

# Ongula Village Homestead

Region: Ohangwena (North Central Namibia)  
Category: Bed and Breakfast  
Rooms: 4  
Website: [www.ongula.com](http://www.ongula.com)



Two Accommodation Huts and the Main Building



Inside a Rondawel - stylish and pleasant luxury

## In Brief

*Situated in the heart of Owamboland, a stone's throw from Ondangwa, north of Etosha National Park, the people of Ongula Village Homestead invite you to experience their world and traditional life-style!*

*Adjacent to a live homestead, four luxury Rondawels (African-style round huts) accommodate up to eight guests who will take part in daily tasks, savour local culinary delights and drinks and learn local arts and crafts.*

***Discover Owambo, a new dawn!***



Everyone helps to bring in the crop of millet (Mahangu)



The Lounge area in the Main Building

## Overview

Ongula Village Homestead is strategically situated between Ondangwa (one of the oldest towns in the northern region of Namibia) and Eenhana, alongside a traditional live Owambo Homestead (or Village).

Ongula is the first property in Namibia to offer visitors and travellers a realistic introduction to the centuries old lifestyle and culture of the Owambo people.

Here guests will be shown, and can participate in, routine tasks such as harvesting and preparing grain, working with livestock or cooking on an open fire, and serving local traditional meals and drinks, gaining as they do so an intimate insight into life in this region.

There may also be opportunities to discover aspects of life beyond the daily chores - to witness local events and ceremonies such as a traditional wedding or court proceedings, to visit open-air markets or local small-scale business ventures where the changes brought about by the relentless march of technology can be seen in its impact on traditional customs, beliefs and quality of life.

This is a unique opportunity to learn first-hand how ancient tribal life is coming to terms with the 21st century, and living successfully with it.

We welcome you to experience our world!





Pounding the Mahangu



Sunset at Ongula

## Accommodation and Facilities

Ongula Village Homestead comprises the lounge, bar and dining area with the luxury accommodation units close by, all in a secure compound, adjacent to the live Homestead itself. During the day, guests will interact with the residents, working with them and learning from them, often on a one-to-one basis.

- ◆ **Four Luxury Rondawels** (African style round thatched huts).
- ◆ Each Rondawel is uniquely decorated and has twin beds.
- ◆ En-suite shower facilities (shower, washbasin, WC).
- ◆ Tea / Coffee station.
- ◆ Mains electricity and power sockets.
- ◆ **Facilities:**
- ◆ **Live Homestead:** a living example of a traditional Owambo village right next door.
- ◆ **Central Building** houses Bar, Lounge with TV and Dining Area.
- ◆ **Boma:** the open fireplace for socialising before or after dinner.
- ◆ **Onzimbogo:** an underground cave used for making Pottery.
- ◆ **Wi-Fi**

## Activities

- ◆ Participation in the traditional chores such as pounding mahangu; open-fire cooking; cattle-herding; basket weaving and clay-pot making.
- ◆ An experienced craftsman/woman will assist you to create a gift that you can take away with you.
- ◆ Learning about and participating in Owambo traditional chores around the homestead.

### Day trips can be arranged to:

- ◆ **Nakambale Museum** - a legacy of the Finnish Missionaries who brought Christianity to Namibia.
- ◆ **Onankali Mahangu 'Pearl Millet'** Paper project.
- ◆ **Oonte bottle recycling project** for 450 orphaned and vulnerable children in the Ondangwa area. An ideal opportunity for Volunteer Tourism.
- ◆ Attend the communal court proceedings.
- ◆ Visit Ondangwa's open craft market.
- ◆ Tour other villages in the neighbourhood.
- ◆ Enjoy a sundowner at a local '**shebeen**' (pub).

## Driving Directions

Ongula Village Homestead is situated 35 km from the B1 main road which runs from Windhoek via the eastern end of Etosha (Namutoni) to Ondangwa then north towards Angola. From the west, the C46 is an excellent tarred road from Ruacana and Ruacana Falls which joins the B1 at Ondangwa.

### From Etosha National Park (Namutoni or King Nehale Gates):

Drive north-west along the B1 towards Ondangwa. About 8 km before reaching Ondangwa, turn right on to M121, sign-posted to Oniipa, Onandjokwe, Oshigambo, Eenhana. Drive to the end of the tarred road, and continue on the gravel road for about 6 km, then turn left into a feeder road sign-posted to Ongula Village Homestead. Drive for 4 km and you will reach Ongula Village Homestead. Distance: approximately 240 km.

### From Ruacana Falls or Ruacana:

Drive on the C46 towards Oshakati and Ondangwa. At Ondangwa take the B1 east towards Tsumeb. About 8 km after Ondangwa, turn left on to M121 sign-posted to Oniipa, Onandjokwe, Oshigambo, Eenhana. Drive to the end of the tarred road, and continue on the gravel road for about 6 km, then turn left into a feeder road sign-posted to Ongula Village Homestead. Drive for 4 km and you will reach Ongula Village Homestead. Distance approximately 250 km.

**Directions by Air:** Scheduled services fly daily, mornings and afternoons, from Eros Airport in Windhoek into Ondangwa Airport.

**Lodge Co-ordinates:** -17.741480, 16.141783 • S 17° 44' 29.33" E 016° 08' 30.42"

■ Restaurant

■ Wi-Fi

■ Credit Cards welcome

■ Bar

■ TV



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