

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

Region: Hardap / Kalahari
Category: Lodge
Rooms: 12, 3 Guide, 5 Camp Site



■ At a glance

The French word 'bagatelle' translates as a trifle - something small, of little consequence, not very important. How about '**a little miracle**'? This is what you'll discover at Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch, amid the fiery red dunes of the vast desert.

Bagatelle's luxury chalets and rooms stand defiant against the relentless sun and searing wind. Inside they exude charm, tranquillity and creature comforts to pamper you during your stay, and our gracious, charming service will ensure you lack nothing.

While you're with us, you could take part in a morning nature walk, a game drive to explore the amazing red dunes, sip a sundowner atop a dune, even viewing the resident cheetahs - all these and more can be enjoyed during your unforgettable visit to Bagatelle.



A small miracle set in the Kalahari

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|  Restaurant |  Credit cards welcome |
|  Bar |  Pool |
|  WiFi |  Specials & Activities |
|  Air Conditioning |  Camping Site |
|  Laundry Service | |



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■ What is unique at Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch?

The French word 'bagatelle' translates as a trifle - something small, of little consequence, not very important. In the southern Kalahari, the word Bagatelle might be interpreted as a little miracle - a life-enhancing experience springing from the glowing red dunes of this arid, fiery desert.

For this is what has been achieved at Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch - a permanent, man-made reflection of the miracle that transforms the dry desert into a brief blaze of living colour after rainfall.

Built atop and amid the huge red parallel Kalahari dunes, Bagatelle's luxury chalets and rooms stand defiant against the relentless sun and the searing wind. Inside they exude charm, tranquillity and creature comforts to pamper you during your stay, and our gracious charming service will ensure you lack nothing, yet still experience an exhilarating thrill reminiscent of the traditional Safari Experience, the Spirit of Africa and The Final Frontier, all in one.

When not relaxing in or around the pool, or watching the waterhole with a drink at your side, try a morning nature walk, a nature drive to explore the amazing red dunes, a sundowner atop a dune, viewing the resident cheetahs - all these and more may be enjoyed during your unforgettable visit to Bagatelle.



■ Accommodation & Facilities

Four Dune Chalets, well separated from each other, stand on stilts on top of the red dunes, with unsurpassed views to the south-west, across the dune landscape. Each has en-suite facilities with bath and shower, air-conditioning, a coffee/tea station and bar-fridge.

Six Strohbale Chalets, constructed with thick walls built from plastered straw bales, stand well apart from each other in the street between the dunes, with scenic views. Each chalet has en-suite shower facilities, air-conditioning, coffee/tea station and a bar-fridge.

Two Adjoining Garden Court Rooms each have en-suite shower facilities, ceiling cooling fans, air conditioner and coffee/tea station.

Despite different building styles, all the Chalet interiors are designed and finished to the same exacting standards of luxury and equipped to exceed your expectations.

Five Individual Campsites have been set up in a nearby street between the dunes. Each has a fully tiled ablution block with toilet, shower, washbasin and mirror, gas-fired hot water, solar lighting and romantic paraffin lamp lighting. Relax around your own camp-fire and enjoy your own Kalahari camping safari!

In the Restaurant our chef will tease your taste-buds with delicious meals morning, noon and night. Our cellar holds an excellent selection of South African wines together with an extensive range of brandy, whisky, cognac and liqueurs.

The nerve centre of the Lodge is an old rambling farmhouse, rebuilt and renovated to serve as reception area, lounge, dining room, bar, cellar and office. We have a well-stocked library which Guests are welcome to use. Relax in the sun by the bright sparkling pool on lounges.

■ Activities & Attractions

Morning Guided Walk

Close encounters with the wonders of the Kalahari. Your knowledgeable Guide will explore the dunes, revealing some of their mysteries, and search for the creatures and animals of the desert who have adapted to survive in its harsh conditions.

Morning Scenic Nature Drive

Discover the magic of the dunes, their amazing diversity of animal and bird life, and learn about their unique topography and vegetation.

Sundowner Drive

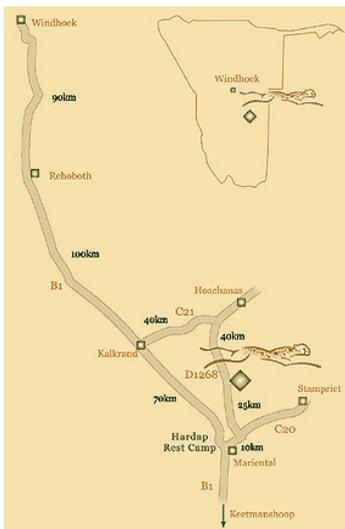
No better way to end the daylight hours than by watching the dying rays of the sun as they re-draw the landscape in ever-changing colours, especially with a cool sundowner in your hand.



Cheetah Feeding

Experience our special cheetah feeding tour in the evenings.. The cheetahs at Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch live with us under the auspices of the Cheetah Conservation Fund because of their individual histories, it is impossible for any of these captive animals ever to be released and to survive in the wild. We care for them in order to guarantee them the best possible quality of life.

■ Directions



Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch is situated approximately 50Km from Mariental amid the red rolling dunes of the Kalahari Desert.

From Windhoek and the north

Take the B1 main tarred road southwards, past Rehoboth and Kalkrand. Approximately 12 km before you reach Mariental, turn left at the large intersection with the new tarred C20 road which then takes you eastwards.

After about 12 km, take the first left turn on to the D1268 gravel road. Continue northwards for roughly 25 km until you reach the sign indicating Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch on the right hand side of the road. The Ranch is another 3 - 4 km into the dunes, where a warm welcome awaits you.

From Keetmanshoop and the south

Take the B1 main tarred road northward, past Mariental. About 12 km further, turn right at the large intersection with the new C20 tarred road which then takes you eastwards. Then follow the directions in the paragraph above.

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