

# Onjala Village

HOMESTEAD LODGE

## Community Volunteering Brochure





## About Ongula

Ongula Village Homestead Lodge is build alongside an active Homestead in the North of Namibia between Ondangwa and Eenhana. The directors of the lodge, Hilya Nghiwete and her husband Veiccoh initiated the Ongula Volunteer project in 2016. With a passion in education and a great dedication, Hilya and Veiccoh intended to found a program to foster and support learners as well as young adults with teaching and life skills. The major aim is to pave the way for the future leaders of the country and to create new opportunities and a brighter way of life, for the participants in the project.

## Social Project

As a volunteer, you are an essential part of the project team, assisting our efforts in providing children and youth with a better education and a brighter future. Throughout this experience you will have rewarding opportunities to help with preparations, implementations and supports of learning activities.

It is fundamental to programs in the project at Ongula Village Homestead Lodge, that volunteers participate in the extended community of the local area and work closely with the villagers . It is an experience that enables you to discover first hand Namibian culture, making your own contribution to the host community.



As part of our social responsibility towards Ongula we support communities and initiate or provide the necessary foundation to the future leaders of tomorrow. At the moment we support the school children from Kauluma Combined School at our village and the youth / young adults from the neighborhood.

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



### 1. Educational Program

You as Volunteer will assist to plan and implement fun and educational games which implicitly have an emphasis on developing important life skills such as team work and leadership. You will be involved in homework support, English proficiency and mathematic lessons.

This takes place at the Ongula Community Centre, which can accommodate up to 50 students.



On school days the program is a full day program that will start just after breakfast at 08H00. During school holidays activities may differ from the usual schedule but the work will be equally engaging and rewarding.

## 2. Computer Literacy Program

Our students do hardly have enough experience in using computers. So we designed a Computer Literacy Program to teach local children and young adults on skills in computers and technology. The program educates them essential computer skills such as basic PC literacy, word processing and internet use. Tasks such as essay writing, internet research and media presentations will be done on local topics in Namibian and African history. The ultimate goal is to improve necessary skills in technology and involve critical thinking to advance today's youth in their future educational and career pursuits. You as volunteer have a crucial role to achieve this goal.





## A TYPICAL DAY IN YOUR LIFE AS A VOLUNTEER ON THIS PROJECT.

Here is an example of a weekday on the project. This serves as a guideline only and we ask that you remain flexible as itineraries may change to best serve the community.

07H00	Rise & Shine! Breakfast time.
07H40	Morning briefing. Get your learning materials for the day. Go to your work stations, either at the site or to the nearby school.
08H00	Program start.
12H00	End of the morning program. Enjoy your lunch.
14H30	Start of the afternoon program.
17H00	Closing time! Evaluate the day's activities and discuss the schedule for the following day, with your colleagues.
19H00	Dinner is ready! Afterwards volunteers often relax, unwind around the area, read a book or sit at the traditional sitting room.



## PACKAGE

The package includes transfer from / to Ondangwa, accommodation in a shared yurt, 3 meals per day, laundry service & support from your program coordinator.

The program costs do not include flights & visas, personal travel insurances, transfer from / to Windhoek, all items of personal nature (souvenirs, gifts, clothing, toiletries etc.) and snacks, soft drinks as well as alcoholic beverages.

You will be provided with three meals a day. Breakfast is on a help yourself basis consisting of bread, tea / coffee and bread spreads. Lunch (local cuisine) and dinner (local cuisine) will be prepared for you by our lodge chefs.

Package	US\$	€	N\$
1 Month	840	710	11.200
2 Months	1.680	1.420	22.400
3 Months	2.520	2.130	33.600

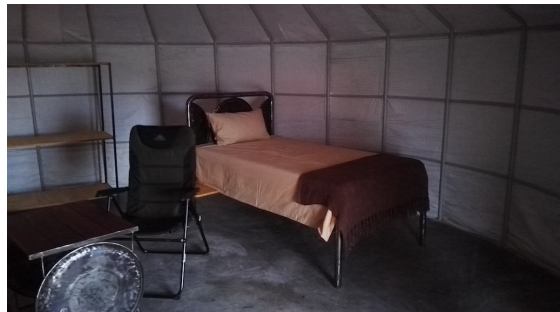
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## ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying in a basic furnished yurt situated at the campsite area at the lodge. The accommodation is on a secure property and is comfortable and spacious place to call home while on your project.

All bedding and towels are provided. You will share your room with 1-3 other volunteers as one yurt caters for 4 and bathrooms are communal (cold water only). Wi-Fi is at the lodge only. We have small lock-up safe, where we can keep your valuables.





## LOCATION

Ongula Village Homestead Lodge is strategically situated between Ondangwa (one of the oldest towns in the northern region) and Eenhana, built alongside an active Owambo Homestead (or Village).

We are reachable from Windhoek with Intercaple bus (to Ondangwa) and with Air Namibia from Eros airport to Ondangwa.

([www.intercape.co.za](http://www.intercape.co.za) or [www.airnamibia.com](http://www.airnamibia.com) )

Once you have made the arrangement for travelling to the north, please provide us with the arrival information so we can organise your pick up.

If you combine you volunteering with sightseeing holidays , you might travel with your own car - please see directions below:

From Ondangwa:

Depart from Ondangwa on the tarred road B1 in south/easterly direction, after 8 kms turn left onto the tarred road M121 in the direction of Oniipa/ Eenhana. Drive for 29 km (shortly after the sign 40 km Eenhana) turn left onto the gravel road D3670 to Eembahu. You will see a sign post for Ongula Village Homestead Lodge. Follow the gravel road for 4 kms and then turn left onto a sandy road. After 300 meters you will find the Lodge on the right-hand side.

From Etosha National Park:

8 km before Ondangwa turn right into M121 junction of Oniipa- Onandjokwe- Oshigambo - Eenhana road and keep on a straight course on the tarmac road 29 km until you reach the signage post D3670 to Eembahu. Turn left at the signage post onto the gravel road and drive 4 km. Turn left into the sandy road and drive 400 meters to the Lodge, which is situated on the right-hand side.

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Please feel free to contact our volunteer coordinator if you have any questions about the different projects or if you would like to get more information.

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We hope to hear from you soon.