Living in the Desert

Guest Accommodation
Camping under the Milky Way on the banks of the ephemeral Kuiseb River – an excellent way to experience nature in the Namib Desert. Rent a tent or set up your own along this river oasis between dunes and gravel plains; listen to the calls of jackals, owls and barking geckos as the sun goes down behind the majestic dunes of the Namib Sand Sea. The Kuiseb camp offers a shared kitchen, braai facilities, and a wind-protected dining area for 30 persons. Camp site enclosures provide privacy and protection and are conveniently close to ablution facilities.

- Rentable tents and bedding
- Picnic tables and braai facilities (30 persons)
- Shared kitchen (cooking utensils on request)
- Ablution facilities (showers, toilets)
Desert Comfort

Villa

Villas are the highest class of accommodation at Gobabeb and offer premium comfort for up to six persons. Situated close to the Kuiseb River, you have a great view of the Namib’s red sand dunes directly from your terrace. A dining room, a spacious living room as well as a large, fully equipped kitchen provide all you need for a pleasant stay in the desert. The villas feature three bedrooms with two single beds each.

Villa
✓ Dining room
✓ Lounge
✓ Terrace
✓ Kitchen, fully equipped
✓ 3 bedrooms
✓ 2 Bathrooms
✓ Storage
✓ Courtyard
Four Walls, Four Beds, For Convenience

Clay House

Our Clay Houses are simply perfect for groups. These comfortable and functional rooms, each have four single beds and a bathroom. Cooking and dining can be done in a shared, separate kitchen with all the amenities. The terrace invites you to relax with a view of the Namib Sand Sea or the endless gravel plains.

- Four single beds
- En suite Bathroom
- Terrace
Room for Two
On The Rocks

Looking for a place for two in the desert? Our On The Rocks rooms are tastefully furnished, featuring two single beds, en suite bathroom, as well as a fully-equipped kitchenette. Each room has a terrace with seating, which offers a unique vantage to relax and contemplate life or just revel in the stunning landscapes of the Namib Desert.

- 2 single beds
- En suite Bathroom
- Fully-equipped kitchenette
- Terrace
Delectable Desert Dining
Wine and Dine at Gobabeb

Gobabeb cuisine is hearty, homely comfort-food, which will satisfy the most voracious of appetites. We offer el fresco or indoors dining options depending on condition and preference. Our chef caters for groups of all sizes, ages, and dietary requirements. A varied daily set menu is on offer – all extra yummy, with a lekker local twist! Arrangements can be made for scrumptious packed lunches for day outings.

- Daily Set Menu
- Pre-booked meals
- Mouth-wateringly good!
The Conference Hall

Amabilis

The Amabilis Hall provides space for up to 100 seats and features all you need for your conference: Projector and screen, computer, sound system, pin boards, and much more! Break-away rooms and dining room are conveniently close-by. We are happy to negotiate a tailor-made package that meets your needs. This venue is ideal for training lectures, research symposia, team-building workshops and social functions.

Zophosis amabilis, “amabilis” (Latin) = lovable

✓ “Lovely” venue
✓ Accommodates 100
✓ Conference technology
Guided Tours

Station Tour

Visitors, guided by Gobabeb staff, can learn first-hand about the operations at a world-renowned desert research station. The tour encompasses the history of the station, significant science contributions from the past, while showcasing current research projects. The operations of an impressive array of monitoring instruments that record atmospheric science data for climate change studies are explained. Visitors view the station’s environmentally sustainable infrastructure like the off-grid hybrid energy system, the water purification system and various green construction technologies. The tour also provides a peek inside the labs with many information displays. Don’t miss out on this unique opportunity to find out what happens in this special desert place.

Nature Walk

The Nature Walk focuses on the three fascinating and diverse ecosystems on the doorstep of the research station. Specifically, this guided walk provides the chance to view a diversity of desert-adapted organisms, be introduced to the ecological processes that sustain the ecosystems, and learn about the geological processes that form the Namib Sand Sea, recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Ongoing research at Gobabeb continues to reveal new facts that contribute to our understanding of the Namib. This tour not only gives a glimpse of the breath-taking beauty of the area, providing a myriad of exceptional photo opportunities, but will teach you something new – from the hub and heart of Namib Desert knowledge!

Night Walk

This popular night-time activity gives visitors the opportunity to witness the magnificence of the Milky Way. You will be fascinated by facts regarding the Namib’s elusive nocturnal creatures. You will get up close and personal with barking geckos, palmetto geckos, bats and scorpions. This walk starts in the riverine forest and ends in the inter-dunes, the gateway for viewing the heavens.
Gobabeb is located within the Namib-Naukluft Park. **A park entry permit is required and is obtainable from Ministry of Environment and Tourism offices in Windhoek, Swakopmund or Sesriem.**