

NAMIBIA – SOSSUSVLEI – WILDERNESS KULALA DESERT LODGE

	Destination	WILDERNESS KULALA DESERT LODGE (DISCOVERY) – KULALA WILDERNESS RESERVE
WILDERNESS KULALA DESERT LODGE	Unique Selling Points	➤ Borders the Namib-Naukluft National Park, accessible through an exclusive-use gate, closest to the iconic red dunes of Sossusvlei and Dead Vlei. ➤ Set on 27 000 hectares (66 718 acres) of pristine private land bordering Sossusvlei, the Kulala Wilderness Reserve offers unforgettable desert adventures of endless spectacular desert scenery, and exceptional desert-adapted wildlife encounters. ➤ The Namib Sand Sea is a World Heritage Site, and here, Sossusvlei is the result of a series of fascinating geological events. The flow of the ephemeral Tsauchab River, now blocked by a mass of sand, is flanked by some of the tallest dunes in the world. ➤ Thrilling hot air balloon flights over the vast Namib Sand Sea and mystical fairy circles are launched from our private reserve. ➤ Adventures exclusive to Wilderness guests within the private reserve include guided nature drives, electric powered fat-wheeled bike excursions, nature and running trails by day. By night, walks reveal fascinating nocturnal activity, while the spectacular night skies offer the best in star gazing.
	Travel With Purpose	Transformation into Wilderness ... ➤ Once farmland used for subsistence goat farming, the Kulala Wilderness Reserve had very little indigenous wildlife. In 1996 Wilderness stepped in to rehabilitate the area and today the land and its wildlife have returned to their former glorious natural state.
	GPS Coordinates Of Camp	24°36'53.68"S 15°42'12.56"E ➤ These coordinates are for the purposes of locating and plotting on Google Earth only, and are NOT to be used for access, as in most cases this is restricted – i.e. by fly-in basis only and with Wilderness Air, or in other instances by preferred charter companies. Whilst in very few cases access by road.
	Access Fly-In Basis	➤ Airstrip Name: Geluk Airstrip ➤ Duration To Camp: Approximate 30 minute vehicle transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities en-route) ➤ Airstrip Coordinates: 24°40'24.00"S 15°47'36.00"E ➤ Altitude/Elevation: 2 400 Feet ➤ Runway Length: 1 800 Metres ➤ Runway Heading: 11/29 ➤ Airstrip Surface: Gravel ➤ Airstrip Services: Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge & Wilderness Little Kulala

WILDERNESS KULALA DESERT LODGE	No. Of Tents & No. Of Beds	21 tents [including 02 family units consisting of two bedrooms each with two three quarter beds, in each tent and each with their own en-suite facilities (main bathroom with an indoor shower (no outdoor shower), double basin vanity and toilet) and (second bathroom with an indoor shower (no outdoor shower), double basin vanity and toilet) – separate entrances, however, shared outdoor deck] 46 beds (42 adults + 04 children) 03 Pilot/Guide (03 beds in total, however, 01 bed per each room, on a single occupancy accommodation basis only, with one shared communal bathroom facility for all three – not of the same standard as guest accommodation) ➤ Subject to concession numbers and/or concession availability (note that Pilot/Guide bed numbers do not affect these concession limits. ➤ 70 guests total in the concession between both camps (with the split as 46 guests at Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge and 24 guests at Wilderness Little Kulala). ➤ An additional four beds available at Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge (subject to availability and prior authorisation required from Wilderness Namibia Operations). Thus meeting the total on numbers as: 74 guests total in the concession between both camps (with the split as 50 guests at Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge and 24 guests at Wilderness Little Kulala). ➤ A recommended minimum two night stay for a quality overall experience. Whilst one night stays are possible, due the camp location, this will have an impact on activities experienced due to time constraints in camp and onward logistics on the day of departure.
	Land Or Water Based Activities	L
	Tent Facilities	➤ En-suite facilities (comprises an indoor shower, double basin vanity and flush toilet) ➤ Writing desk and chair, as well as easy chairs ➤ Luggage rack ➤ Mosquito net (available on request only) ➤ During winter months hot water bottles and extra blankets are provided ➤ Ceiling fan and pedestal fan ➤ Electronic safe ➤ Hairdryer (available on request from reception) ➤ Tea and coffee making facilities ➤ Complimentary in-tent Wi-Fi ➤ Veranda with view of the dunes ➤ Private rooftop area for sleep-outs accessed by wooden stairs behind the tent – equipped with a mattress, however, with no mosquito net (weather permitting and operated subject to the discretion of the Lodge Manager)

WILDERNESS KULALA DESERT LODGE	Type Of Accommodation	Perfect for Families ... ➤ Comprising twin/double tents and family accommodation, Kulala Desert Lodge is a convivial camp well suited to groups, families and self-drive guests. ➤ Each canvas and thatch tent has a flat rooftop, ideal for sleep-outs under the extraordinary night sky. Brick and canvas accommodation under thatch, with gravel pathways on the ground.
	Rates Basis	FI or DB1 On the DB1 rate basis, all activities are at an additional cost and may not be pre-booked or pre-paid. All activities are on a request basis only, subject to availability once in camp and, therefore, not guaranteed. For self-drive guests, whether booked on a FI or DB1 rate basis, vouchers are to be presented on check-in. This is a required standard operating procedure to verify the applicable rate basis definition as booked.
	Nature Drives	Yes, day and afternoon in 08 x 07-seater closed 4x4 vehicles with pop-up roofs [durations vary between 2.0 to 4.0 hours for natures drives, and during winter months hot water bottles (on early morning nature drives only) and lined ponchos are provided]
	Other Possible Activities	➤ Birding ➤ Excursions to Sossusvlei in the Namib-Naukluft National Park and Sesriem [Only Wilderness have the advantage of entry into the park through this exclusive gate entrance (Kulala) – no self-drive vehicles or freelance guides driving non-Wilderness vehicles are permitted to use this private gate (Kulala) and will be rerouted by Park Officials to the access point as used by the general public (Sesriem). Park opening hours are from sunrise to sunset, with the best time on the dunes being sunrise when the sand is cool and easier to walk through, with views being particularly spectacular – suggestion to have breakfast on-the-go and enjoy the golden hour on the dune (personalised safari breakfast packed by chefs). It is important to note that the Sesriem Gate (main entry to Sossusvlei) opens at sunrise and closes at sunset. The inner gate (closer to the dunes) opens one hour before sunrise and closes one hour after sunset. During summer, the Sesriem Gate opens around 05:30 and closes around 18:30, while the inner gate opens around 04:30 and closes around 19:30. In winter, the Sesriem Gate opens around 06:00 and closes around 18:30, while the inner gate opens around 05:00 and closes around 19:00.] ➤ Scenic sundowner excursion, guided nature trail from camp [(weather permitting and subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide) e.g. The Tsauchab River Trail – Easy to Moderate fitness levels which is 3.4 kilometres in distance and 1.0 to 2.0 hours in walking duration (both approximate figures)] ➤ Stargazing with a laser pointer (weather permitting and according to the lunar phases (not offered around full moon) ➤ Guided electric powered fat-wheeled bike excursions [(subject to availability as 05 x electric powered fat-wheeled bikes in total, with four for guests and one for the guide : with the minimum being one guest and one guide – levels of difficulty, distances and durations are ranging (approximately 2.0 to 4.0 hours) so may be discussed with the guide taking into account guests' ability and fitness – camp will fit this activity within the itinerary so the experience may be either in the morning or in the afternoon – to be booked directly in camp only and allocated on a first come first served basis]

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	Child Policy	All ages ➤ For further details, kindly refer to the manual Wilderness Policies & Procedures – Child Policy.
	Camp Facilities	➤ Pool in main area with partially shaded deck and loungers ➤ Under stretch tent roof with brick and glass areas for the lounge, dining/bar spaces, with the reception and Safari Trading Store in a separate building ➤ Wrap-around deck with views of the dunes, riverbed and waterhole ➤ A selection of reference books provided in the main lounge area ➤ Safari Trading Store ➤ Camp fire ➤ During winter months gas heaters are stationed in the main area (e.g. indoor dining area or placed at outdoor dining set up) ➤ Guest toilets located opposite the reception area and Safari Trading Store ➤ Wilderness Kulala Desert Lodge may be sold in conjunction with Wilderness Little Kulala for larger groups. However, it is approximately 8.0 kilometres apart which is an approximate 25 minute drive and the camp/lodge categories differ.

WILDERNESS KULALA DESERT LODGE	Electricity & Water	➤ Combination power system as part solar with either hybrid, inverter-battery or back-up generator systems ➤ 220V generator as back-up and used for emergencies ➤ Solar heated water ➤ Purified drinking water (through reverse osmosis) is provided ➤ 220V multi-plug adaptor charging facilities for mobile devices ➤ Additional charging facilities (available on request and prior notice essential) for the use of sleep apnoea machines (guests to provide own device, spare battery/ies, charging unit and adaptors)
	Suggested Combinations	➤ Wilderness Doro Nawas (Damaraland) ➤ Wilderness Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp (Skeleton Coast, Kaokoveld) ➤ Wilderness Serra Cafema (Kaokoveld) ➤ Contact your Travel Designer for further alternatives ...
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