# "Discover Owamboland, a new dawn in tourism" ONGULA HOMESTEAD VILLAGE





ACCOMMODATION

Ongula Village Homestead Lodge is designed to provide a seamless blend between the intricate artwork, vibrant colours and rustic charms of traditional Owambo culture and modern comforts. Accommodation is offered in clay and thatch African huts.

The Lodge boasts **4 Twin Rondawels**, with twin beds, en suite bathroom with shower, a tea and coffee station, water coolers and electricity is supplied by mains power.

**The Family unit** comprises two bedrooms, with a shared bathroom, and a separate entry/hall. One bedroom has a queensized bed and the other has 2 twin beds. All of the other facilities are the same.

The standard rooms offer comfortable, budget accommodation.



## FACILITIES

- Free Wi-Fi (in the main area)
- o Bar & Restaurant
- Voluntourism
- Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa)
- o Ongula Academy

### IN THE ROOM

Water cooler
Tea & Coffee station
Safe

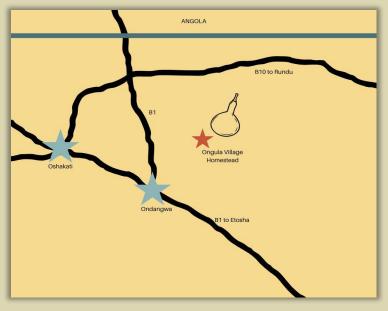
Ongula Village Homestead Lodge was established in 2012. It is the first of its kind, a Lodge located among villages in a live homestead in the far northern region of. Apart from accommodation and culinary experiences the village has been transformed into a **Rural Transformation Centre** integrating tourism with community development and upliftment.

At Ongula Village, we're not just a lodge but a part of the community. Engage in cultural activities, interact with locals, and gain insights into age-old traditions that have shaped this vibrant region. We invite you to embark on a unique journey into the heart of Namibia's rich Ovambo culture. Nestled within an authentic and thriving homestead, Ongula provides immersive cultural experiences that will leave you with a deep appreciation for the traditions and heritage of this remarkable region.

Sustainability at the core of our ethos, and Ongula offers an opportunity to be part of a fair-trade journey that enriches both travelers and the local community.

### More Information:

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## **DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

Ongula Village Homestead is situated about 45 km north-east of Ondangwa.

From the eastern end of Etosha National Park - Namutoni (approximately 230 km or 190 km): drive on the C38 road east until you reach the B1 tarred road. Turn left on to the B1 towards Ondangwa. (230 km). Alternatively drive on the park road from Namutoni, past King Nehale Gate and turn left onto the B1 towards Ondangwa. (190km) Drive on the good tarred B1 road towards Ondangwa. About 8 km before reaching Ondangwa, turn right on to the tarred M121 road, sign-posted to Oniipa and Eenhana. Go to [A] below.

From Ruacana Falls or Ruacana (approximately 230 km): Drive on the tarred C46 towards Oshakati and Ondangwa, then continue on the tarred B1 road east towards Tsumeb. About 8km after leaving Ondangwa, turn left on to the tarred M121 road signposted to Oniipa and Eenhana. Go to [A] below . . . [A] After about 29 km, turn left on to the D3670 gravel road to Eembahu. You will see a sign-post for Ongula Homestead Lodge\*. Follow the gravel road for 4 km, then turn left on to a sandy road. After 300 metres you will arrive at the Lodge on the right-hand side.

\* Please IGNORE any signs using the "Ongula" name seen BEFORE you reach the district road D3670 as described above.

**CO-ORDINATES** 

Lodge -17.741480, 16.141783

## ACTIVITIES

#### Ovambo People Homestead Experience

Discover the Ovambo Homestead experience. Participate in and learn about the Ovambo traditional chores such as pounding mahangu; open-fire cooking; cattle-herding; basket weaving and clay-pot making. These activities will differ from day to day, depending on what is happening in the homestead on any given day.

#### Village Walk

Discover the local homesteads, Mahangu pounding, water sources and native flora. Enjoy a sundowner under a marula tree, surrounded by the voices of the local community.

#### **Donkey Cart Ride**

Embark on a unique and eco-friendly mode of traditional transportation through the picturesque Ovambo landscapes. This activity provides a tranquil and immersive experience that connects you to the land and its people.

#### **Gastronomic Experiences**

Learn the art of preparing traditional Ovambo dishes, using locally sourced ingredients. Immerse yourself in the culinary traditions that have been handed down over generations.

#### **Music, Drum and Dance**

Music, drumming and dance are woven into the fabric of Ovambo culture. These art forms are not just performances, but an expression of identity, celebration and story-telling.

