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Düsternbrook

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RESERVATION SHEET – Khomas Hochland Hiking Trails (KHHT)

Dear Hiker,

Thank you for your interest in the new **Khomas Hochland Hiking Trail (KHHT)**. The trail is **91.2 km** (6 days/nights) or the shorter version is **54 km** (4 days/nights). We offer the trail in **back pack** or **slack pack** version. The trails passes over 5 farms with 6 shelters.

We also offer different exciting **shorter hiking trails 1, 2 or 3 days**, on different individual farms. For more information for the shorter trails (also referred to as weekend trails) go to our website www.hikenamibia.com and look under the different farms: Monte Christo, Godeis and Düsternbrook. You can make direct bookings or central bookings from our central reservation office.

The Khomas Hochland Mountain Range is just north-west of the capital of Namibia, Windhoek. The starting point is just 90 km from the international airport Hosea Kutako.

The long distance trail KHHT is a product of the **Windhoek Greenbelt Landscape** farmers and this again is the result of a Namibian pilot project of **NAMPLACE**. The trail has been built by the farmers, aided and supported by the South African Hiking expert Mr. Albert Bossert, president of HOSA. ([Hiking Organisation South Africa](#)). It has been awarded with the **Green Flag Accreditation** - a South African quality tag. Feed back from 2016 has been very positiv. Please see reports on our website: www.hikenamibia.com Or you can find the latest updates and pictures on our [Facebook](#) page.

Central reservations for all trails is managed by [Düsternbrook Guestfarm](#) on behalf of Windhoek Greenbelt Landscape. Please complete the reservation sheet and return to j.vaatz@duesternbrook.net or to info@duesternbrook.net.

The 4 Day and 6 Day Hike both start and finish at start **Farm Düsternbrook**, only 50km from Windhoek or 90 km from the international airport. Pick-up transfer can be arranged with reservation. A 4 day Hike can also start and finish on Farm Godeis.

Number of hikers: **Minimum 3** and **maximum 12** hikers (due to size of campsites).

‘Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves. As age comes on, one source of enjoyment after another is closed, but Nature's sources never fail. ~John Muir’

Looking forward to meet you on our blissful hiking trails.

Kind regards

Johann Vaatz

Chairman Windhoek Greenbelt Landscape

Definition:

1. **Back Pack:**

You carry everything yourself. Costs cover camping and the hiking fee. We do supply at the campsite: drinking water, wood, a pot, pan and a kettle.

2. **Transfer: Slack pack**

We will drive your main backpack, food, mattresses, sleeping bag, water etc. from campsite to campsite. You only have to carry your small daily daypack with you.

The total transfer costs (6 or 4 days) are divided amongst the hikers. The quoted price below is per one day.

3. **All-inclusive Slack packing:**

Consists of the following : a camping fee, hiking fee, a matress, water and wood at the campsite, a pot, pan and a kettle. Plus **food**: +/-180 gram of meat, +/- 200 gram of vegetables, four slices of bread. For vegetarians +/- 350 gram of vegetables. Excluded: breakfast and hiking nutrition, transfers.

Each farmer provides the food at their own discretion. For example: homemade bread, Oryx or Kudu or lamb meat. A choice of vegetables will be available and is communicated with reservation. Any other extras, like drinks (beer, sprite or coke) on arrival at the shelter, can be bought in cash but need to be communicated with reservation.

4. **Shelter**

Campsites are open and covered by a roof only. There is running water with toilets and showers. Wood is supplied for 'donkie' water heating system, some campsites use solar power. Explanation: In southern Africa a warm water system where you make fire under a water tank is called 'donkie'. Each campsite will also have a kettle, pot and pan and sufficient drinking water.

5. **Trail and Marker:**

The trail is well signposted with an Oryx spoor and different signboards at about 100 m intervalls. If you walk more than 100 m to 150 m without a signboard—go back. It has been successfully trialled by members of SA hiking clubs and improved upon after several hinking groups in 2016. It is NOT an easy walk!! The trail follows into the Khomas Hochland mountains and through valleys with beautiful views and game to see. **You have to be fit**. See report and pictures on our website:

www.hikenamibia.com

6. **Indemnity:**

Indemnity has to be signed by each hiker before the start of their hike. Parents have to look after their children all the time as in nature and there is all kind of dangers.. **HIKING AT OWN RISK**

7. **Best hiking month.** April, May, June, July, August, September. During autumn/winter (May, June, July, August) there is normally no rain. September, October, November, December is our so-called small rainy season with occasional showers. January, February, March and April is our main rain season. Marginal month are March due to possible rain and October due tot he expected heat. For march and october we will accept only special applications from very experienced hikers.Heavy rains result in flash floods, which make it dangerous to hike this trail in the rain season. In this case the owners reserve the right to cancel hiking on that specific part of the trail. Checking the weather report is essential. **We are closed** : November, December, January and February

8. **Rules & Regulations:**

All rules and regulations as set out by KHHT must be strictly adhered to. Failure to do so will result in removal from the trail at the hikers own expense. Download from the website.

1. **Reservation & Payment:**

The reservation date secured and confirmed if a **non-refundable** down payment of 20% of the total costs has been received. Full payment is due no later than 30 days before the hiking date.

2. **Mode of Payment:**

Credit card (Master, Visa) or bank transfer EFT. Proof of payment must be emailed to j.vaatz@duesternbrook.net per pdf attachment. No cheque accepted. **All optional extra expenses with the farmers only on CASH basis.**

3. **Tour Operators:**

We do co-operate with tour operators. Kindly contact us for more details.

4. **Child Policy:**

KHHT (91.2 km and 54.4 km) minimum age: 12 years. No reduced prices for kids.
Weekend trails or 1 or 2 day trials: no minimum age but children **MUST** be in company of parents at all times.

Please Note:

This is NOT an easy hiking trail!! The trail has a few big and steep inclines/declines, some moderate to difficult rock scrambling and rocky paths. Extensive use of hands is required. The paths are on some steep grounds and sometimes near the edge of small cliffs. Those with a fear of heights might feel uncomfortable. Significant sustained physical exertion will be experienced and moderate to high levels of fitness are a prerequisite to complete the KHHT.

Feed-back points from 2016. Very good mix of the trail, you hike in kloofs but also on top of hills with fanatstic views. Game viewing is fairly good and also birds along the river bed. Hikers hiking in april mentioned the heat between 12.00 and 15.00 i.o.w start your hike early and take enough water minimum 3 to 3.5 ltr per day. In the long stretch of 21 km fresh water is supplied at Compressor Outpost. Hikers enjoyed especially the food and especially the game meat from the farmers. Some back pack hikers said next time they would do the slack pack as you have less to carry and you can enjoy the hike and nature more.

Hiking Prices (Valid 1.12. 2016 until 30.11.2017)

Main hiking season: beginning of april to end of september

Long trail Back pack (4 or 6 days):	N\$ 224.00 per/night and person
Long trail Slack pack transfer only	N\$ 800.00 per/car and day , to be divided by the group.
Long trail slack pack	N\$ 370.00 per/person/night (inclusive: camping/hiking fee, food and matrass)
Day hike - Adults:	N\$ 70.00 per/person
Day Hike- Children 4-12 years	N\$ 35.00 pp (3 years and under are free)
Weekend trail: Back pack	N\$ 224.00 per night and person
Slack pack	N\$ 370.00 per night and person plus transfer

Other Extra Services:

Extra matrasses:	N\$ 20.00 per/person and night
Sleeping bag:	N\$ 30.00 per/person and night
Basic igloo tent for two persons :	N\$ 50.00 per/tent and night
Extra Wood:	N\$ 45.00 per bag of about 10Kg
Transfer from the airport (one way):	N\$ 1380.00 max 4 persons per car

Cold drinks at Campsite/shelter: can be ordered with reservation and to be paid in cash. We offer beer, coke and sprite a reasonable prices.

What you have to bring:

There is no electric light at the shelters (only at the first night at Duesternbrook you still have 220V). Bring torches and headlights. The food is not prepared or catered for. We deliver raw food (vegetables and meat) plus bread. You have to bring your own spices, oil and whatever you need to prepare the food the way you like it.

Bring along one set of leather gloves to manage the firewood. You need to bring your own plates, cups and cutlery.

There is currently no possibility to charge your cellphone, only at the first night at Duesternbrook. You get in the market solar chargers for cellphone but also re-chargable battery pack for cellphones.

Reservation for KHHT or Weekend Trails

Please fill in the questions and details below

Date:

(Please write clear or print)

Name of person or group:

Email:

Tel. and int. code:

Weekend trail.....

Long KHHT trail.....

What kind of hike? (Circle) day hike 1 day 2 days 4 days 6 days

Required starting date ? Alternative dates.....

Type of hike? (circle) Backpack Slack pack

Number of hikers? Adults Children

In case of Slack pack provide number of? Vegetarian Meat

Anything else you require from the list above?

Drinks at the shelter:?

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Comments:

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Please complete this form and return to info@duesternbrook.net or j.vaatz@duesternbrook.net



Kind regards

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