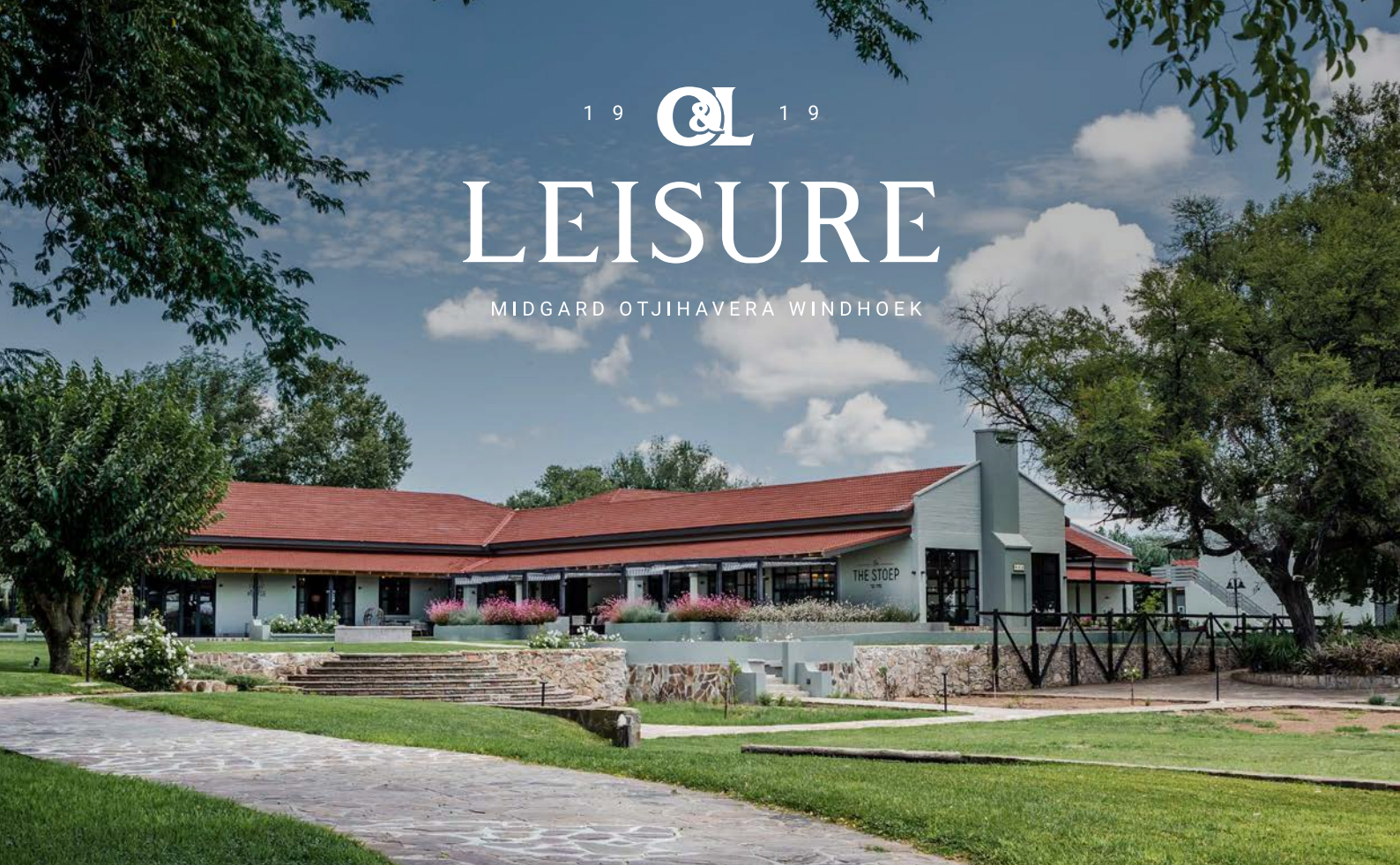


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MIDGARD OTJIHAVERA WINDHOEK



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WELCOME TO MIDGARD OTJIHAVERA WINDHOEK

It is with great joy that we welcome you to Midgard. We hope you enjoy visiting our charming old farm!

A home-away-from-home for all, Midgard strives to bring you an incomparable sense of belonging and warmth. Our stunning farm is situated on bountiful, vast grounds, deep in the unspoiled Otjihavera Mountains.

In 1937, Carl List, well known Namibian business entrepreneur and founder of the Ohlthaver & List Group of companies, made the decision to acquire what would become a family farm, steeped in Namibian history, tradition and strong family values. His son, Werner List took the reigns in the early 1960s and continued with the estate heirloom. The exquisite Midgard was converted into a fully-fledged lodge in 1993. In 2002, Sven Thieme, grandson of Werner List, was handed the torch at Ohlthaver & List.

A place filled with dedication to preserving Carl List's vision and values, Midgard now houses an elegant collection of beautiful rooms that are enhanced by charming amenities for your stay. These include Hilde's Gemüsegarten (Hilde's vegetable garden), Christa's stables and Oubaas' Auto Museum.

To add to its charm, the surrounding land offers breathtaking scenery that can truly be appreciated from our hilltop while enjoying a sundowner.

At Midgard, we strive to give you a place where you know you can relax and revel in the midst of natural magnificence and great service.

We're here to ensure that you create everlasting memories. Enjoy your stay.



THE MIDGARD FAMILY

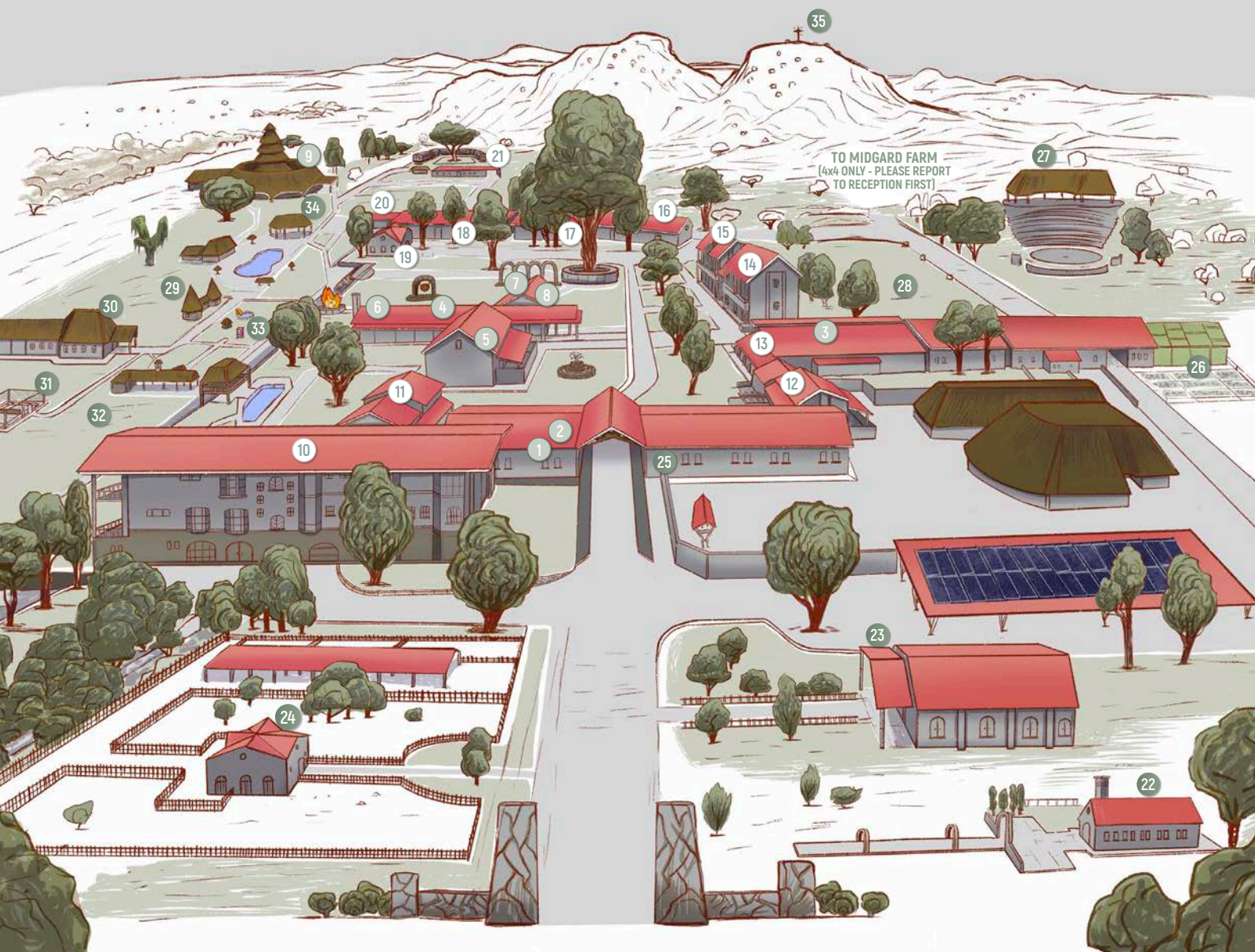


Carl List



Werner List with grandchildren
Sven & Sonja Thieme

Your comfort is our highest priority. Day or night, our dedicated team is ready to assist you with attentive, personalised service.



MEETING AREAS

- ① Reception
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- ④ The Barn Restaurant
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- ⑯ Kreuzberg View
- ⑰ Okatjemise Court
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- ㉑ Werner's Train Station

PLACES OF INTEREST

- ㉒ Midgard Kapelle
- ㉓ Christa's Stables
- ㉔ Eichbaum Stables
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- ㉗ Amphitheatre
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- ㉚ Sven's Kegelbahn
- ㉛ Tennis Court
- ㉜ Rose Garden
- ㉝ Loki's Play Park
- ㉞ Odin's Chessboard
- ㉟ Kreuzberg (follow Asgard Trail behind Kameldorn Schwelle - No. 17)



THE STORIES BEHIND THE NAMES

MEETING AREAS

MWENYOPALEKA CONFERENCE CENTRE

Mwenyopaleka was chosen to mark a new chapter for O&L, a chapter of innovation and visionary leadership. Mwenyopaleka means "rebirth" and perfectly encapsulates the breakthrough leadership that O&L embodies. With the new culture and values that were established, O&L World was launched to provide the perfect place to continue creating a future, enhancing life.

THE BARN

Werner List was exceptionally keen on farming and enjoyed the demands and rewards that came with it. As soon as the farm was obtained, one of the first things to be built was a barn. Each barn had the crucial task of storing food, the source of energy that sustained life on the farm.

THE WORKSHOP

According to Werner List, every farm required a fully equipped workshop, regardless of actual use, to meet any eventuality. To stock his workshops, Mr. List bought most of his equipment and tools second-hand and mainly tracked down his must-have tools. After attending just a few auctions and acquiring everything on offer, he became so well-known for his determination that some sellers would quietly withdraw at the sight of him.

Several of Midgard's landmarks and buildings carry distinctive names, each revealing a piece of the estate's history. Rooted in the heritage of the List family, these stories are waiting to be discovered as you explore the grounds.

ON THE STOEP

Sitting on the stoep, or veranda and seeing the sun set was one of Hildegard List's favourite pastimes. In the family's pursuit of the ideal lookout spot, they found themselves caught in a cycle of having a stoep, putting a roof over it, enclosing it completely and building another, new stoep.

THE PUMPHOUSE

There is no overstating the value of water and so the task of water pumps is not merely to make sure water flows to all the points where it is needed, but to bring life to all those points as well. To protect this vital resource, every pump, no matter its size, was housed within its own dedicated pumphouse.

THE SERVICE PIT

Without the convenience of a nearby service station, and mindful of keeping cars and machinery running, Werner List ensured that every farm had its own service pit. Descending into the pit offers the perfect vantage point to address the heart of any mechanical issue.

BALI BOMA

Werner List seldom travelled, but when he did, he felt the need to recreate the special sights he came across on his explorations - usually in unexpected ways. Fascinated by different architectural styles, a trip to Bali left Werner List in awe of the island's multi-roof structures. This inspired him to build Bali Boma, Midgard's striking thatched pergola.



GUEST ACCOMMODATION

LIST HOUSE

On his travels through Bavaria, Werner List was struck by the German architecture of that region, characterised by its low-angled roofs and decorative trim. Intent on bringing a piece of this home, he requested List House to be constructed in a similar fashion when it was built in the 1980s. Although many of the ornate features are no longer visible, its impressive form can still be admired.

OLD FARMHOUSE

Infused with the quintessential character of the classic Bauernhaus, charming yet striking, the Old Farmhouse is one of those places that has always felt like home - not least because it was Werner List's childhood residence. With walls tinged with faded memories, the farmhouse remains a place of the past, preserved.

HANSENDAMM

The story of the Hansendamm must have caused Werner List considerable frustration, yet it is easy to look back on it with a touch of levity. Prudently, he applied layer upon layer to remedy the dam's recurring leaks, each time hoping it would be the last. Yet, the leaks returned time and again, testing his patience anew.

MIDGARD MITTE

Midgard Mitte – the middle of Midgard – or thereabouts. Strictly speaking, it was originally in the middle before northern farmland was sold. It is currently situated more towards the north and although it may have lost its geographical interpretation, it maintains its sentimental meaning as the heart of Midgard. Much like the human heart rests slightly to the left, it seems only natural that Midgard Mitte should be slightly off-centre.

KORUSEPA HOUSE

Korusepa meaning “thread”, alludes to the interlaced lines and rocky strands running through Midgard's mountainous terrain, as well as the glistening river and its related streams, which resemble the finest golden fibres when seen from above.

GOD'S WINDOW

Midgard's highest point and panorama of creation, God's Window shares the tendency of other great heights that evoke deep contemplation. Although one cannot escape the limitations of the human eye, this vantage point elevates the earthly perspective to a heavenly point of view and offers a glimpse of infinity, a peak through God's Window.



DID YOU KNOW?

The wooden support beams found in the roof of the old List House originated from the keel of the former Hangana pelagic trawlers. Today, repurposed, they are proudly displayed beneath the portrait of Werner List in The Barn.





LANDMARKS OF MIDGARD

OKATJEMISE COURT

Okatjemise – a place that presents problems. In this account, the cattle farmers of the valley below the Okatjemise pass soon discovered that the valley was fattening their cows to such a degree that they struggled to make their way up the pass. True to its name, it created an uphill battle for all involved.

KAMELDORN SCHWELLE

The Kameldorn or Camelthorn tree, is a fierce protector of all who experience the wonders of Midgard. It is no coincidence that many of these majestic trees are found along the Schwelle (threshold) and beyond, especially in the riverbed leading towards there. Here, they warmly welcome visitors and parade their long thorns which promise to guard the beautiful memories to be made within the gardens of Midgard. Werner List himself was deeply devoted to preserving these trees. So much so, that he would build around them- at times even leaving an opening in a roof – so that a Camelthorn might continue to grow undisturbed.

SWAKOPTAL

The sight over the Swakoptal – or Swakop Valley – looks as if nature had excavated the land and unearthed a trough lined with lushness and watered by a shining stream running through the centre. That stream, the Swakop River, flows alongside Midgard, nourishing the fertile valley and enriching the soils within its reach.

HOCHLANDECK

Like a prospector who had struck gold, Werner List knew he had hit on something special when he found what he came to call Hochlandeck or Highland Corner. Named after its raised, westerly position, the land was lush feeding ground for cattle, but came with a literal uphill battle in pumping water up the mountain. With determination, Werner List overcame the obstacle, ensuring his cattle could thrive on the abundant pasture.

WERNER'S TRAIN STATION

Moved by his love of trains, Werner List was bent on accumulating a collection of his own at Midgard but came to face disobliging conditions, namely the lack of railroad tracks. Unfazed, he managed to bring the trains safely to the estate, where they have since served as unique accommodation. As to how he did it – this may well be a tale of trains forever riddled with mystery.



KREUZBERG VIEW

Translated as “the mountain with the cross,” its name in this instance carried no religious significance. The cross originally served only as a beacon, marking a point where the view was vast and glorious.

The mountain eventually became the resting place of Werner List's ashes and the cross could finally fulfil a higher purpose.



PLACES OF INTEREST

MIDGARD KAPELLE

A chapel open to all, Midgard Kapelle is not only a cherished venue for the exchange of wedding vows but also welcomes people of all faiths. Its doors are open for religious observances, celebrations or simply for those seeking a quiet space for reflection and meditation.

CHRISTA'S STABLES

For Christa List, Werner List's daughter, there was nothing like the rides and adventures she had with the steeds she so adored. As she grew older, she shared this love with the next generation of children in the family, which nurtured their respect for all living creatures.

EICHBAUM STABLES

These stables take their name from the List family's horse, Eichbaum, which was imported from Germany and stabled at Midgard. A horse of the renowned Hanoverian breed, Eichbaum was ultimately selected for breeding in South Africa. With the Lists being a family of passionate horse riders, they found a true companion in Eichbaum and these stables honour that enduring bond.

OUBAAS' AUTO MUSEUM

"Another one!" Hilde List would remark without batting an eye whenever she saw Werner List returning home with yet another addition to his collection. Being a car fanatic, Werner was always on the lookout for a new vehicle and this museum allows us to celebrate some of those very cars he cherished in his day.

HILDE'S GEMÜSEGARTEN

Of all the thumbs in the household, Hilde List arguably had the greenest one and her Gemüsegarten or vegetable garden, supported that assertion. Her harvests were of such quality that she would hop in the old family bakkie - now displayed in Oubaas' Auto Museum - and sell her vegetables to a selection of supermarkets and hotels in Windhoek.

AMPHITHEATRE

Classical music was a prominent feature in Werner List's life. With the same affinity for music his daughter, Christa, took up the harp and piano, having been partial to string instruments herself. To celebrate music and performance, the family had the amphitheatre built at Midgard, allowing audiences to experience the electric energy of a live musical spectacle surrounded by nature.

TREFFPUNKT

Having loved the company of friends and family, Werner List designated a special spot for coming together and spending time with others: Treffpunkt, or meeting point. Over time, the feelings of togetherness and being at home grew beyond the perimeter of Treffpunkt to cover the whole of Midgard as a place of gathering, where everyone is welcome.



PLACES OF INTEREST

HEXENHAUSEN

Whenever there was a need to keep mischievous children on the farm in check, few things did the trick quite like the proposition of a visit to Hexenhausen – The Witch's House. Many would have encountered this wicked ingredient in classic fairy tales from their youth, so the thought of swinging by Hexenhausen would be enough to spook both young and old.

SVEN'S KEGELBAHN

The value of honing one's abilities and launching with intention, the discovery that determination makes all things possible and the realisation that team spirit can make a win out of any situation - all life lessons that can be gained from the bowling alley. Appreciating the importance of play in both personal and business growth, Sven Thieme took the Kegelbahn, originally built for entertainment, and transformed it into the ultimate shaper of strategy and creator of memories.

MIDGARD'S ROSE GARDEN

Midgard's Rose Garden surrounds you with cozy pathways and vibrant roses creating a warm, homely escape where nature's beauty, comfort and charm come together for a truly welcoming experience.

LOKI'S PLAY PARK

Known as the God of Mischief in Norse mythology – and for good reason – Loki always had a trick or trap up each sleeve, sometimes in the spirit of fun and other times purely as a treacherous troublemaker. In Loki's mayhem-stained footsteps, one can still take inspiration from his example of not taking life too seriously and embracing fun and games, much like those set out here.

ODIN'S CHESSBOARD

Being the God of War and Death, it is only fitting that our chessboard – the ultimate stage for strategy, warfare and attack – bears the name of the Norse god Odin. Well acquainted with the notion that enlightenment comes at a cost, Odin was known to make the most extreme sacrifices to acquire knowledge, because as the adage goes, knowledge is power. Knowledge helps you stay three steps ahead of your opponent. What would you be willing to sacrifice in your game to claim victory? It's your move...





SERVICES & FACILITIES

Please contact reception on +264 62 503 888 for assistance

ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

For more information and to book any activities, please do not hesitate to consult our team at reception. Additional details can be found on page 13 of this directory.

AIRLINE INFORMATION

Kindly contact reception for assistance with reservations, reconfirmations or any additional information you may require.

AIR CONDITIONING

For your comfort, each room is equipped with a remote-controlled air conditioner. To maintain a cool environment during warm weather, kindly double-check that all exterior windows and sliding doors are closed when the air conditioner is on.

AIRPORT

We are fortunate to have Hosea Kutako International Airport situated 70 km from Midgard. Should you require transportation, our team is more than happy to make arrangements for you.

BABYSITTING

Babysitting services can be arranged at an additional fee. Kindly notify reception at least 24 hours in advance and they will be glad to organise a caretaker for your little ones.

BLANKETS & PILLOWS

Extra pillows and blankets are provided in the wardrobe for your utmost comfort.

BUSINESS SERVICES

For assistance with photocopying, faxing and other business services, please feel free to reach out to one of our team members.

CHECK-IN TIME AND CHECK-OUT TIME

Check-in time is 14h00 and check-out time is 10h00. Should you require any assistance, please contact reception.

CLEANING SERVICES

Rooms are serviced each morning to ensure the utmost comfort during your stay at Midgard. Should you require additional attention, arrangements can be made upon request.

CHILDREN'S BEDS

Our 10 family rooms can accommodate up to two additional children each. Should a baby cot be required in one of our standard or luxury rooms, kindly contact housekeeping.

COMMENTS

We warmly invite you to share your thoughts in person - every comment helps us ensure your stay is exceptional. Should you wish, you may also provide feedback through any online platform of your choice, such as TripAdvisor, Facebook, Google or other review sites.

CONFERENCING & BOARDROOM MEETINGS

Midgard offers various conference facilities including a boardroom. Their capacity ranges from 20 to 200 persons. For further information or to discuss your requirements, please contact our experienced Groups & Conference Coordinator.

DOCTOR, DENTIST AND FIRST AID

While every effort will be made to assist with medical needs, please note that full medical services are located in Windhoek, approximately 85 km (1 hour 30 minutes) by car or in Okahandja, around 65 km from Midgard.



DO NOT DISTURB

Should you require privacy, kindly place the Do-Not-Disturb door hanger on the latch outside your door. To allow for housekeeping to service your room, please replace it with the Make-Up-Room door hanger.

ELECTRICITY

Our provided electricity supply is 220V. Should you require adaptor plugs, kindly contact the reception desk with your request.

EMAIL AND INTERNET ACCESS

Wi-Fi is available in all guest rooms and public areas. No password is required to connect.

FORGOTTEN OR LOST ITEMS

If you misplace any personal belongings, kindly contact reception without delay. Any items handed in will be carefully stored for a maximum of 3 months.

HAIRDRYER

For your convenience, a hairdryer is available in your room.

IRONING AND LAUNDRY SERVICE

A full laundry and pressing service is available. Kindly complete the laundry list in your room, place it together with the provided laundry bag for collection or contact reception should you require any further assistance.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

Arrangements can be made with reception for the temporary storage of luggage.

MAINTENANCE

Great care is taken to ensure your room is in excellent working order. In the unlikely event that any aspect requires attention, please do not hesitate to contact reception.

PAYMENT FACILITIES

Master Cards and Visa Cards are welcome. Kindly note that cheques are not accepted.

POOL TOWELS

Pool towels are available at the swimming pools.

PORTER

Porter assistance is available. Kindly contact reception should you require support with your luggage.

PETS/DOGS

Pets are not permitted, with the exception of guide dogs.

SAFES

An electronic in-room safe is provided. Please ensure all your personal valuable items are kept in this safe.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Each room is equipped with a safe and secure door lock. The property is guarded on a 24hr basis with controlled gate access.

SMOKING

Designated smoking areas are provided for your convenience. If you are unsure of their locations, please consult reception. Smoking is not permitted in guest rooms.

TELEVISION

Televisions are provided in every room. Should you have any questions or require assistance with the viewing services, please contact reception.

TOILETRIES

Toiletries are provided in your room. Additional items are available at reception upon request.

TRANSPORT AND TRANSFERS

Transportation and transfer arrangements can be made through reception. Our team will be pleased to assist with any requests.

WAKE-UP CALLS

Please contact reception if you would like to arrange a wake-up call.

WATER

The mini bar in your room is stocked with bottled water. Should you require additional bottles, kindly purchase bottled water at The Pumphouse or The Barn.



RESTAURANT & BAR

At Midgard, we believe in exploring and truly indulging in all that nature has to offer. Our garden-to-plate concept showcases freshly harvested vegetables, thoughtfully incorporated into our menu to deliver both flavour and freshness. With this concept, we continue to carry the legacy of whimsical, bountiful farmlife. Our restaurant, The Barn, offers a delicious variety of freshly prepared dishes that are sure to leave you beyond satisfied. At The Pumphouse, savour a curated selection of refreshing alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages in an inviting and relaxed atmosphere.



THE BARN

A barn normally holds the feed and harvest for the entire farm. In the same manner, The Barn is where you can enjoy hearty, home-style dishes alongside tempting sweet treats to complete your meal. Indulge in our special evening meals served with the option of à la carte or buffet-style - depending on occupancy.

As a wing to The Barn, The Stoep also provides you with a change of scenery while still enjoying our delicious menu.

THE PUMPHOUSE

Pumping stations were often used to extract and transport water on farms, a vital necessity. The Pumphouse thus symbolises the need to quench all thirst-related needs from our wide selection of wines and cocktails all the way to our warm, cosy drinks. Settle into a cosy seat and enjoy the drink of your choice in this inviting space.





MEALS SERVED

We take pride in our vegetable garden and our chefs are passionate about showcasing our freshly picked offerings. A variety of dining options are available, ranging from buffets and à la carte selections to lighter meals. We invite you to ask our waiters about the chef's recommendations of the day.

BREAKFAST (06h30 - 09h30)

A combination of cold continental buffet and cooked breakfast selection from The Workshop.

LUNCH (12h30 - 14h30)

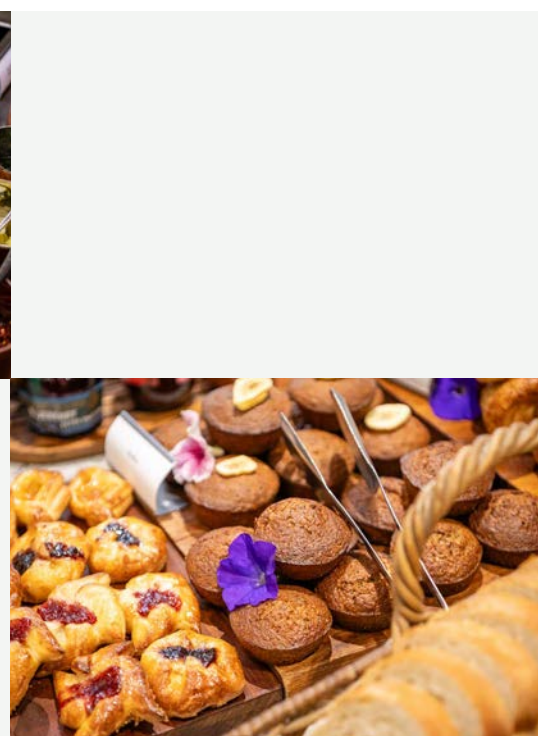
An offering of either a buffet or à la carte, with the focus on light meals.

DINNER (18h30 - 21h30)

Dinner features either a buffet or à la carte dining experience.

THE PUMPHOUSE

Open daily from 10h00 to 24h00.



A TASTE OF HOME

We offer a delicious variety of our homemade, farm-style pickles and jams, available at The Barn. Please feel free to ask our team for assistance.

Our soft, artisan freshly baked bread is one of our favourite recommendations amongst our freshly baked pastries.



ACTIVITIES, ADVENTURE & ENTERTAINMENT

SUNRISE NATURE AND GAME DRIVE

Our enthralling three-hour drive takes you on a journey discovering the wonders of nature and with some luck, you may spot some of our more elusive wildlife. The final stop will take you to a hilltop with scenic views accompanied with coffee or tea, rusks, pastries and refreshing water.



HILLTOP SUNDOWNER

This trip takes you along the Swakop River directly to our hilltop, in time to witness a spectacular Namibian sunset. The journey takes about 20 minutes, with the return after sunset. Included are delectable snacks and drinks.



SUNDOWNER NATURE AND GAME DRIVE

Enjoy a mesmerising three-hour nature drive, perfectly concluded with a stop at the hilltop to witness the famously stunning Namibian sunset. The drive is inclusive of delectable snacks and drinks.



PRIVATE SUNRISE/SUNDOWNER/HILLTOP NATURE AND GAME DRIVES

Please enquire at reception to confirm availability for private drives in our 9-seater open Land Cruiser or 21-seater Mercedes Benz truck.

All activities should please be booked at reception, where availability and rates will be confirmed at the time of reservation.

4X4 AND SELF-DRIVE ROUTES

Explore our farm in the comfort of your own vehicle - 4x4's only. Please report to reception for advice on routes and a map.



HIKING

Please enquire at reception about a map and let us know your intended route so we can ensure your safe return. Always remember to wear closed shoes and take water, sunscreen, a hat and a sense of discovery.



PICNIC EXPERIENCE

Enjoy our tranquil picnic experience with stocked baskets, serene gardens and 6 intimate spots. Perfect for families, friends and couples to relax and create lasting memories. Please make your booking at reception.



SAFARI HORSE RIDING

A farm experience is simply not the same without spending some time on horseback. We offer a variety of experiences, tailored to suit different ages and skill levels. Please make your booking at reception.



MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

There's no better way to connect with nature than on two wheels. Fitness enthusiasts are welcome to enjoy a variety of trails on their mountain bikes. Maps are available at reception - please inform us before attempting the trails. Don't forget your helmets and water!



SVEN'S KEGELBAHN (SKITTLE ALLEY)

Test your bowling skills on our original German Kegelbahn. Open from 10h00 - 23h00 daily. Please book at reception. Charges apply per lane, per hour, with exclusive-use options also available.



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TENNIS COURT

Tennis balls and rackets are available at reception.



CAMELTHORN SPA

Relax and rejuvenate in our tranquil spa, a serene retreat from the bustle of city life. Open daily from 08h00 till 17h00. Booking is available through reception.



GYM

If hiking or cycling does not appeal, you are invited to enjoy our fully equipped gym, conveniently located next to the spa.

Operating Times: 06h00 - 22h00



OUBAAS' AUTO MUSEUM

Werner List was a passionate car enthusiast, always seeking new additions to his collection. This museum showcases some of the vintage, elegant vehicles from the collection.



OUTDOOR CHESS

Challenge your strategic skills in the serene outdoor setting and enjoy a game of chess on our oversized chess board.



KREUZBERG VIEW

Enjoy panoramic views of the farm from the iconic cross at the hilltop. The walk takes approximately 30min. Follow Odin's Trail, which starts behind the Kreuzberg rooms.



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For more information, please contact us

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