

Ongava Game Reserve
-Nature First-





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Inspiring, soulful, essential.
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THIS IS ONGAVA

Nature First at Ongava

From inception Ongava Game Reserve committed to 'Nature First', striving to conserve biodiversity, providing a safe haven for rare and endangered species and, through understanding, protecting natural resources for the future of the planet.

In 1991, several unproductive cattle ranches in Northern Namibia were turned into a prolific 30,000-hectare private game reserve that is now a sanctuary for wildlife. Sharing a common boundary with Etosha National Park, Ongava is considered one of the finest private game reserves in the region, enjoying global recognition for exceptional conservation, ground-breaking research and exciting safari experiences.

WELCOME TO ONGAVA

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differently...

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At Ongava, you'll find a fresh perspective on life. Experience the surprising mix of peace and adrenaline, the quiet of the bush and the sudden burst of energy as wild animals congregate at waterholes; this is the magic of the African bush, where you experience the unexpected.

Ongava is one of the largest private game reserves in Namibia, with over 125 square miles to explore. A plethora of life, from the largest elephant to its relative the small rock hyrax, plus lions, black and white rhinos, giraffe, and black faced impala are at home on the reserve. Climb into an open vehicle for game drives on Ongava and into neighbouring Etosha National Park to view the astonishing variety of life found in this spectacular environment.

Our experienced guides share with their guests an intimate knowledge of the wildlife and the land that is part of their natural heritage. Rhino approaches on foot in the company of our trained guides is a part of our quintessential African adventure.

Guests can visit the Ongava Research Centre's Visitor Centre, enjoy wellness treatments, observe nature from the viewing hides, search the Ongava Research Centre Information Service, join guided nature walks, or simply lounge by the pool or relax on your private deck. These are some of the wonderful ways to enjoy and reflect on your journey of a lifetime.



Colophospermum mopane

Colophospermum mopane, commonly called mopane, is derived from the Greek word *Colophospermum* which means 'oily seed' and *mopane*, the Shona word for butterfly, referring to the shape of its leaves.

When you are surrounded by mopane trees, you are in Africa, as the tree only occurs on this continent. Mopane trees are an example of nature's adaptation to a varied, and at times, harsh environment. Species richness and levels of endemism are high in this ecoregion, especially in comparison with the arid deserts to the west.

Evocative of Africa's wild places the Mopane tree belt, with its distinctive butterfly shaped leaves, extends from Angola in the north and the Zambezi in the east, spreading down through Etosha National Park and into Ongava.

Mopane trees are an essential resource for both people and wildlife. While elephants utilize almost every part of the mopane tree, the habitat supports other large herbivores, including the critically endangered black rhino.



At home in this ecoregion, nestled in the mountains and plains surrounding Etosha National Park, Ongava Game Reserve protects this land while providing visitors with the ultimate in accommodation, offering comfort, luxury and a connection to the earth.

Each lodge on Ongava has its own unique style, layout and atmosphere; but all offer the same wonderful sense of luxurious seclusion. Built from local materials in traditional fashion, they blend tastefully into the surrounding landscape, allowing visitors to feel at one with nature.

Spacious lounge areas, reflecting the colours and textures of the African bush, invite guests to relax, enjoy a drink from the bar, or simply gaze out into the distance and be surprised as Ongava's spectacular wildlife emerges from the bush.

Every guest suite is individually designed and appointed to the highest levels of quality and comfort, and our dedicated guides and catering staff are always available to ensure that your stay at Ongava is unforgettable.



Photography : Stefan Redecker | Anderssons at Ongava

ANDERSSONS AT ONGAVA

Anderssons at Ongava links the past, present and future of eco-tourism in one memorable, luxurious experience for our guests. Generously proportioned suites with expansive views across the landscape and an underground hide with a water level view of the animal and birdlife on Ongava Game Reserve, Anderssons at Ongava provides a setting that inspires intimacy without intrusion and a stunning connection to the wild.

As the base for the Ongava Research Centre (ORC), Anderssons at Ongava provides an interactive hub for guests to learn about conservation science, where cutting edge technology meets hands on, field-based research.

A lot of fundamental ecological processes are poorly understood, this is our challenge: finding answers for what we should, but don't know. Through refining existing tools, and advancing them, ORC is merging modern technology with traditional field-based research to answer important ecological questions.



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ANDERSSONS AT ONGAVA THE DETAILS

ROOMS

Nine spacious solid build en-suites with separate toilet, indoor and outdoor shower, double vanity basin, of which seven twin-bedded suites have two three quarter beds and one family unit that consists of two identical suites, each room with two three quarter beds and their own bathroom and entrance.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

The natural stone and spacious solid build with innovative roof structure, private viewing deck with 180 degree panorama, television monitor offering 24hour live views of the waterhole, air-conditioning, mosquito net, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, electronic safe and 220V power.

YOUR LODGE EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Undercover and open-air dining area, a spacious lounge with waterhole views, curio shop, library, infinity edge pool, water level viewing hide, Wi-Fi service, and a dedicated guide and shared game drive vehicle (private vehicle and guide bookings are available).

ACTIVITIES ON SITE (SOME MAY BE SEASONAL)

Bird watching, game drive, game viewing, nature walks, rhino approaching, viewing hide and access to Ongava Research Centre Information Service and Visitor Centre.



Photography : Stefan Redecker | Ongava Lodge

ONGAVA LODGE

Ongava Lodge is one of Namibia's premier lodges on one of the country's most important private game reserves. This is where it all began, where land was reclaimed and eco-tourism in Namibia was redefined. Perched on a ridge with seemingly endless views across the plains, Ongava Lodge's air-conditioned brick, rock and thatch chalets, each with en-suite facilities, offer a relaxing retreat in the African bush.

Gather at the main thatched dining area and enjoy a drink at the bar while watching wildlife, including rare and endangered species, congregate and interact at the floodlit waterhole.



Photography : Stefan Redecker | Ongava Lodge

ONGAVA LODGE THE DETAILS

ROOMS

Fourteen twin-bedded en-suite rock chalets with double basins, plus indoor and outdoor showers, of which thirteen chalets have two three quarter beds and one family chalet consisting of two bedrooms, each with two three quarter beds, and their own bathroom and entrance. The two units are linked with a small vestibule.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Rock chalets under thatch, private viewing deck, air conditioning, overhead fans, tea/coffee, hairdryers and 220V power.

YOUR LODGE EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Thatched dining area and bar plus waterhole views, swimming pool, curio shop, Wi-Fi service, a dedicated guide and shared game drive vehicle (private vehicle and guide bookings are available).

ACTIVITIES ON SITE (SOME MAY BE SEASONAL)

Bird watching, game drives, game viewing, nature walks, rhino approaching, wellness treatments, viewing hide and access to Ongava Research Centre Information Service and Visitor Centre.



Photography : Stefan Redecker | Little Ongava Lodge

LITTLE ONGAVA

Designed for privacy, luxury and an intimacy with the land, Little Ongava is set on a high hill with pristine views across the plains. A long boardwalk meanders over rocks and trees, connecting the beautiful main lounge and dining area with the secluded and breathtaking thatch roofed villas.

Each villa is like a home, featuring a large sitting room with a fireplace, a private deck, infinity pool and sala. The overall impression is one of pure natural indulgence indoors, surrounded by untamed nature outdoors.



Photography: Stefan Redecker | Little Ongava Lodge

LITTLE ONGAVA THE DETAILS

ROOMS

Three luxury en-suite villas with double basins and bathtub, plus indoor and outdoor showers, of which one luxury villa has a king-size bed and two luxury villas have two three quarter beds that can be converted into king-size beds.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Rock, wood and glass luxury suites under thatch, private plunge pool and sala, air conditioning in the rooms, sitting room and viewing deck, veranda, fireplace, bar-fridge, safe, tea/coffee, hairdryers and 220V power.

YOUR LODGE EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Thatched/outdoor dining area with waterhole views, Wi-Fi service, a dedicated guide and shared game drive vehicle (private vehicle and guide bookings are available).

ACTIVITIES ON SITE (SOME MAY BE SEASONAL)

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Photography : Stefan Redecker | Ongava Tented Camp

ONGAVA TENTED CAMP

Immersed in the African Mopane bush, Ongava Tented Camp is a natural extension of this wild, wonderful landscape. Large, comfortable walk-in tents with views across to a prolific waterhole are evocative of this classic African safari.

During the day, rock hyrax and squirrels dart across your path; while at night, lions may prowl these same footpaths.

This wild place also affords intimate spaces to relax. All meals are enjoyed in the thatched dining area where a pool area affords an intimate view of the waterhole. Share a drink and the sunset in the close company of lion, eland, waterbuck, kudu and other fascinating animals as part of your ultimate safari experience.



Photography : Stefan Redecker | Ongava Tented Camp

ONGAVA TENTED CAMP THE DETAILS

ROOMS

Eight en-suite canvas tents with double basins, plus indoor and outdoor showers, six of which are twin tents with two three quarter beds, one double tent with one queen-size bed and one family unit consisting of two identical bedrooms, each with two three quarter beds, and their own bathroom and entrance, linked by a short, curved walkway.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Classic Meru-style tents with double doors, covered veranda, a safe, ceiling fans, mosquito net, tea/coffee and 220V power.

YOUR LODGE EXPERIENCE INCLUDES

Stone and thatched dining area, bar and deck with campfire and waterhole views, curio shop, Wi-Fi service, swimming pool, a dedicated guide and shared game drive vehicle (private vehicle and guide bookings are available).

ACTIVITIES ON SITE (SOME MAY BE SEASONAL)

Bird watching, game drives, game viewing, nature walks, rhino approaching and access to Ongava Research Centre Information Service and Visitor Centre.



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ONGAVA RESEARCH CENTRE

Ongava is committed to 'Nature First', striving to restore biodiversity, provide a safe haven for rare and endangered species and, through understanding, protect natural resources for the future of the planet.

Ongava Research Centre (ORC) is a vital part of this mission. Cutting edge research into the genetics of Ongava's rhino population is just one example of how the work being done at Ongava is making a difference to conservation not only in Namibia but also throughout Africa.

The expansion of the ORC on a new campus, which includes an interactive Visitor Centre, ushers in an exciting new era where visiting and resident scientists will delve deeper into understanding the ecological processes and biodiversity on Ongava Game Reserve and the surrounding area.

Much of ORC's focus will be on wildlife and plant ecology, studying such topics as animal population sizes, interactions between species, and animal movements. ORC also strives to develop new methods to document the natural world and its processes. Not least, research will explore linkages between poverty and environmental degradation, particularly in rural areas.

At Ongava, our goal is to use this understanding to make a positive impact on the planet, its wildlife and its people. That is truly Nature First.

You can find out more about our work at www.orc.com.na



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ONGAVA INFORMATION SYSTEM AND VISITOR CENTRE

Embracing our place in the great, symbiotic circle of life is part of the Ongava experience, where acceptance comes with understanding. This is why Ongava has gone to great lengths to develop exciting new ways of sharing information with our guests.

It starts when you log on to Ongava's complimentary Wi-Fi and land on our new digital Information Service (IS) page. This is the gateway to a curated archive of published research findings relevant to the region, including information on Ongava and Etosha's geography, research programmes and activities, publications about Ongava, Etosha and the great Cuvelai Basin, interesting news, facts and photographs, and Ongava Game Reserve's trees, mammals, birds and reptile species lists.

Ongava's IS system is designed to run on browsers, tablets and smartphones while connected to Ongava's network, providing information, answers and inspiration for new questions at your fingertips.



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ONGAVA INFORMATION SYSTEM AND VISITOR CENTRE

To advance our mission, Ongava has also supported the expansion of the Ongava Research Centre on a new campus. The developments include a Visitor Centre, offices, laboratories and storage for research, and accommodation for students and scientists. Two percent of Ongava's visitor income is paid directly to help fund the Centre and its research on Ongava and the surrounding area.

Interface with science, research and our guests takes place across Anderssons, part of this experience is an immersion into the world of natural history and science at the new Ongava Visitor Centre. With dozens of in-depth displays that feature information on the geology, animals, plants and ecological functioning of this fascinating region, guests are encouraged to meander through the self-guided exhibition area. While, at night, the dark skies make for the perfect introduction to astronomy. Using an app-controlled telescope, guests are introduced to thrilling views of the celestial bodies.

The Ongava Visitor Centre and the IS are unique, providing top class information beyond anything offered by other tourist destinations in Namibia and probably some way beyond.



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ONGAVA GAME RESERVE
SHARING THE SPIRIT OF THE WILD

If you have been fortunate enough to spend time in the wilderness, you will know that nature inspires, enlightens and heals. Nature teaches us humility. It connects us to the bigger world and helps us to reconnect with ourselves.

At Ongava, we understand the power in making a connection to nature, and that is why we are helping to make the dream of an African safari possible for others who care about the planet and their fellow man.

For the past twenty years, Ongava shareholders have been sharing the spirit of the wild by providing over five hundred complimentary lodge nights a year to charitable organizations that positively impact education, the arts and health care so that both the charity and the successful bidders receive the benefits of giving and the inspiration that comes from nature.





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