4 rooms have 1 or 2 extra 3/4 beds.
- In 3 of the 4 rooms, the wheeled, king-size bed rolls out onto the terrace, to sleep under the stars.
- A large, infinity swimming pool, overlooking a natural water-hole.
- A private kitchen.
- Mobile phone reception and DSTV.
- A personal host, chef, guide and game-drive vehicle.
- Children welcome but no 'child-care service' available. Due to the nature of our activities, child participation is restricted.
- Fully inclusive rate. (Including meals, drinks and activities).
- Accommodates a group of friends or a family (8 to 12 pax).





O K O N J I M A ' S P R I V A T E S U I T E
Bush Suite

OKONJIMA'S LUXURY BUSH SUITE

is 500m from Bush Camp and 3,5km from Main Camp. This select, private Suite is a uniquely designed African Bush-Cottage.

- 2 select, luxury, en-suite bedrooms.
- Each room has 2 queen-size beds, air-conditioning and heating facilities, a roof-fan, a private safe, a bath, an inside and outside shower & a private toilet and bidet.
- The Suite has Wi-Fi wireless or dial-up internet facilities and cell phone reception.
- In each room, one of the wheeled, queen-size beds, rolls out onto the terrace, to sleep under the stars.
- A large swimming pool, overlooking the savanna bushveldt and the Omboroko mountains.
- A private kitchen.
- A personal host, chef, guide and game-drive vehicle.
- Fully inclusive rate. (including meals, drinks and activities).
- Accommodates a group of friends or a family (4 pax).





Honeymoon Suite Bush Camp Lapa

O K O N J I M A *Bush Camp* A F R I C A N C H A L E T S

OKONJIMA'S UNIQUE AFRICAN LODGE

is 3km from Main Camp, and situated on the edge of a wilderness area. Each exclusive chalet enjoys complete privacy and is a combination of earthy, ochre walls and khaki-green canvas, under a thatched roof. The Honeymoon Suite (completed: 1 August 2008) boasts a stunning view, a sliding glass door, 2 Queen-size beds, a comfortable en-suite lounge with fire-place, a bath and outside 'bush' shower.

- 8 luxury, thatched African-style chalets, and a lapa in the form of the indigenous 'camelthorn' pod.
 - One luxury, honeymoon suite. (wheel-chair friendly)
 - 3 luxury, en-suite tents. (guides & pilots)
 - A secluded swimming pool.
- A mini-bar, coffee/tea station, telephone, private safe, a queen-size bed and a 3/4 bed in each chalet.
- The front 180° of canvas panelling in each chalet, may be rolled up for a spectacular bushveldt view.
 - All chalets are between 80m -100m apart from each other.
 - A Half or Full Board rate.
 - No children under the age of 12 years.



Honeymoon Suite



Thatched Chalet





Veranda with a view Bush View Room



Garden View Room Garden View Rooms

O K O N J I M A ' S *Main Camp* H O M E S T E A D

OKONJIMA'S MAIN CAMP
is the original Hanssen-family farmhouse, reconstructed as a Lodge in 1992.

- 6 double & 4 single, en-suite Garden rooms overlook the lush oasis and entertainment area. Each DBL room has a double and a single bed, a roof-fan and private, lockable safe. The rooms are close to the *Lapa* (The Gathering Place), the curio-shop, the swimming-pool & reception area.
- 10 Bush View rooms, each with verandah and wheelchair friendly ramp, overlook the natural Okonjima bushveldt and are set approximately 15 -20m apart, some distance from the *Boma* and *Lapa* area.

- The spacious new bedrooms – with a view and reading nook are also en-suite but have twin basins and a larger shower. Each room has 2 double beds, a mini-fridge to store your own drinks, a coffee/tea station, a roof-fan, a safe, alarm-system and a telephone.
- 3 luxury, en-suite twin tents. (guides & pilots)
- A secluded swimming pool.
- A Half or Full Board rate.
- No children under the age of 12 years.



A Unique and Exciting Conservation Working Holiday Project based here in the Heart of Okonjima's Reserve.

P.A.W.S. is part of Okonjima and AfriCat's vision to restore the land back to its original state and once again witness the magnificent cheetah stalking and hunting its prey. Africa's fragile ecosystem and wildlife are inseparably linked, co-existing successfully since time began. Unfortunately, due to man's influence, this delicate balance is rapidly changing and the need to reverse this damage and protect our environment has become paramount. Combining the management and implementation of fundamental conservation principles we aim to restore this balance and in time, recreate this sustainable ecosystem. To aid us with our vision, your involvement & commitment will create valuable employment and training opportunities for the local community. By choosing this project, you will be undertaking essential reserve maintenance tasks including: dismantling windmills and old water troughs, clearing fence lines, bush clearing tasks, repairing waterholes, dam and bridge maintenance, etc. You may also have the fantastic opportunity of working directly at the AfriCat Foundation (when projects are available) such as bone collecting within the cheetah camps, erecting, repairing and maintaining fences. Later in the day, you will take part in a multitude of exciting activities including visits to the cheetah conservation programme at AfriCat, leopard tracking, large carnivore tracking on foot, bushman walks, viewing the lions, birding & game drives, and much more.

O K O N J I M (A) ' S C A M P S I T E S
Omboroko

THE EXCLUSIVE OMBOROKO CAMPSITES

nestled amongst the Omboroko mountains.

This campsite is a self-catering facility, the lodge does not cater for campers!

- A private campsite (self-catering) with an open-air, geyser-powered shower 'with a view', a flush toilet 'with a view', a central washing-up area and a viewpoint for sundowners.
- A guided tour to 'The AfriCat Welfare Project'.
- Identify some of the 250 bird species on the self-guided walking trails.
- For 2-nighters, the guided Bushman Trail is an experience not to be missed.



PAWS FOR THOUGHT...

To become a conservation team member with P.A.W.S., previous knowledge or experience is not required, just a willingness to work hard and enjoy every moment! The vision behind our project is for those with a passion for conservation, a lust for life and a desire to be at one with nature! You will be given the opportunity to have a life-changing experience with the knowledge that through your hard work and dedication, we are one step closer to giving Africa back to nature!

OKONJIMA'S FOUNDATION

AfriCat

The AfriCat Foundation was founded in the early 90's and formally registered as a non-profit organisation in August 1993. The Foundation has since grown significantly and what started out primarily as a welfare organisation, has over the years, identified the need to focus on education and research, as being essential to accomplishing our mission - the long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores.

Objectives

- To create awareness and promote the tolerance of large carnivores amongst the farming community, by assisting farmers in effective farm management techniques including targeting problem predators as opposed to indiscriminate removal.
- To educate youth about large carnivores and environmental awareness.
- Large carnivore research, particularly cheetahs and leopards on farmland and in captivity.
- To provide humane housing, treatment and care for orphaned and injured animals.

The AfriCat project includes the following programmes

- Rescue & Release – over 950 cheetahs and leopards have been rescued over the last 15 years; over 85% have been returned to the wild.
- Research-partner to a number of studies involving the cheetahs at AfriCat, as well as the cheetahs and leopards captured on farmland.
- Education – helping children and young adults of Namibia to gain a new sense of understanding for the natural world and the importance of wildlife conservation.
- Welfare – providing a home, food and care for young orphaned and injured animals that cannot be released back into the wild .
- Rehabilitation – giving previously non-releasable large carnivores an opportunity to hone their hunting skills, become self-sustaining and return to their natural environment.



The World's Largest Cheetah & Leopard Rescue and Release Programme


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OVER 1000 CARNIVORES RESCUED SINCE 1993

Henry David Thoreau wrote, " I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived". The wild man and wild woman lives in all of us. The need for "wildness" is as ancient a desire as the creation of life itself. All of us caught up in our hectic, chaotic lives, at one time or another long for that feeling of being truly wild and at one with nature.

And yet as much as we need the freedom of nature, why is it that so much of our energy appears to be directed towards destruction rather than conservation? We are living at an important and fruitful moment now, for it is clear to us that the images of the all- consumptive past must be replaced with a sustainable utilisation of the environment; sustainable for ourselves, our children and the generations to come. Never before has the fate of the planet rested so firmly in the hands of one species.

The decline of a carnivore generally alters the ecological balance of its biological community. Carnivores are linked through predation to herbivores, which are, in turn, linked to each other through competition and to plant communities by their foraging. They are particularly sensitive to environmental disturbance, and the decline or disappearance of these vulnerable carnivore species serves as an indicator of changes in their ecosystem.

Through education, research, sustainable living and animal welfare The AfriCat Foundation is committed to doing its part in the conservation of the ecosystems in which the carnivores of Africa play out their lives in what is truly a wild country. We invite you to come and share with us a glimpse of nature; you will not leave untouched.

Dr. Mark Jago - AfriCat Foundation Board Member and Veterinarian

"In the Africa of 2050, most cat species will survive only where people choose to tolerate them."



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

- At the Okonjima Villa, Bush Suite and Omboroko Camp Site - only certain activities are available to children under the age of 12 years, please contact the lodge for further information.
- Children under the age of 12 years are not permitted at Bush Camp and Main Camp.
 - Viewing of leopards is NOT guaranteed. All the rehabilitated large carnivores are radio-collared for monitoring purposes.
 - Activities commence: 15h00 (winter), 16h00 (summer), Check-in time: 12h00
- Please call ahead of time to check on road conditions and to confirm your time of arrival.
 - Okonjima is in a MALARIA FREE area.
 - 2009 Rates: N\$ 550 - N\$ 8 473 per person per night.

1997 - Genesis Award

Discovery Channel BBC / Ark Trust Inc.

"For a remarkable account of the AfriCat Foundation's work to protect and save the endangered cheetah, thus increasing public awareness of animal issues."

2000 - WWF Green Trust Award

The AfriCat Foundation's WSPA Environmental Education Centre was recognised as an organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to the environment.

2002 - Silver Otter Award

Second Place - Best New Overseas project.

2003 - Amarula Award South Africa

Okonjima Bush Camp met the criteria for a truly African Experience, offering authenticity, luxury, conservation, social responsibility and environmental awareness.

2004 - World Travel Award

Namibia's Leading Safari.

How to get to Okonjima

2½ hours drive north of Windhoek on the B1

To those coming from the South on the B1: Take the gravel turn-off to the left, just after the sign "Otjiwarongo 50km".

To those coming from the North on the B1: Take the gravel turn-off to the right, just after the sign "Okahandja 130km".

This turn-off is approximately 48km South of Otjiwarongo, and is marked "OKONJIMA 24km"



Okonjima

Aeronautical Information

Airstrip length: 1300m, Elevation: 5430ft, Orientation: 05/23

Surface: compact dirt/sand, Windssock: midfield - north side

Airstrip co-ordinates: S 20° 51' 59" E 016° 38' 22"

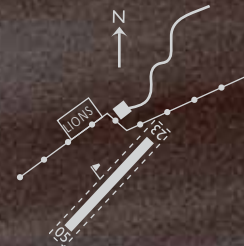
Caution

Mountain range south of A/F 3 miles – 6250ft.

RWY situated between mountain ranges in valley.

Power line 11m (North West of A/F), Fence around A/F 2.40m

Field North of lodge: LION AREA



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