

## ASSOCIATED PRODUCT

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# GENERAL UPDATES

**Catamaran Charters** is pleased to note it has broadened its product palette and expanded its service range by introducing its own seal kayaking adventure operation at Pelican Point.

The operations are run with the utmost care to ensure the least disturbance to the environment, while offering a great and interactive encounter with seals from the nearby colonies.

Transport from the Walvis Bay Waterfront to the kayaking site at Pelican Point is by 10-seater stretch Land Cruiser. For larger groups the transfer is by boat from the Waterfront. The tour includes a light breakfast with coffee and tea, as well as fresh Namibian oysters with sparkling wine. The tour can also be combined with an afternoon tour to Sandwich Harbour.

**Onguma Tented Camp** is thrilled to announce plans for an upgrade and will be closing Tented Camp for 2 months, from 01 January through 29 February 2024. Maintaining its intimate tented camp style, it will reopen on 1 March 2024.

**Ongava Game Reserve** has announced new camp closures and rate changes. Both Ongava Tented Camp and Little Ongava will be closed from Thursday 11 January 2024 to Sunday 31 March 2024, inclusive. Ongava Lodge's annual closure is from Sunday 28 January to Saturday 03 February 2024 inclusive. Anderssons at Ongava's annual closure is from Sunday 11 to Sunday 18 February, 2024, inclusive.

### Specific Rate changes: 2024 Ongava Tented Camp

- Rate Season change: December 20 to January 10 is now included in High Demand Season
- Low Demand Season: 01 July 2024 – 30 November 2024 & 20 December 2024 – 10 January 2025
- Demand Season: 11 January 2024 – 30 June 2024 & 01 December 2024 – 19 December 2024

### Accommodation and rate basis changes

- Each Little Ongava reservation includes a sole-use guide and vehicle.
- Full Board – including lunch replaces previous Dinner, Bed and Breakfast rate at Anderssons and Ongava Lodge.
- Ongava 2024 rates include a non-commissionable Conservation Levy inclusive of VAT per person per day.
- The Conservation Levy includes Ongava Research Centre Levy plus Ongava Game Reserve Levy.

**Wolwedans Collection** has announced that Desert Lodge will no longer be the centre of the Hospitality Training Academy. Instead students from the academy will be integrated across all the Wolwedans camps, working alongside experienced team members.

Please note the following changes for the Wolwedans camps:

#### Desert Lodge

- Currently closed, and reopening on 1 June 2024 with the same booking terms as Dune Camp

- From 1 June the per-person RACK rate will be R 8 500 (just over 30% lower than the Dune Camp rate)
- Arrivals will be on any day of the week for both FITs and groups
- The minimum stay remains 2 nights
- The old swimming pool will become a vegetable garden, providing organic ingredients for the kitchen
- A new swimming pool will be built at the front of the lodge to take in the view and allow for swimming and sun-lounging
- The main area, rooms and bathrooms are also being refreshed

#### **Dune Camp**

- Due to the high demand, Dune Camp will be closing from 1 June to 15 July 2024 for a kitchen refurbishment
- There are only 2 affected bookings, which will be upgraded by Wolwedans and the consultants in charge of these reservations will be informed accordingly

#### **Mountain View Suite**

- No changes to this suite, which remains open all year

#### **Plains Camp**

- No changes to this villa, which remains open all year

#### **Boulders Camp**

- From 1 December to 28 February, Boulders is sold on an exclusive-use basis, with arrivals on any day of the week. From 1 March and 30 November Boulders has fixed arrival days on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays.

## **SPECIALS**

**Ultimate Safaris** – Long stay rates: Stay for 6 nights or more at any Ultimate Safaris properties and receive a 15% discount off the nightly accommodation rate. This is only applicable for shoulder season.

**Habitas Namibia** – Extra 10% commission for bookings made between now and 31 December 2023 for travel up until 31 May 2024.

**Ongava Game Reserve** – Long stay special is valid during low demand season and excludes Christmas and New Year. Qualify for a 25 % discount on accommodation if guests stay for 4 or more nights. Only applicable on published rates and not to be combined with other discounted rates.