



ONGAVA RESEARCH CENTRE (ORC) and ONGAVA VISITOR CENTRE (OVC)

Completed in 2019

The Ongava Visitor Centre is open all year round.
Opens during Breakfast hours. Closes after dinner.

VISITING CHARGE

The Ongava Visitor Centre (OVC) is exclusively available to all Ongava resident guests and is inclusive in the rate for both FI and DBB basis.

LOCATION

The Ongava Research Centre (ORC) campus is located at the 30-000 hectare private Ongava Game Reserve in northern Namibia along the southern boundary of the Etosha National Park, ORC shares the same site as the Anderssons at Ongava lodge, the Visitor Centre is within walking distance from the area.

ACCESS

Ongava Game Reserve guests have fee access to the exhibition area; however, the camp manager will suggest the best timing for an accompanied viewing of the Ongava Visitor Centre.

The Ongava Research Centre is where resident scientists are at home in the lab and within the Game Reserve.

Guest interface with the science and research primarily takes place at the Visitor Centre, where guests are encouraged to meander through the self-guided exhibition area. The adjacent 36-seat auditorium is designed for the interactive presentation and discussions.

Ongava Research Centre Coordinates:

19.20.37.0S Latitude

15.53.55.7E Longitude

CHILD POLICY

- All ages of children are welcome.
- The guide and manager may at their discretion decide and assign on restrictions for children.

About ONGAVA RESEARCH CENTRE (ORC)*

Renowned for its biodiversity, Ongava Game Reserve boasts an incredible variety of fauna and flora, including successful breeding populations of both black (*Diceros bicornis bicornis*) and white (*Ceratotherium simum simum*) rhinoceros; and one of the largest and most important breeding populations of rare black-faced impala (*Aepyceros melampus petersi*) outside Etosha.

With many 1000's of animals to study (including almost 100 different mammal species plus a diverse range of birds and reptiles) it also provides the perfect 'living laboratory' for some serious wildlife research!



ORC is a privately funded facility devoted to the scientific study of all parts of the ecosystem at Ongava and exists for us to learn more about the endangered species and the fragile environment in which they live.

ORC's ongoing rhino DNA study is a particularly successful science programme that contributes to the well-being of the species. There are many more ways in which ORC utilises science and technology to help preserve Ongava's ecology.

Through improving our understanding of nature, smarter decision-making enables us to contribute to maintaining Namibia's precious natural heritage for future generations.

Conducting research and applying science has been ORC's mandate since 2003. The next phase of Ongava's commitment to the study of the natural world is based at the purpose-built ORC campus including accommodations for resident and visiting scientists and researchers, along with the laboratories, offices and related resources that support their mission to strengthen and broaden its research mandate.

The Ongava Visitor Centre provides an innovative opportunity for Ongava's Guests to explore deeper and further in the fields of conservation and sustainability, at times contributing to human knowledge through citizen science.

Opportunities to interface with the science and research will chiefly take place at the Visitor Centre, where at their leisure, guests are encouraged to meander through the self-guided exhibition area. Exhibits based on themes such as Biodiversity, Sustainability, Origins, Evolution and Futures are selected for their significance to conservation and for enhancing our knowledge of the natural world. The adjacent 36-seat auditorium is designed for interactive presentations and discussions.

Private Events at ONGAVA RESEARCH CENTRE

Please enquire about using Ongava Visitor Centre facilities for hosting events, workshops, and meetings related to science and conservation.

Ongava Game Reserve

On the southern boundary of Etosha National Park and forming a buffer to the Park lies Ongava Game Reserve, a 30 000-hectare (74 129-acre) private reserve. It is a haven to large concentrations of wildlife: notably lion, wildebeest, springbok, gemsbok, Hartmann's mountain zebra, red hartebeest, giraffe, eland and the largest population of the endemic black-faced impala outside of Etosha. The Reserve is also known for the successful reintroduction of white and black rhino. Ongava also provides easy access to the prime game viewing areas of central Etosha, Namibia's flagship national park.

* Ongava reserves the right to make amendments without prior notice