



ANDERSSONS AT ONGAVA

With its breathtaking contemporary styling and a touch of Afro-Mediterranean flair, Anderssons at Ongava is where the wild gives rise to a bold new vision of ecotourism.

Taking its name from Charles Andersson, an early European explorer of the wonders of Etosha Pan, this beautiful lodge offers exceptional game-spotting opportunities, even from the comfort of your room.

UNIT DESCRIPTION

The guest suites at Anderssons at Ongava are designed as a seamless extension of the surrounding landscape, incorporating rock and other natural elements to mirror the rugged beauty and dramatic atmosphere of Etosha. Built from natural stone with a spacious, solid structure and innovative roofing, each suite provides a climate-controlled sanctuary in the heart of the bush. Guests can enjoy a private viewing deck offering a sweeping 180-degree panorama of the reserve.

Each suite features en-suite facilities with a separate toilet, double indoor shower and outdoor shower, double vanity basin, mosquito net, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, and an electronic safe. The air-conditioned bedrooms ensure comfort throughout the year, with hot water bottles and extra blankets provided during the cooler winter months. Thoughtful amenities include bathrobes, liquid soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, room spray, insect repellent, washing powder for small items, sewing kit, shower caps, cotton-tip swabs, cotton balls, tissue dispensers, hair dryer, umbrella, and a laundry bag, ensuring every detail contributes to a comfortable and memorable stay.

LODGE DESIGN & FACILITIES

The lodge's main social area offers both undercover and open-air dining spaces, complemented by a spacious lounge and bar featuring inviting open fireplaces. Guests can relax by the infinity-edge swimming pool, which overlooks a nearby waterhole that attracts a variety of wildlife. For a closer connection to nature, the lodge features a sunken, water-level photography hide at the waterhole, providing an exceptional opportunity for up-close viewing and photography. Additional facilities include the Ongava Safari Boutique, a well-stocked library, and complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the main area. During the cooler winter months, a gas heater is placed in the communal area to ensure comfort. Guests also have access to research connectivity, with the Ongava Research Centre conveniently located within the lodge's bounds, offering an insightful link to the reserve's ongoing conservation and research initiatives.

ACCOMMODATION

The lodge can accommodate up to 18 guests along with 4 guide, pilot, or tour leader rooms, offering a total of nine suites designed for comfort and privacy. Seven of the suites are twin-bedded, each featuring one king-size bed (or two three-quarter beds) that can be converted to a king configuration as required. The family unit comprises two adjoining suites, each with its own king-size (or twin) bed setup, private bathroom, and separate entrance, connected by a short walkway, ideal for families or small groups traveling together. For added flexibility, two mattress converters are available to transform twin beds into king-size beds upon prior arrangement, ensuring every guest's comfort is perfectly tailored to their needs.



ACTIVITIES

Guests booked on a Fully Inclusive Rate can enjoy a range of scheduled lodge activities included in their stay. These include day and night game drives on the Ongava Game Reserve in a 10-seater open 4x4 Land Cruiser, accommodating a maximum of six guests to ensure everyone has an outside seat. Half- and full-day excursions into Etosha National Park are also offered, allowing for exceptional wildlife viewing opportunities. Guests may take part in guided nature walks on the Ongava Game Reserve, which are seasonal and subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide (minimum guest age: 16 years). Private activities can be arranged through a Sole Use Guide and Vehicle option in conjunction with the Fully Inclusive Rate. Additional highlights include visits to the Ongava Discovery Centre and the Photographers Hide, perfect for nature and photography enthusiasts.

EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY

A typical day at lodge is shaped by the rhythm of nature, with wake-up and activity times adjusted according to the season, wildlife movements, and guest preferences. The day begins with an early morning wake-up call, followed by a light “grab and go” breakfast featuring muesli, yogurt cups, and fresh fruit before heading out on the morning activity. Guests return to lodge for a hearty meal and a period of relaxation, perhaps enjoying a visit to the Ongava Discovery Centre and Ongava Research Centre for a deeper understanding of the reserve’s conservation efforts. In the afternoon, tea is served before departing on another activity, followed by an evening of leisure, refreshing in your suite, sharing drinks around the fire, and concluding the day with a delicious dinner and, for those who wish, a nightcap under the stars.

ELECTRICITY & WATER

Power at the lodge is supplied by solar energy, with fans and lights in the tents operating on 220V. Each room is equipped with 220V electrical outlets, allowing guests to charge batteries and use personal appliances such as sleep apnea machines, hairdryers, or electric shavers during their stay. In major cities, electrical appliances typically run on 220/240V, with round 3-pin, 15-amp plug outlets. While some lodges may provide adaptors (3-prong round, 3-prong square, 2-prong round, or 2-prong flat), it is recommended that guests bring their own adaptors for convenience.

RATE BASIS

Fully Inclusive Rate - Includes accommodation, all meals, twice-daily scheduled lodge activities, park fees, laundry, Namibian VAT, Tourism levy, and local drinks. Excludes premium imported brands and champagne

CHILD POLICY

Anderssons at Ongava bookings with children aged 0-5 require the entire lodge to be booked and paid for on an exclusive-use basis.

Parties with children 11 years and younger are required to book and pay for private activities unless the lodge is booked on exclusive use basis. A family booking will depend on the availability of a private vehicle / activities and is only available in conjunction with the Fully Inclusive basis.

Children aged 16 years and younger must always share accommodation with at least one adult.

Persons aged 17 years and older are considered adults, and normal adult rates will apply.



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. The ORC is at the same site as the Andersson's At Ongava, with walking distance access from the main area.

ACCESS

Self-Drive Basis:

The lodge can be accessed by road; however, guests may not do self-drive activities in our private concession areas. Parking in lodge 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.

Fly-In Basis:

Airstrip Name: Ongava Airstrip

Duration to Lodge: Approximately 15-minute road transfer (depending on wildlife sightings, scenery and photographic opportunities along the way)

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.

HABITAT & WILDLIFE

Etosha Pan is the result of a geological shift that dramatically changed the course of the Kunene River. Its 5000 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 several 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.

GAME VIEWING

Guests at Ongava Game Reserve have the opportunity to view game both on Ongava and in neighboring 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. This includes springbok, gemsbok, wildebeest, Burchell's zebra, Hartmann's mountain zebra, waterbuck, red hartebeest, giraffe, eland, and the endemic black-faced impala. Lions move between the park and the reserve, and both black and white rhinos can be seen. Please see the species checklist for an extensive list of creatures found on the reserve.



BIRDING

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

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

Laundry is provided daily (weather permitting) and included on the Fully Inclusive 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. 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.

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 (subject to personal budget choice).

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