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## Restaurant of the Month Ocean Cellar: Strand Hotel Swakopmund

A fine dining experience, celebrating the essence of the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy a taste trip around the world with the Strand Hotel's exclusive World Oyster Journey or take your pick from the freshest seafood selection. Pair it with a bottle of wine from the extensive wine list and savour the moment as the soft mist of the Atlantic reminds you where you are.

## Tour of the Month Batis Birding Swakopmund

Taking you north of Swakopmund to the quartzite gravel plains in search for the aridadapted and cryptic Gray's Lark. This pale coloured desert Lark can be difficult to locate as it blends in perfectly to the expansive gravel plains which it frequents in the true Namib Desert. Here they scurry around in small family parties uttering a soft contact whistle all the while. It is this call that we will be listening out for when searching for this elusive little bird.



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### New Kid on the Block Shipwreck Lodge Windhoek

Uniquely designed around the enigmatic shipwrecks that line Namibia's Skeleton Coast, there's nowhere on the continent quite like Shipwreck Lodge. In fact, there's nowhere on the continent quite like the Skeleton Coast. It's a raw, rugged and impossibly remote slice of African wilderness, where towering dunes and wind-swept plains roll as far as the eye can see, buffeted by the icy Atlantic seas.

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The **Okonma African Villa** is situated in a secluded wilderness area, 10km from the Plains Camp, overlooking a natural waterhole that's ideal for wildlife photography and bird watching. The Okonjima Villa is the only lodge situated inside the 20 000 hectare private nature reserve. This safari-chic, thatched villa has two en-suite luxury bedrooms in the main house and two separate private luxury mini suites, which together can accommodate up to eight adults and four children.

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### General Updates:

## &Beyond : Sossusvlei Desert Lodge in 2019 – Revised opening date

We are very excited about this ... We will be temporarily closing & Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge for an extensive refurbishment from 10 January 2019 to 31 August 2019.

While we have been investing around NAD 1 million per annum to maintain facilities of the lodge at the high standards it is renowned for, the time has now come to fully refurbish and renovate this much-loved property

# Anderson's at Ongava

Central to the design of the new Anderson's at Ongava is the connection to the wild, and it is most keenly felt at the waterhole and nearby underground photographic hide. Here guests have a water level view of the prolific wild and birdlife on Ongava Game Reserve, in a setting that inspires intimacy without intrusion. A centrally positioned infinity-edge swimming pool and surrounding lounge area allows for relaxing in sheltered nooks with views of the waterhole and beyond. The social area, where guests gather for meals and to meet fellow wildlife enthusiasts, guides and naturalists, encompasses an undercover and open-air dining area, a spacious lounge and bar, a sunken observation terrace, and open fireplaces to take away the winter chill .Completing the camp are features such as a uniquely Namibian curio shop, library, complimentary Wi-Fi, and connectivity to the research data developed over years of diligent and cutting edge scientific endeavours on Ongava. A short walk away with the camp's bounds is the Ongava Research Centre where resident scientists are at home in the lab and within the Game Reserve. Guests to interface with the science and research will primarily take place at the ORC Visitor Centre, where at their leisure, guests are encouraged to meander through the self-guided exhibition area. The adjacent 36-seat auditorium is designed for interactive presentations and discussions.

# UPDATES: Guesthouse Terra Africa AND Devine Wine & Eatery - Windhoek

We are excited to announce that renovations to the new wing at Guesthouse Terra Africa is now completed. On 1 May 2018 we officially moved into the south block and welcomed our first guests. We apologize for any inconvenience the last 3 months of changes may have cause to your guests (if any).

#### **UPDATES:**

Terra Africa House, 6-8 Kenneth McArthur Street, Auas Black (Old Olympia), Windhoek The reception and guest welcome service is now in the new wing. Devine Wine & Eatery forms part of the new product offering, with dinner, bed & breakfast as an option available – See/request rate sheets if not

- Dining room in new section for breakfast, lunch, dinner seating 20 pax comfortably.
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  Wine lounge in new section seating 26 pax comfortably (max 30)
  Stunning breakfast, sunset and dinner options on our new patio (seats 24 comfortably can increase up to 50 pax)
  75% in-house guests (first priority) and external guests on availability of seats (25%)
  Stunning new wine list and platter dining in the lounge.
  3 Course Set Menu for in-house guests. Regrets, not available to external guests at current.
  Breakfast for internal and external guests, served from 7AM 10AM (external guests by prior reservations only)
  Conference/Meeting Room facility seating up to 40 pax comfortably
  Boardroom facility seating up to 15 pax comfortably.
  New Family Room/Self-Catering Unit) Room 11.
  3 Additional Queen Bed rooms.

Hoanib Valley : Opening 26 May 2018 The Hoanib Valley is a well-known linear oasis of vegetation running through one of the most spectacularly beautiful deserts in Africa. Large game such as desert adapted elephant, giraffe, zebra, lion and rhino move freely through this vast, mountainous and wild landscape. Hoanib Valley Camp sits on the bank of the Obias River, overlooking the Hoanib River Valley - a valley that fluctuates between seasonal river flows through grassy, springbok-dotted plains or dry sandy Riverbeds with resident elephant.

This brand new camp boasts a tented lounge which has been furnished to feel like a home, including a well-stocked drinks cabinet! Star gazing in

the evening is a Highlight so there will be a big focus on outside dining under the stars and sitting round the campfire at the end of the day. Six tents (1 family and 5 twin) are raised on spacious decks, each with their own private veranda. Tents areen-suite with a separate toilet. Hoanib Valley Camp Runs on solar power. There will be low volt charging points in the tents for batteries and cameras but you'll Have to leave hairdryers at home.