



## **Project information**

If you love Africa and have a soul yearning for exciting new quests, Okutala is the place to be. Your journey has begun!

Above all, our Quest is to celebrate life. We believe that granting visitors the opportunity to interact with and explore nature will inspire you spiritually. Come and experience our family. Join us on this awesome adventure.

When you travel to Namibia and visit Okutala project, experiences will include amazing animal observation and interaction, warm hospitality and meeting people of like mind and interest. You will have more in depth teaching about our fauna and flora.

Through these experiences you will make a difference to your environment and grow in so many exciting new ways!

A refreshing clear view, natural scenic beauty as far as the eye reaches, thrilling encounters and a rich tapestry of vibrant traditions and culture groups, makes Namibia a spectacular destination to visit.

In this rushed and materialistic world we all need a place where we can restore our energy, rest and replenish our soul. Okutala African Quest is such a destination. Don't wait, contact us now and start dreaming of great and exciting things to come!

## Price information

All Prices per person and valid until 31.12.2015

### Rhino Package = Okutala Etosha

Farmhouse	N\$14 450: 2weeks
Farmhouse Additional Week	N\$ 6560, per week
Upgrade Lodge Single Room	N\$ 32 800: 2weeks
Upgrade Lodge Single Room Additional Week	N\$15 750, per week
Upgrade Lodge Double Room Sharing	N\$23 620: 2 weeks
Upgrade Lodge Double Room Sharing Additional Week	N\$11 150, per week

## Project description

### Rhino Package

With this package, you may choose to partake in the various activities presented by the Okutala team, or you may enjoy your time at leisure.

Your package includes shared accommodation at our rustic and homely Farmhouse, or if you let us spoil you, you may upgrade to accommodation at our luxurious Lodge.

Package starts on Thursday and also ends on Thursday.

Minimum duration of the Rhino package is 2 weeks.

Activities presented at Okutala Etosha Rhino Package include:

Etosha National Park:	Camping in Etosha National Park campsite; Scenic game drives through the park and it's waterholes with breath-taking photographic opportunities
Telemetry experience:	Tracking our elephants and learn about their interesting behaviour with our Okutala expert; Enjoy a bush picnic while out in the bush
Animal experience:	Okutala Etosha is home to numerous animals. There are free roaming, captive & wild animals, all needing different levels of caretaking, feeding & grooming
Elephant walk:	Join our expert on a walk with Stouter, our juvenile elephant
Hiking trail & bushcraft:	Survival skills & Field knowledge
Flora Farmdrive:	Learn all about our big green 5 (trees, rocks, etc.)
Fauna Farmdrive:	Check on our animal water points, put out salt block & enjoy a scenic drive
Educationals:	Join our expert for educational session about our animals – Discussions, statistics and basic pre-leading information before animal activities

Organic day:	Dairy products (milking the goats, making cheese, etc.) Vegetable garden and orchard
Mountain bike trail:	Adventure at its best
Stargazing:	Gaze upon the horizon of stars
Tree house sleep-out:	Sleep in a tree house at a waterhole in the bushveld with all the sights and sounds of the African night.
Elephant sleep-out:	Have you ever wondered if Elephants snore? Here you can find out! Sleep next to them on a platform and listen to the lullaby of the African bush while the Elephants may share their secrets with you.

### **Children's policy for Xplorers**

Children are welcome to join the Xplorer Adventure but a minimum age of 6 years is required and we will offer blocked off periods for that purpose.

Please note that children joining their parents on our projects will share accommodation

### **Cancellation policies**

- A 50% non-refundable deposit must be paid to confirm booking
- 8 weeks prior to arrival full payment must be made
- 7 – 4 weeks prior to arrival a 50% refund will be given
- 3 – 1 week prior to arrival only 25% will be refunded
- No shows and early departures or anything less than one week prior to arrival is a 0% refund.
- Okutala reserves the right to amend the quoted tariffs should there be any change in the percentage rate of VAT or other statutory levy, tax or impost becoming payable.

## **General information**

- Included in the Xplorer Package prices are: transfers from Windhoek to the location, between the location and back to Windhoek, accommodation and meals.
- Flights, additional transfers (like from airport to the post-project accommodation) & flight transfer visas are for guest or Xplorer's own account.
- Drinks and kiosk at Okutala venue for each guests and Xplorer's own account.
- Drinking water is available at Okutala locations.
- Okutala African Quest lodge will be closed for visitors from 15 December 2015 until 15 January 2016. During this time we will be busy with maintenance.
- All activities on Okutala will be accompanied by an Okutala guide.
- All Xplorers are guests at the Okutala group and can join any task or activity the Okutala employees engages in, but can also visit us leisurely.
- VAT and bed levis are included in prices
- Please note that all activities are subject to change especially when animals are involved.
- Please respect our rules as they are to ensure your safety and well-being.
- Your stay at Okutala is at own risk. Before arrival we send you an indemnity form which you have to complete and send back before arrival.

## **Arrival**

Your destination airport is Hosea Kutako International Airport, Windhoek (WDH), Namibia. The airport is 40 minutes' drive from Windhoek. Depending on your arrival time and day, we offer to organise a transfer for you from the airport to Windhoek, which will be charged to your account as part of the Gecko Package. On Thursday mornings between 10:00 and 11:00 all Xplorers are collected from their accommodation and transferred to Okutala Lodge.

We strongly suggest that you arrive in Namibia on a Wednesday, even though packages start on a Thursday. This ensures that you will be ready for pick up on Thursday morning and we have a "safety net" if a flight is delayed or cancelled. Please be aware that if you decide to arrive in Windhoek e.g. with Air Namibia on a Thursday morning and the flight is delayed, you might have to stay for the night in Windhoek (as the transfer would not drive in the evening to Okutala) and you would have to pay for a private transfer to bring you to Okutala – both on your own expenses. Rather arrive a day earlier and relax from the long flight before your Okutala adventure begins!

## **Transfer**

If you need any transfers from the airport into or around town, we can arrange it for you. The airport transfer takes about 30 minutes' drive and **price is on request**.

## **Departure**

At the end of your project the Okutala transfer will bring you back to Windhoek and directly to the airport if you wish so. If you stay in Windhoek for additional nights, the transfer will take you to your accommodation. If you have booked a flight that departs late and you wish to do some shopping in town before you go to the airport, we can arrange your airport transfer, but it would be on your own expense. Same if your flight leaves only the next day.

## **Your personal to do list:**

- Vaccinations, unless you have any medical reasons not to vaccinate:
- Check from your specialized travel clinic for up-to-date information on vaccinations as they can change.
- The normal expected injections for Namibia are:
  - Hepatitis A
  - Tetanus
  - Typhoid
  - Polio

About Malaria: The Okutala location is malaria free; however, Namibia is a country in which malaria does occur. You should therefore use your own discretion about malaria medication while in Namibia. If you do plan to travel to the far North of Namibia or the bordering countries like Zambia, Zimbabwe or Angola, we would advise that you take extra precaution.

About Rabies: In the unlikely event that anyone gets badly bitten he/she will get a rabies injection from the doctor to be on the safe side. Your chances of getting in touch with an animal with rabies are very small!

The relevant Okutala employees are trained in First Aid, and will respond with efficiency to any medical matter!

Please make sure that you have a travel insurance to cover the costs if you have to cancel your stay or if any costs arise due to delayed flights etc.

### **Packing list**

When we have received your deposit we will provide you with a list what to pack. Okutala will provide you with a sleeping-bag so there is no need to bring your own unless you prefer. Namibia is a country of contrasts, and the same is true for our weather. Okutala Etosha has a generally warm to hot climate. For a more comprehensive guideline of what your travels may require, check out the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) below.

### **FAQ**

#### **What about big cat interaction?**

Big cat interaction is illegal in Namibia unless you are a veterinarian and therefore we don't offer it to our guests.

#### **Do I need a visa?**

On arrival in Namibia you will automatically get your tourist visa which is valid for 3 months. When we have received your deposit we will send you the information about how to fill in the form for immigration control.

#### **I don't want to be a tourist that only sits around - will I be able to get involved? At**

Okutala we consider you as our guest and we aim to make your African Quest unforgettable. Everyone has different preferences and limitations and we feel that it should be the Xplorer's decision how much he or she wants to be involved. If you like to be active all the time we will be grateful for your help, but we are also prepared to spoil you with a cool drink if you wish to relax at our beautiful Lodge pool. Okutala Etosha is a huge farm with hundreds of things to do and to discover. Please understand that for some activities you would have to be accompanied by a guide but we have developed a great program and we are eager to welcome you as we are convinced that you will have an amazing time with us.

#### **Is there an age restriction for the Xplorer packages?**

You have to be 18 years old to become an Okutala Xplorer (unless you visit with your parents) but we welcome anybody young at heart, no matter if you are 18 or 81! Whether you take part in any of our activities or enjoy the luxury of our gorgeous Lodge – we are looking forward to welcome you!

Please note that parents with children older than 6 years are welcome to join the Xplorer adventure.

**How big will the groups be?**

To ensure you have the best experience the Xplorer groups will be no bigger than 15 participants.

**Where will I stay?**

As Xplorer at Okutala Etosha you will stay in our newly rebuild Farmhouse with standard shared room and bathroom accommodation, including a giant veranda, a leisure & entertainment area, swimming pool and a bonfire boma.

You may book an upgrade to our stunning Lodge where you have the option of sharing or single occupancy. The Okutala Team will take care of you and spoil you with the likes of three course meals, cocktails by the pool, or enjoying our company with a stunning view of the “African Bush Cinema” – featuring the nocturnal waterhole visitors.

**Will I have internet and cell phone reception?**

Yes! Internet in Namibia is generally reliable and wireless internet is available at set times at the lodge and the farmhouse to make sure you can keep in contact. You also have cell phone reception and can buy a Namibian SIM-card at our kiosk. To charge your cell phones we have Euro-plug converter available for you.

**Where can I wash my laundry?**

The Okutala team will wash your laundry during your stay at Etosha and this service is for N\$40.00 per bundle at allocated times.

**Can I drink tap water?**

At Okutala Etosha and Okutala Namib you will be provided with free drinking water. (The tap water at Okutala Etosha is natural and perfectly drinkable.) Our lodge guests will also find coffee and tea making facilities in their rooms and also next to the pool for a nice afternoon tea after a good swim.

**I am vegetarian. Is that a problem?**

Not at all. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements and we will make sure that you can enjoy all your meals!

**I don't speak English that well. What other languages do you speak?**

Our Okutala team is prepared to welcome you no matter what language you speak and we speak English, Afrikaans, German, French – and gestures and hand signs if needed!

**Is there any special knowledge required to be able to become an Xplorer?**

No! We will explain to you all you need to know while you are at Okutala.

With best wishes from the whole Okutala Team

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