

Wolwedans

FACT SHEET

DUNE CAMP | BOULDERS CAMP | PLAINS CAMP | MOUNTAIN VIEW SUITE

(Desert Lodge is now part of the Wolwedans Foundation; please enquire for details)

The Wolwedans Collection comprises of Dune Camp, Boulders Camp and two exclusive villas, Mountain View Suite and Plains Camp. All are located in the private 220 000-hectare NamibRand Nature Reserve, an International Dark Sky Reserve. The NamibRand is famed for its red dunes, endless yellow plains, impressive mountain ranges, magnificent landscape and fascinating eco-system. Located only 60 kilometres from the coast, summer evenings are cooled by refreshing west winds, while winter mornings make for exceptional photography with layers of fog in the desert.

Unique Selling Points

Vast and ancient landscape: The NamibRand is a 220 000-hectare private reserve and considered one of the most photographic destinations on the continent.

The Wolwedans Way: Committed to 'The Pursuit of Happiness'; 'Business in Balance' and '5 C's Sustainability'

The experience: A truly transformative immersion with a variety of activities for the heart, mind and soul.

Iconic Namibia: If you are going to visit one place in Namibia, visit Wolwedans.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Season	The Wolwedans Collection camps and villas are open all year.				
Weather	The NamibRand has a desert climate and average summer temperatures range between 34 and 38°C with almost no humidity. Although winter days are generally pleasant, nights can be rather frosty and temperatures can fall well below zero.				
Rainfall	The NamibRand has an annual mean rainfall between 70 & 80 mm. Most of the rain falls during summer months, but the reserve is on the edge of the winter rainfall area and occasionally receives a small amount of winter rain, though this is normally not more than a few millimetres.				
Temperature		<i>Jan - Mar</i>	<i>Apr - Jun</i>	<i>Jul - Sep</i>	<i>Oct - Dec</i>
	<i>Average day</i>	35°C / 95°F	29°C / 84°F	33°C / 91°F	35°C / 96°F
	<i>Average night</i>	19°C / 66°F	11°C / 52°F	17°C / 63°F	16°C / 60°F
		Boulders Camp	Plains Camp	Dune Camp	Mountain View Suite
	<i>Latitude</i>	25.194888°S	25.8250°S	25.82444°S	25.54850°S
	<i>Longitude</i>	15.583567°E	16.05414°E	15.591408°E	15.58991°E
Vaccinations	There is no yellow fever risk in Namibia. The NamibRand is a malaria-free area.				
Currency	Namibian Dollar and South African Rand are widely used. United States Dollar, Pound Sterling, Euro are accepted.				

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Sustainability is not a side of Wolwedans; it is our heart and soul and who we are. Recognised by The Long Run as a Global Ecosphere Retreat, Wolwedans is committed to promoting an inclusive, holistic model of conservation that enhances livelihoods and cultures.

During the Covid lockdown of 2020, Stephan Brückner used the time to establish The AridEden Project, a project that is underpinned by a philosophy of balancing people, planet and profit. It is The AridEden Project that provides the framework and identity for the Wolwedans journey.

Every stay contributes through...

- Paying the Sustainability Levy per night, above the accommodation rates. This levy includes the NamibRand Nature Reserve Park Fee, and the balance is allocated to the Wolwedans Foundation to drive its 5C's Sustainability, as outlined through The AridEden Project.
- You are supporting a lodge that not only employs an all Namibian team but one that has its own Hospitality Training School, the Desert Academy, as well as a range of other skills development projects. Find out more via the Wolwedans Foundation website.
- Contributing to the conservation of the NamibRand Nature Reserve, a private nature reserve established to help protect and conserve the unique ecology and wildlife of the south-west Namib Desert.
- Desert Lodge is home to our hospitality training facility, that provides the practical experience portion of the Wolwedans Desert Academy. Some of the team there are students who are learning about the guest experience, they might make a mistake (or two) but this will be complemented by the biggest smiles and lots of enthusiasm.
- Every visit by a guest contributes to the AridEden Project, a practical framework for building more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive tourism conservation economies.

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SLOW. TO DISCONNECT, TO
RECONNECT. WITH THEMSELVES,
WITH NATURE, AND WITH
HUMANKIND

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DUNE CAMP

Positioned on the edge of a 150-metre high dune, Dune Camp has the most extraordinary views across the NamibRand Reserve. With a unique charm, it appeals to travellers looking for a down to earth but stylish experience. The 6 room tents are pitched on wooden platforms and are comfortable and spacious, including an indoor and outdoor bathroom. A generous deck outside the room allows for safe sleep-outs under the stars, and each has a “Wolwedans Chiller”, a small water-filled silo to cool off in. At the family suite, a short walk away from the main camp, there are two en-suite bedrooms, each with a children's sala with single beds, sharing the bathroom with adults. The suite has a main lounge & spacious deck, with two ‘Wolwedans Chillers’ outside the bedrooms. Meals are enjoyed at main Dune Camp, but the suite has a private guide & vehicle.

NEED TO KNOW

- Flexible arrival days; minimum 2-night stay.
- Children 7+ years are welcome.

	CAMP FACILITIES			TENT FACILITIES			
Number of tents	6 + 1 villa	Maximum guests	16 adults	Extra beds	On request	Standing fan	On request
Children	7+	Electricity	220V solar	Aircon	✗	Booze box	✓
Childminding	✗	Wi-Fi	WIFI Lounge	Mosquito nets	✓	In-room safe	✓
Fenced	✗	Private dinners	✓	Private pool	✓	Emergency communication	Horn
Check in	12:00	Credit cards	✓	Bath	✗	Hairdryer	✗
Check out	10:00	Private chillers	✓	Indoor & outdoor showers	✓	Laundry included	✓

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PLAINS CAMP

The most exclusive villa in the heart of the reserve, Plains Camp is the perfect getaway for families and friends seeking uncompromising privacy and solitude. The unique structure is built from timber and canvas, creating a home that blends effortlessly into the surrounding desert plains with a seamless flow between indoor and outdoor spaces.

There are four spacious en-suite rooms (two master rooms and two luxury rooms), all with private 'Wolwedans Chillers', plus a sala room. At the main area, there is a spacious deck, swimming pool, and a central lounge area with a study, living room, dining area and a fully equipped kitchen. A private guide and vehicle as well as a villa manager and chef complete the experience.

NEED TO KNOW

- Flexible arrival days; minimum 2-night stay.
- Children of all ages are welcome.
- Private guide & vehicle, chef and villa team.

CAMP FACILITIES

TENT FACILITIES

Number of rooms	4	Maximum guests	8 adults	Extra beds	On request	Standing fan	On request
Children	All ages	Electricity	220V solar	Aircon	✘	Booze box	✘
Childminding	✘	Wi-Fi	Main area	Mosquito nets	✘	In-room safe	✓
Fenced	✘	Private dinners	✓	Private pool	✓	Emergency communication	Radio
Check in	12:00	Credit cards	✓	Bath	✘	Hairdryer	✘
Check out	10:00	Wellness treatments	✘	Indoor shower	✓	Laundry included	Extra charge
Swimming pool	✓	Keep fit	✘	Outdoor shower	✓*	Disabled access	✓

***Outdoor shower:** The two master suites have outdoor showers while the other two rooms do not.

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BOULDERS CAMP

Boulders Camp is three hours south of the other Wolwedans camps, as far off the beaten track as you can be. Built around the base of an enormous outcrop of granite rocks and with enormous mountains towering behind, the camp looks out over an endless landscape of gravel plains, dotted with the tops of submerged mountains.

The five bedrooms open up on three sides, allowing in the cooling afternoon breeze. Each has a separate spacious bathroom as well as a sala for afternoon siestas, and all the spaces are orientated to enjoy the endless views. Suites 2 & 3, and 4 & 5 respectively share a plunge pool, while suite 1 has its own private plunge pool. The main area consists of a dining and lounge tent, a breakfast deck, library, pool and an open fireplace.

NEED TO KNOW

- Fixed arrival days: Mon | Thurs | Fri | Sun; minimum 3-night stay.
- Children 7+ years are welcome (if the camp is taken exclusively, children of all ages are welcome).

CAMP FACILITIES				TENT FACILITIES			
Number of tents	5	Maximum guests	10	Extra beds	On request	Standing fan	On request
Children	7+*	Electricity	220V solar	Aircon	✗	Booze box	✓
Childminding	✗	Wi-Fi	Main area	Mosquito nets	✗	In-room safe	✓
Fenced	✗	Private dinners	✓	Private pool	✓*	Emergency communication	Horn
Check in	12:00	Credit cards	✓	Bath	✓	Hairdryer	✗
Check out	10:00	Wellness treatments	✗	Indoor shower	✓	Laundry included	✗
Swimming pool	✓	Keep fit	✗	Outdoor shower	Coming soon	Disabled access	✗

*Private pool: Tent 1 has its own plunge pool, tents 2 & 3, and tents 4 & 5 each share a plunge pool.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW SUITE

The Mountain View Suite is built over 200 square metres of deck above the dunes. It is exclusive, romantic and utterly gorgeous, with ample space to relax while staring down the valley to the distant mountains – one of the most magnificent views in the reserve. The Suite is located within walking distance from Desert Lodge, but feels as if you are in your own private universe. The suite offers one en-suite bedroom (up to 2 adults), a private lounge, dining area and fire-pit, plus an outside bathroom, a sleep-out deck and a plunge pool. The main veranda has a "star-gaze" bed, which provides a wonderful sleep-out venue during summer.

NEED TO KNOW

- Flexible arrival days; minimum 2-night stay.
- No children allowed. This is the most private and romantic suite at Wolwedans.

CAMP FACILITIES

TENT FACILITIES

En-suites	1	Maximum guests	2 adults 2 children	Extra beds	n/a	Standing fan	✓
Children	Not allowed	Electricity	220V solar	Aircon	✗	Booze box	✓
Childminding	✗	Wi-Fi	✓	Mosquito nets	✗	In-room safe	✓
Fenced	✗	Private dinners	✓	Private pool	✓*	Emergency communication	Horn
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