

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

Region: Hardap / Kalahari
Category: Lodge
Rooms: 6 Dune Chalets (2 Exclusive) • 8 Savannah Chalets
6 Garden Rooms • 6 Campsites • 3 Guide Rooms
Website: www.bagatelle-kalahari-gameranch.com



Dune Chalets amid the red sand of the Kalahari



The luxurious interior of an Exclusive Dune Chalet

In Brief

A stay at Bagatelle (a French word meaning something small and insignificant) is to experience the true spirit of Africa, in an unashamedly farm-style setting, with luxurious accommodation, excellent value, and service delivered with warmth and graciousness. A wide variety of exciting activities re-create a traditional Safari atmosphere, leaving the discerning traveller with unforgettable memories to treasure for a lifetime.

A little miracle set in the sands of the Kalahari



Savannah (previously known as Strohbale) Chalet - built from straw bales



Spacious and charming interior of a Dune Chalet

Overview

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch is indeed a miracle in the Kalahari Desert . . . 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 desert climate, inspiring a sense of the traditional *Safari*, *The Spirit of Africa* and *The Final Frontier*, all rolled into one.

The Lodge's nerve centre is an old rambling farmhouse, renovated as reception area, comfortable lounge, dining room, bar, cellar, office and well-stocked library.

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

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, or even a horse-back safari. All these and more may be enjoyed during your unforgettable visit to Bagatelle.

The Bagatelle Cheetahs live with us under the auspices of the Cheetah Conservation Fund. Their backgrounds make it impossible for any of them to be released and to survive in the wild so we care for them within their 12 hectare enclosure in order to guarantee them the best possible quality of life.





Our beautiful pool also has a panoramic view over the dunes



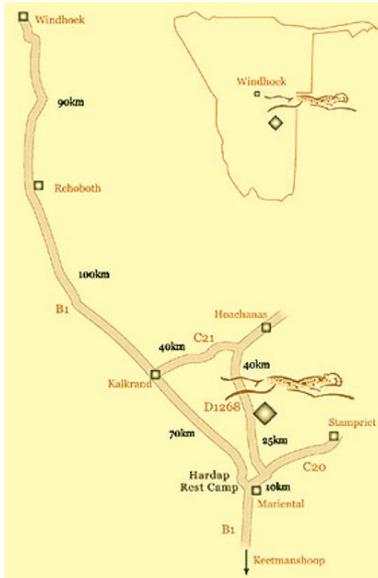
A San Family Group at home in their village surroundings

Accommodation and Facilities

- ◆ **Six Dune Chalets** stand on stilts astride the blazing red dunes, with unsurpassed views to the south-west. Four have en-suite bath and shower facilities, while two '**Exclusive Dune Chalets**' also boast private splash pools and private dining options.
 - ◆ **Eight Savannah Chalets: Six** built with thick walls of plastered straw bales (strobhale), and well separated, between the dunes. **Two Larger Chalets**, (not strobhale). One has 2x3/4 beds for children plus a queensize bed, the other has 2 single beds for children plus 2x3/4 beds. All have en-suite shower facilities.
 - ◆ **Six Garden Rooms: Four** adjoined in a courtyard setting, and **two** close to the swimming pool, all with 3/4 size beds and private en-suite shower facilities.
- * All our accommodation is designed, finished and equipped to the same exacting standards of luxury, to exceed your expectations, and includes air-conditioning, tea / coffee station, and a bar-fridge. Child beds are available for all Chalets and Rooms, **except** the Garden Rooms by the swimming pool.
- ◆ **Six Individual Campsites** are situated 1km away in a nearby street amid the dunes. Each has a fully tiled ablution block with toilet, shower, washbasin and mirror, gas-fired hot water, romantic oil lamps (and solar-powered lighting). Relax around the camp-fire and enjoy your own Kalahari camping safari!

Activities

- ◆ **Morning San (Bushman) Guided Walk:** Explore the dunes, search for creatures and animals of the harsh desert and visit a bushman village, all with a knowledgeable Guide to reveal the mysteries and translate the Bushmen's explanations. (1-2 hrs)
- ◆ **Scenic Nature Drive:** Discover the amazingly diverse wildlife and vegetation of the spectacular red dune landscape. (1.5 hrs)
- ◆ **Sundowner Game Drive:** The thrill of spotting wildlife amid magical red dunes, then a cool sundowner atop one. (1-2 hrs)
- ◆ **Cheetah Feeding:** Unique photo opportunities. (am/pm 1 hr)
- ◆ **Sundowner Combo:** Cheetah feeding + Game Drive. (2 hrs)
- ◆ **Night Game Drive:** Spot unusual nocturnal animals such as Aardvark, Aardwolf, Bat Eared Fox, owls and small game. (1 hr)
- ◆ **Guided Horse-Back Safari:** A unique opportunity to enjoy the amazing red dunes and their wildlife - *on the hoof!* (1.5 hrs)
- ◆ **Star-Gazing:** Use our observatory's computerised telescopes to explore the universe in the brilliantly clear Namibian sky!
- ◆ **Kalahari Spa:** A Range of Relaxing treatments using the range of natural Kalahari™ products based on "ancient desert secrets".



Driving Directions

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch is situated approximately 50 km 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 on to the C20 road which then takes you eastwards - this is a very good tarred road.

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 second paragraph of *From Windhoek* above.

Lodge Co-ordinates: -24.300170, 18.032771 • S24° 18' 0.61" E018° 1' 57.98"

Airstrip Co-ordinates: -24.276794, 18.012239 • S24° 16' 36.46" E018° 0' 44.06"

- Restaurant
- Bar
- Free Wi-Fi

- Swimming Pool
- Air Conditioning
- Campsites

- Airstrip
- Laundry Service
- Credit Cards welcome
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