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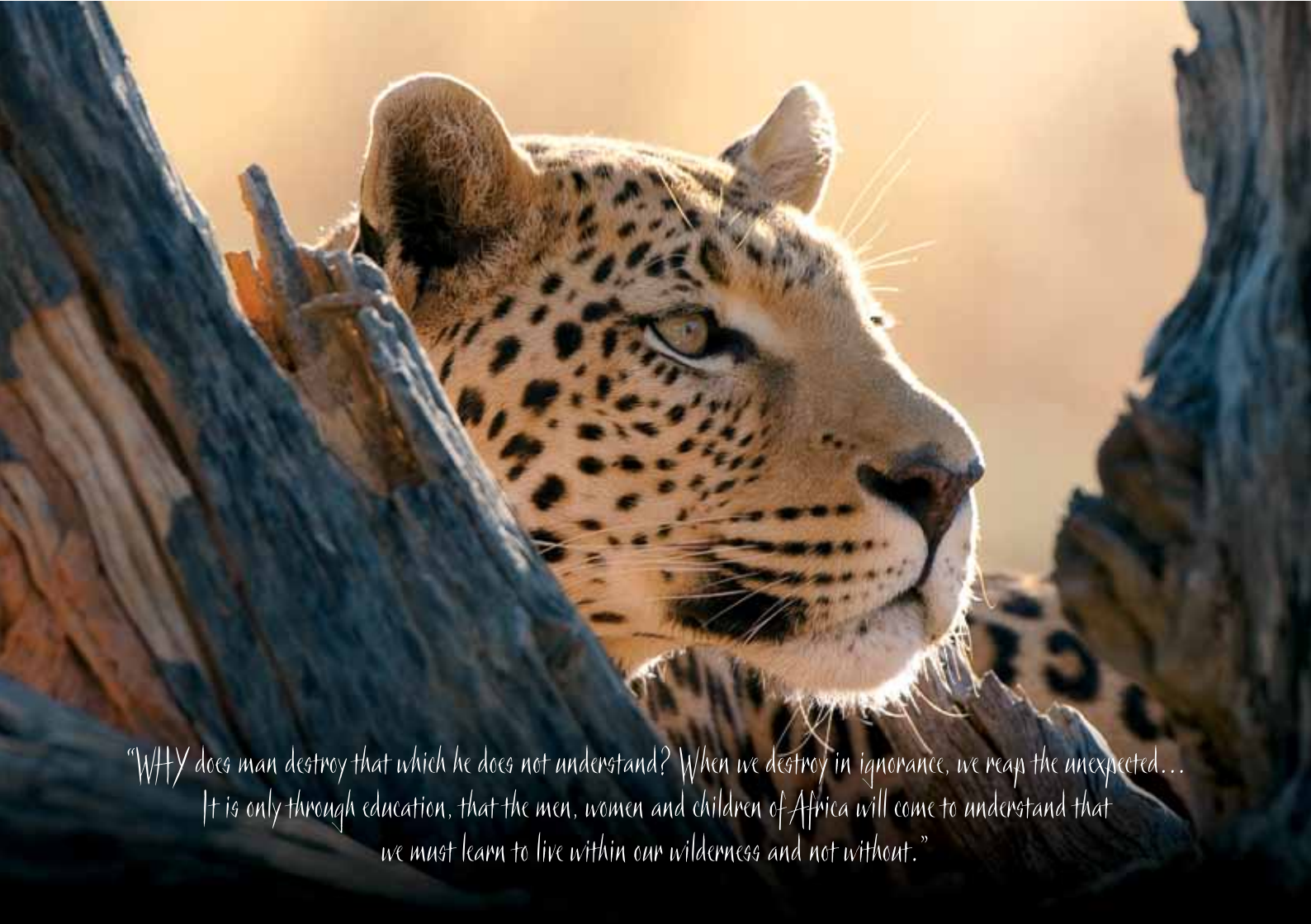
Okonjima - from the Herero word meaning place of the baboons - lies nestled in the unspoilt beauty of the Omboroko Mountains, part of the well-known Waterberg Plateau - halfway between Windhoek and Etosha. (BI)



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, lions, wild dogs 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 through education, preserving habitat and promoting community support, environmental education, research and the rehabilitation of captive carnivores.



*"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 wild within the 200 km² private, Okonjima Nature Reserve.

Large Carnivores within the 20 000ha Nature Reserve, who roam freely and catch their own prey, can be radio-tracked on foot.

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

The AfriCat Carnivore Care & Information Centre offers you valuable insight into the work of The AfriCat Foundation. The 'ambassadors' at our Care Centre, provide opportunities to increase awareness of their wild counterparts and their conservation priorities.

Birding – identify some of the more than 250 species in the area. (Please pre-book for specialised birding).

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





Activities

OKONJIMA - THE EXPERIENCE



The Villa

OKONJIMA'S GRAND AFRICAN HOUSE

OKONJIMA'S EXCLUSIVE VILLA
is 10km from Plains Camp.

- 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 WiFi (Hotspot) internet facilities, 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.
- A large, infinity swimming pool, overlooking a natural water-hole.
- A private kitchen.
- Mobile phone reception. DSTV on request.
- A personal host, chef, guide and game-drive vehicle.
- No children under the age of 12 years.
- Fully inclusive rate.
(including meals, drinks and activities).
- Accommodates a group of friends or a family (8 to 12 pax).





Bush Suite

OKONJIMA'S LUXURY BUSH SUITE

OKONJIMA'S EXCLUSIVE BUSH SUITE is 500m from Bush Camp and 3km from Plains Camp. This select, private Suite is a uniquely designed African Bush-Villa.

- 2 select, luxury, en-suite bedrooms.
- Each room has 2 queen-size beds, air-conditioning and heating facilities, a roof-fan, safe, a bath, an inside and outside shower & a private toilet and bidet.
- The Suite has Wi-Fi (Hotspot) internet facilities and cell phone reception.
- A large swimming pool, overlooking the savanna bushveldt and the Omboroko mountains.
- A private kitchen.
- A personal host, chef, guide and game-drive vehicle.
- Children, 3yrs of age and older are 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 (4 pax).





Bush Camp

OKONJIMA'S AFRICAN CHALETs

OKONJIMA'S UNIQUE AFRICAN LODGE

is 2.5km from Plains 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 Junior Suite 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, Junior suite. (wheel-chair friendly)
- 3 comfortable, en-suite tents. (guides & pilots)
- A secluded swimming pool.
- A mini-bar, coffee/tea station, telephone, safe, a queen-size bed and a 3/4 bed in each chalet.
- The front 120° 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.
- The main Lapa has Wi-Fi (Hotspot) internet facilities and cell phone reception, and the chalets have cell phone reception.
- A Half Board (incl. drinks) or Fully Inclusive rate.
- No children under the age of 12 years.





The Barn



Dining



View Room

Plains Camp

OKONJIMA'S PLAINS CAMP

'The Barn / Lapa' honours the Okonjima cattle-farming history. The Hanssen family were well-established Brahman breeders and continued to farm cattle until the need for solutions to increasing livestock losses became pertinent. In 1993, the herds of Brahman cattle were sold, changing the face of Okonjima as well as that of Carnivore Conservation!

VIEW ROOMS:

Each of the 10 exclusive and spacious View Rooms, enjoy a view across the Okonjima grass plains. (Includes 1 family unit) • All rooms are set 25m - 75m apart • The View Rooms are set further apart than the Standard rooms providing more privacy and are more spacious, offering a unique, affordable, wilderness experience. - Each room has a: large verandah • wheel-chair friendly ramp • 2 double beds • a desk & a comfortable, reading chair • a mini-fridge for own use • a coffee/tea station • 2 roof-fans • twin basins & a large, twin shower • private parking • a safe • a telephone to contact reception.

STANDARD ROOMS:

Each of the 14 Standard Rooms, enjoy a view across the Okonjima grass plains. (Includes 2 family units) • All rooms are set 15m - 20m apart. - Each room has a: small verandah • wheel-chair friendly ramp • 2 double beds • a mini-fridge for own use • a coffee/tea station • 2 roof-fans • twin basins & a large shower • private parking • a safe • a telephone to contact reception.

PLAINS CAMP:

- 2 secluded swimming pools • Only Half Board rate offered (Drinks, lunch & activities excl.)
- Children: 3 years of age and older are welcome but no 'child-care' service available • Due to the nature of our activities, child participation is restricted • The Barn has Wi-Fi (Hotspot) internet facilities and cell phone reception.



View Room



Twin Basins & Shower



Standard Room

Omboroko

OKONJIMA'S CAMPSITES



THE EXCLUSIVE OMBOROKO CAMPSITES

is nestled amongst the Omboroko mountains. The 4 exclusive campsites, all share a private swimming pool.

- 4 campsites each with hot & cold running water, a shower, a flush toilet, a central washing-up area
- 1 fixed light for cooking and 1 power/battery charging point.
- A viewpoint for sundowners.
- A guided tour to 'The AfriCat Carnivore Care & Information Centre' (additional cost)
- Identify some of the 250 bird species on the self-guided walking trails
- The guided Bushman Trail is an experience not to be missed (additional cost)
- Tracking carnivores in the wild is optional (limited availability / low season only / prior booking necessary / additional cost)
- The campsites are self-catering facilities. No tents, drinks nor meals are provided by Okonjima.
- Lodge facilities avb to campers: Curio-shop at Plains Camp and lunch at the Day Centre (prior booking necessary)
- Dinner | Brunch at Plains Camp: (limited availability / low season only / prior booking necessary / additional cost)





THE DAY CENTRE - VISIT AFRICAT'S CARNIVORE CARE & INFORMATION CENTRE

Tourism funds and supports the majority of The AfriCat Foundation's Education & Conservation work. Visitors will be able to spend a short time at AfriCat's Carnivore Care & Information Centre, which offers you valuable insight into the work of AfriCat. Your visit to AfriCat will include: A short, guided-drive to the AfriCat Carnivore Care & Information Centre to meet some of our carnivore ambassadors. Our guides will answer questions, explain the work we do with carnivores in Namibia and position the vehicle for that special photograph.

PLEASE NOTE: • Due to the nature of our activities, child participation is restricted • No kids under the age of 4 years
• Strictly NO contact between humans and animals • Tracking carnivores in the Okonjima Nature Reserve is not on offer to day visitors • Lunch is served between: 11:30 - 14:00 Departures are on offer twice daily:
(Duration, approx. 1,5 hours) • Summer (Sep - Mar): 11:00 + 13:30 • Winter (Apr - Aug): 10:30 + 12:30





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, community support and research, as being essential to accomplishing our mission - the long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores.

Objectives

- Education - helping children and young adults of Namibia to gain a new sense of understanding for the natural world and the importance of wildlife and conservation.
- Large Carnivore research, particularly cheetahs, leopards, lions, wild dogs and brown hyaenas on farmland and in the 200km² Okonjima Nature Reserve.
- To create awareness and promote tolerance of large carnivores amongst the farming community, by advising farmers on effective carnivore compatible, farming techniques.
- Rehabilitation - giving previously, non-releasable large carnivores an opportunity to hone their hunting skills, become self-sustaining and return to their natural environment.

Tourism and Wildlife Conservation is one of the most compatible relationships in Africa. Okonjima's lodges and The AfriCat Foundation have embraced tourism as both a conservation strategy and sustainable business model. This close relationship has resulted in the creation of a 200km² (50 000 acre / 20 000ha) reserve, providing refuge for some of Namibia's most vulnerable carnivores as well as a platform for environmental education and funding for relevant conservation activities.



Okonjima Nature Reserve

Home of AfriCat

Conservation Through Education
Researching Carnivores, Human Wildlife
Conflict Mitigation & Community Support,
Rehabilitating Captive Carnivores.



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"IN THE AFRICA OF 2050,
MOST CAT SPECIES WILL SURVIVE ONLY
WHERE PEOPLE CHOOSE TO TOLERATE THEM"

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 environmental education, research, sustainable living and carnivore rehabilitation, 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

A photograph of a savanna landscape at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and purple. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow. In the foreground, there are several large, dark silhouettes of acacia trees with spreading canopies. The ground is covered in tall, dry grass. In the background, more trees and distant hills are visible under the twilight sky.

Okonjima Nature Reserve

HABITAT RESTORATION



CARNIVORE REHABILITATION



COMMUNITY SUPPORT



EDUCATION



HUMAN WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION



RESCUE, RELOCATE & RELEASE



RESEARCH

How to get to Okonjima

2.5 hours drive north of Windhoek on the B1. The Okonjima Nature Reserve is 10 km from 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.



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Aeronautical Information for Airstrip

length: 1300m, Elevation: 5430ft

Orientation: 05/23

Surface: compact dirt / sand

Windsock: 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 -

Captive Carnivore area - North East of airstrip:

