



LITTLE ONGAVA

Like a glimpse of an elusive creature in the shadows of the bush, Little Ongava is a leap of the imagination that will stop you in your tracks and take your breath away.

Here, at the end of a meandering wooden boardwalk, are three thatch-roofed villas that complement the space of the great outdoors with enough indoor space to accommodate your every need and indulgence.

UNIT DESCRIPTION

The luxury villas feature a combination of rock, wood, and glass under thatch, connected by elevated wooden walkways. Each villa offers en-suite facilities including a separate toilet, indoor and outdoor showers, a double vanity basin, and a bath with a view. Guests also enjoy a mosquito net, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryer, mini-bar fridge, electronic safe, a private sala, and a sitting room with its own viewing deck. The bedrooms are air-conditioned, and each villa includes a plunge pool. In-room dining can be arranged for convenience and each villa is supported by personal butler service to ensure a seamless and luxurious stay. During the winter months, hot water bottles and extra blankets are provided. Thoughtful amenities supplied in every chalet include bathrobes, liquid soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, room spray, insect repellents, washing powder for smalls, sewing kit, shower caps, cotton-tip swabs, cotton balls, tissue dispensers, umbrella, and a laundry bag.

LODGE DESIGN & FACILITIES

The lodge is built on the crest of a hill, offering spectacular views across the plains and designed for privacy, luxury, and a sense of intimacy with the land. Guests can enjoy dining on their deck or in their room with the attentive service of a personal butler. A private guide and vehicle are also available throughout their stay. The stylish lounge, complete with a fireplace, provides a welcoming space to relax, while the viewing deck overlooks a waterhole that attracts wildlife. During winter, a gas heater is stationed in the main area, and chenille blankets are provided during dinner. A dedicated area featuring a table and desk is available for guests to comfortably use their computers, with complimentary Wi-Fi provided in the main area.

ACCOMMODATION

The lodge accommodates up to six guests, subject to concession numbers and availability, across three luxury villas. Two of the villas feature two three-quarter beds that can be converted into king-size beds, while the third villa has a king-size bed. The lodge can also be combined with Ongava Lodge to increase capacity for larger groups. Guide, pilot, or tour leader accommodation can be booked at Ongava Lodge for guests staying at Little Ongava.

ACTIVITIES

Guests can enjoy a variety of scheduled activities designed to immerse them in the wildlife and landscapes of Ongava Game Reserve. Day and night game drives are conducted in 10-seater open 4x4 Land Cruisers, accommodating a maximum of six guests per vehicle to ensure each guest has an outside seat. Half- and full-day excursions into Etosha National Park, including a picnic, provide further opportunities to explore the park's diverse wildlife. Walking Safaris, available seasonally for guests aged 16 and above, are offered subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide. Guests may visit the Ongava Research Centre and the Ongava Discovery Centre, and have access to a dedicated photographers' hide. During winter and on early morning game drives, hot water bottles and lined ponchos are provided to ensure comfort.



EXAMPLE OF A TYPICAL DAY

Morning wake-up and activity times vary depending on the season, available activities, and wildlife movements. The day begins with an early morning wake-up call, followed by a light “grab and go” breakfast of muesli, yogurt cups, and fruit before departing on the morning activity. Guests return to lodge for a hearty meal and some relaxation time, followed by a visit to the Ongava Discovery Centre and Ongava Research Centre. In the late afternoon, tea is served before the next activity begins. The day concludes with a return to lodge to freshen up, enjoy evening drinks, and dine under the stars, perhaps finishing the night with a quiet nightcap around the fire.

ELECTRICITY & WATER

Power at the lodge is supplied by solar energy. Fans and lights in the suites operate on 220V, and each room has 220V electrical outlets, allowing guests to charge batteries and use appliances such as sleep apnea machines, hairdryers, or electric shavers. In major cities, electrical appliances typically run on 220/240V, with round 3-pin, 15-amp plug outlets. While some lodges may provide adaptors including 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

Little Ongava bookings with children aged 0-11 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.

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, Rüppell'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.

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