



Southern Star Party 2026

Date: Friday, 11 September 2026 – Sunday, 13 September 2026

Venue: Rock Lodge

The Namibia Scientific Society invites you to an astronomical weekend. Whether 1 or 2 nights of looking through telescopes, or looking into the sun, you can ask our specialists about everything in the sky.

We proudly offer you 3 tailor-made packages:

- A whole weekend of stars and planets
- 1 day/night with a packed program (more details below)
- Just a short day/evening visit (more details below)

We strongly advise to download the *Stellarium* app before the event, as there is no internet available on the site.

PROGRAM

Friday, 11 September

Arrival at Rock Lodge from 14h00 (own arrangement)

16h00: Presentations *Stargazing 101* and *Introduction into Stellarium* by Lutz von Dewitz

17h30: Dinner

19h00-19h10: Pre-stargazing talk

19h00-20h00: Laser show stargazing

20h00 till late: Stargazing with telescopes

Saturday, 12 September

09h00: Breakfast

10h00: Official Opening and a presentation by Lutz von Dewitz

Earth, Moon and Sun (Understanding Orbits, Seasons and Moon Phases Through Play)

afterwards Solar Observations

11h30: Personal leisure time

13h00: Light Lunch

15h00: Presentation by Clyde Foster: *Planets: Our neighbors in space*

16h00: Solar Observations and AMT Mobile Planetarium Shows (optional)

17h30: Dinner

19h00: Astrophotography: *From Telescope to Image* by Lutz von Dewitz

19h30 till late: Stargazing

Sunday, 13 September

Breakfast

Departure (own arrangement)

Optional activities are offered by Rock Lodge.



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Option 1

- Friday, 11 September 2026 – Sunday, 13 September 2026
2BB + 2 Dinner (Friday and Saturday) + 1 Light Lunch (Saturday)
Friday arrival from 14h00

Option 2

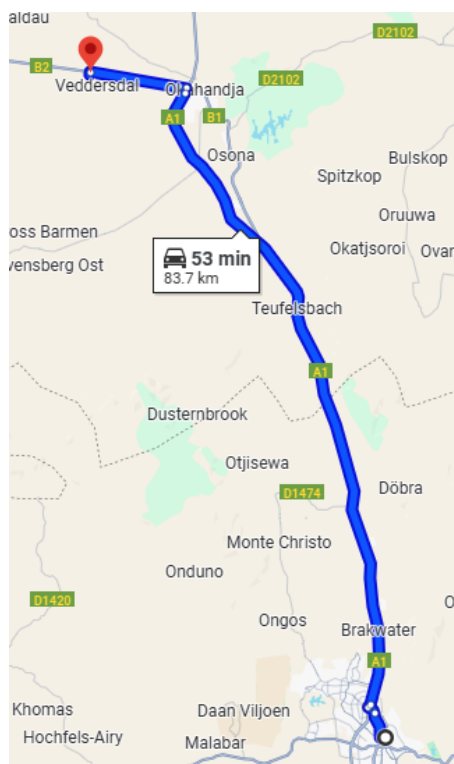
- Saturday, 12 September – Sunday, 13 September 2026
1BB + 1 Dinner (Saturday) + 1 Light Lunch (Saturday)
Saturday arrival from 09h30

Option 3

- Day Visitors: Saturday, 12 September 2026
1 Light Lunch (Saturday) + 1 Dinner (Saturday)
Saturday arrival from 09h30, till 22h00

Important information for the guests:

- Basic accommodation (www.rocklodge.com.na)
- Drinks are on own account
- Only red lights are allowed on the stargazing site
- Wi-Fi Internet access is available at the Lodge
- Stargazing site are accessible by cars
- Also suitable for children supervised by the parents



Direction:

Rock Lodge is nestled in the heart of the Okavango district, just 85km from Windhoek and 12km from Okavango along the B2 road to Swakopmund and accessible also with a sedan.

Please send your booking via email to Namibia Scientific Society info@namscience.com. Bookings will be handled on a "first-come, first-served" basis.