

# ONGAVA GAME RESERVE ONGAVA TENTED CAMP

## **RATE SEASONS**

Low season: 01 December to 30 June High season: 01 July to 30 November

# **RATE BASIS**

Fully Inclusive (FI) - includes accommodation, all meals, twice daily scheduled camp activities, park fees, all local drinks and laundry. Excluded from the rate are premium imported brands and champagne, gratuities, curio purchases and any other items of a personal nature.

Request more information about the Ongava Visitor Centre whilst in camp.

## LOCATION

The 30-000 hectare private Ongava Game Reserve is situated in northern Namibia along the southern boundary of the Etosha National Park, south of Okaukuejo with Ombika Gate being the closest access to Etosha.

## **ACCESS**

**Self-Drive Basis** The camp can be accessed by road; however, guests may not do self-drive activities in our private concession areas. Parking in camp at own risk.

Closer to the time of travel, we recommend that you contact your travel consultant with regards to road conditions which may be affected by seasonal changes, e.g. high rains.

# **Ongava Tented Camp Coordinates:**

19.20.0.29S Latitude 15.47.55.7E Longitude

# Fly-In Basis

Airstrip Name: Ongava Airstrip

Duration to Camp: Approximately 15-minute road transfer (depending on wildlife

sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities along the way)

Airstrip Coordinates: S19 19 44 Latitude E15 54 05 Longitude

These GPS coordinates are for the purposes of locating and plotting

our airstrips on Google Earth only.

Altitude/Elevation: 3 774 feet Runway Length: 1 700 metres

Runway Heading: 07/25 Airstrip Surface: Calcrete

Airstrip Services: Anderssons at Ongava, Ongava Lodge, Little Ongava,

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Aircraft Type: Our airstrip is restricted to "At Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command

discretion" to operations for aircraft types having maximum certified take-off weight (MTOW) of 5700kg or less. For more detailed information, please contact your travel consultant.

The Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command needs to sign our Indemnity, Waiver and

Disclaimer policy for authorization to land at our airstrip. In addition, the

Owner/Operator/Pilot in Command is required to acknowledge the preferred supplier and



self-fly-in information notice. Please consult your travel consultant, as all procedures need to be finalized in advance.

Ongava Game Reserve makes no representation whatsoever regarding the suitability of the aerodrome, its safety and/or its fitness for purposes of use by any type of aircraft under any conditions. The Company warrants that it will make enquiries with the relevant Aviation Authorities regarding the suitability of any aerodrome for any particular type of aircraft and activity. Any information provided to the Company shall not amount to or imply a representation by Ongava Game Reserve as to suitability or fitness for purpose.

# **HABITAT & WILDLIFE**

#### **Etosha Pan**

Etosha Pan is the result of a geological shift that dramatically changed the course of the Kunene River. Its 5 000 km² / 1 930 sq. miles (120 km / 75 miles across and 55 km / 34 miles from north to south) were formerly an ancient lake. Today the Pan is mostly bone dry, the stark, parched white surface giving the Pan its Herero name, "Great White Place." The edges of the Pan give way to a surprising variety of vegetation types: from woodland and broad swathes of mopane, to open acacia-strewn plains and grasslands. Fringing the Pan are a number of productive waterholes that sustain the high density of large mammal fauna, from elephant and lion to vast herds of springbok, wildebeest, zebra, giraffe and gemsbok.

# **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.

# **Game Viewing**

Guests at Ongava Game Reserve have the opportunity to view game both on Ongava and in neighbouring Etosha National Park. Large herds of plains game concentrate around the waterholes in the dry season, making for exciting wildlife viewing. Most general wildlife species are present on Ongava Reserve as well as within Etosha, including springbok, gemsbok, wildebeest, Burchell's zebra, Hartmann's mountain zebra, waterbuck, red hartebeest, giraffe, eland and the endemic black-faced impala. Lion move between the Park and the reserve and both black and white rhino can be seen.

# **Birding**

Birdlife is prolific on Ongava with 340 species including Ostrich, Kori Bustard, White-tailed Shrike, Short- toed Rock Thrush, Hartlaub's Francolin, Rüppell's Parrot and raptors, such as Greater Kestrel, in abundance. Local specials include Namaqua Sandgrouse, Doublebanded Courser, Yellow-bellied Eremomela, Spike-heeled Lark and Acacia Pied Barbet.

# **ACTIVITIES**

- Day and night game drives on Ongava Game Reserve in 4 x 10-seater open 4x4 Land Cruisers. Each Land Cruiser accommodates a maximum of 7 guests allowing each guest to have an outside seat.
- Half day excursions into Etosha National Park and full day excursions with a picnic (on request).



- Guided nature walks on the Ongava Game Reserve (seasonal & subject to qualified walking guide being available)
- White rhino can be approached on foot, guest minimum age 16 years (seasonal & subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide)
- Private activities available on request (subject to availability and additional cost applicable)
- Stargazing
- Hide for viewing and photography
- Hot water bottles (during winter and on early morning game drives only) and lined ponchos are provided on game drives.

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## **CAMP DESIGN & FACILITIES**

- Stone and thatched main area consisting of bar, dining room and open deck with campfire overlooking a small floodlit waterhole
- Computer station in the main area including complimentary Wi-Fi access
- Adaptor charging facilities in the main area
- Swimming pool in main area
- Library
- Curio Shop
- During winter a gas heater is stationed in the main area and chenille blankets are provided during dinner

# **ACCOMMODATION**

#### **Number Of Tents**

This camp can accommodate 16 guests and 02 children plus 04 guide/pilot/tour leaders sharing, subject to concession numbers and / or concession availability.

8 x tents in total comprising:

- 6 x twin-bedded canvas tents each with two three quarter beds
- 1 x double canvas tent with one gueen-size bed
- 1 x family canvas unit with two three quarter beds in each bedroom (consists of 2 identical rooms at an angle to each other, with their own bathroom and entrance, linked by a short curved walkway)
- A total of 05 mattress converters are available that transforms the twin beds into king-size beds. To be arranged prior to arrival.
- Plus, guide/pilot/tour leader accommodation comprising: 02 x twin-bedded rooms each with two three quarter beds and shared en-suite facilities (not of the same standard as a guest room)

Ongava Tented Camp can accommodate 16 guests plus tour leader or 18 guests in a group. It can be combined with Ongava Lodge and/or Little Ongava to increase capacity for a group.

## **Unit Description**

- Canvas tented rooms on a raised deck, double doors and gravel walkways on the ground
- Each room comprises of open plan en-suite facilities with flush toilet, vanity basin, indoor and outdoor shower, mosquito net, writing desk and chair, easy chair, luggage rack, tea & coffee making facilities and an electronic safe
- No air-conditioning, however, a strong 220v standing fan is in the room
- During winter hot water bottles and extra blankets are provided



Bath robes, liquid soap, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, body lotion, room spray, insect repellents, washing powder (for smalls), sewing kit, shower caps, cotton-tip swabs, cotton balls, tissues dispensers, umbrella and laundry bag are supplied in each tent.

## **ELECTRICITY & WATER**

- Power is supplied from the National grid.
- Fans and lights in tents powered by 220V.
- There are 220V electrical plug power points in the rooms. It is therefore possible to charge batteries as well as use appliances such as sleep apnea machines, hairdryers or electric shavers during your stay. Please bring spare batteries.
- Solar-heated water for showers
- In major cities all electrical appliances run on 220/240V. Outlets are round 3-pin, 15-amp plugs. While some camps can supply adaptors (3-prong round, 3-prong square, 2-prong round, 2-prong flat), it is advisable that you carry your own.

# **EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY**

Morning wake-up and activity times vary according to the seasons, activities on offer and wildlife sightings.

- Early morning wake-up call
- Light breakfast before departing on the morning activity
- Return to camp for a meal and rest period.
- Meet for afternoon tea before departing on the activity.
- Return to camp to freshen up or meet for drinks, followed by dinner and thereafter, perhaps a nightcap.

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# **CHILD POLICY**

- Children between 0 to 5 years old must book and pay on sole use of the entire camp / lodge.
- Children from 6 years and older are accommodated at the property
- Children between 6 and 16 years must share with an adult/s in the same room.
- Triple share accommodation is on a request basis and only allowed for children 16 years and under sharing with adults not for three adults sharing. Guests must accept that there is usually an impact on space and comfort in the case of triple share accommodation.
- Children 12 years and younger are required to book and pay for private activities (unless the camp is booked and paid for on exclusive use).
- 13 years old and older: No private vehicle booking necessary.
- The minimum age for walking activities is 13 years. The minimum age requirement for rhino approaching and photographic hide on Ongava Game Reserve is 16 years in Namibia.
- Providing a copy of the children's passport / identity card or birth certificate or similar that contains name and date of birth is required.
- After sunset, there is no walking between the tents and main area allowed.

# LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Laundry is provided daily (weather permitting) and included on the FI rate basis. Laundry slips are provided, which guests must include with their clothes. Although the utmost care is taken with laundry, Ongava Game Reserve cannot accept responsibility for any damage



or shrinkage. It is therefore recommended that guests hand wash their own delicate items with the washing powder provided.

## **PAYMENT FOR EXTRAS**

The Namibian Dollar and South African Rand are the only legal tender in Namibia and can be used freely to purchase goods and services. **The Namibian Dollar, however, is not legal tender in South Africa.** Visitors may bring any amount of foreign currency into the country; however, Travelers Cheques and foreign currency can only be exchanged at any of the main commercial banks in the major centers of the country. We recommend that guests make use of cash or credit cards.

Ongava Game Reserve accepts US Dollars, GBP Sterling and Euro as payment for curios, drinks, gratuities, etc. International MasterCard and Visa credit cards are generally accepted throughout Namibia. Holders of other cards are advised to clarify with a commercial bank whether their card is acceptable in Namibia. American Express is now accepted on the Ongava Game Reserve. Most fuel filling stations do not accept credit cards as a form of payment.

# **TIPPING & GRATUITY GUIDELINES**

We would like to emphasise that tipping is not a requirement and should be undertaken only by choice, dependent on the service received. If guests are pleased with the service provided, they may wish to add a nominal amount ranging between US\$ 10.00 to US\$ 30.00 per day for incidentals (subject to personal budget choice)

- Guides & Specialist Guides We recommend US\$ 10.00 per guest per day.
- General Safari Camp or Lodge Staff We recommend about US\$ 10.00 per guest per day for safari camps.
- Transfer Driver We recommend about US\$ 2.00 to US\$ 3.00 per guest per movement.
- Porterage We recommend about US\$ 2.00 to US\$ 3.00 per guest per movement.

We recommend tipping your guide directly and making use of the gratuity box in the main area for the general camp staff.