THE

OMULUNGA PALM

ROUTE

Namibia’s heartbeat.
A journey through the far north of Namibia where the desert meets the Angolan woodland and people of all cultures meet. From bustling markets with unique smells, colours and sounds to the beauty of the Etosha National Park, venture off the beaten track to discover the pulse of Namibia on the Omulunga Palm route. Named after the distinctive Makalani palms, known as Omulunga in the local Ovambo language, that dot the flat landscape, the Omulunga Palm route stretches from Ruacana in the west to Nkurenkuru in the east. It is not only the gateway to Angola but also links the remote and desolate northwest region (Arid Eden route) to the lush water ecosystem of the Four Rivers route (Kavango & Zambezi regions).

The route is the quintessential oasis for weary travellers and serves as a practical stop-over for to refuel and restock in the heart of a bustling African community. Travellers will experience traditional and contemporary Ovambo culture alongside each other and get a glimpse of local tribal royalty. The area reveals a strong liberation history, while nature lovers can enjoy the abundant wildlife and wilderness in the world-famous Etosha National Park.
The Cuvelai-Etosha River Basin is located in the north central regions of Namibia, but originates in Angola. Most of the water travels in shallow ephemeral watercourses known as oshanas and end up in the Etosha Pan.

In about 1550, the people referred to collectively as the ‘Aawambo’ moved southwards from the Great Lakes in East Africa and settled between the Kunene and Okavango Rivers. Today, the area is known as Owambo Land (north central Namibia) and represents nearly half of the total population of Namibia.

“Efundja” is the Ovambo word for flood and refers to the seasonal floods that occur annually when water from Angola’s Cuvelai River Basin fills the entire areas’ oshanas with water.

In 2012, scientists found over 5-billion cubic meters of water within the Cuvelai-Etosha Delta (Northern Namibia and Angola). The aquifer is said to be more than 200 metres deep and can supply water for a further 400 years at present consumption levels.

In the pre-colonial structure of Owambo society there was a king and his headmen in each of the 7 Owambo groups (Ondonga, Uukwanyama, Ongandjera, Uukwambi, Ombalantu, Uukwalamfe and Uukolokolondhi). The king always had the last say.

The Oshigambo River (also Ekuma River) links Lake Oponono and the Cuvelai Delta with the Etosha Salt Pan. This river is an ephemeral river and rarely carries surface water.

Natural salt pans are flat expanses of ground covered with salt and other minerals. Usually shining white under the sun, these pans are found in desert areas. Namibia contains a vast array of salt pans, the largest being the Etosha salt pan that is protected as part of the Etosha National Park.

The Etosha Pan covers a total area of is 4730km² and developed through tectonic plate activity over about ten million years.

Did you know?

Top 5 reasons to visit...

Discover unique cultures, visit traditional villages and royal homesteads and explore bustling African markets.

Experience the wildlife of Etosha National Park by entering through the north-eastern King Nehale gate.

Visit the Ruacana Falls and discover how the Kunene River is harnessed to generate energy for Namibia.

Explore Namibia’s modern history with a visit to a war museum or shrine that commemorates those who struggled during the War on Independence.

Visit traditional and modern open markets where you can buy anything from Mopani worms to traditional beer, local crafts and artefacts and many other local delicacies.
ROOF OF NAMIBIA EXPERIENCE

TOTAL DISTANCE: 467 km  SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 1 ½ – 3 days

KING NEHALE EXPERIENCE

TOTAL DISTANCE: 641 km  SUGGESTED TIME PERIOD: 2 - 4 days

CONSERVANCIES ON THE OMULUNGA PALM ROUTE:
Iipumbu ya Tshilongo; King Nehale; Okongo; Sheya Shuushona; Uukolonkadhi Ruacana; Uukwaluudhi

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Ruacana Falls is located near Ruacana on the Kunene River in Northern Namibia. The waterfall is 120m high and 700m wide in full flood. It is among the largest waterfalls in Africa, both by volume and width. The Ruacana area boasts some beautiful rock formations, with rich textured colouring the landscape and contrasting the lush river with the arid desert to the south. The landscape is further complemented by an array of trees, including the regal baobab, acacia and fever tree. Spectacular sunsets and a wonderful array of birdlife form part of the Ruacana area. To access the falls, travellers need to head towards the border post with Angola, notify the officials that they are visiting the falls and then proceed through to the car park. It should be noted that the parking area is often littered and not well maintained. In addition, due to the hydropower station, the falls are not in full flood for most of the year round.

The Roof of Namibia Experience links the Kunene River at Ruacana Falls with the Okavango River along the Angolan border. The route leads through numerous pans and flooded channels known as oshanas that move southward from Angola towards the Etosha salt pan. Travellers will enjoy the feeling of a rural landscape interspersed with a bustling urban landscape. Those with a keen interest in Namibia’s recent history can enjoy attractions such as the Outapi War Museum, Ombalantu Baobab Museum and the Eenhana Shrine.

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2 OMBALANTU BAOBAB TREE HERITAGE CENTRE
‘Omukwa waaMbantu’ – the tree of life, as the people of Ombalantu know their baobab tree, played a significant role in local history. The hollow trunk of this huge tree has, at various times, been used as a hideout, a post office, a chapel, and was integrated into the South African military base. The tree can accommodate up to 30 people. Information displays in front of the tree’s entrance give a short overview of the tree’s diverse history, its role in the Owambo community and the struggle for independence from South Africa in North Central Namibia. The centre also has a renovated ‘Koffeeshuys’ (coffee shop), built and used by the South Africans during the colonial times. The craft shop offers a wide range of wire products, from replicas of the baobab tree to wire giraffes, but also traditional Owambo baskets and clay pots. In the shadow of the baobab tree, travellers will find the ideal spot for a picnic at any time of the day. The kiosk offers barbeque grills for rent and wood for sale to have your
own private ‘braai’ under the tree. For travellers who like to relax after a well-prepared meal, the centre features four private camp sites, each with its own ‘braai’ place and water tap and communal ablution facilities.

3 OUTAPI WAR MUSEUM
Outapi War Museum is located underground in the former South African Amy Base situated within Outapi, previously known as “Ohatopi”. The base was built in 1975 and became home to thousands of South African conscripts stationed on the border during the War on Independence, which lasted from 1966 until 1989, making it one of Africa’s longest conflicts. The museum contains a conference hall, Internet café, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, refreshment area with a restaurant, gymnasium with a swimming pool as well as a display featuring war material.

4 EENHANA MEMORIAL SHRINE
Eenhana is the capital town of the Ohangwena Region on the border of Angola. Before Namibian independence it was a military centre of the South African Defence Force without public infrastructure. It was proclaimed a settlement in 1992 and a town in 1999. The name Eenhana comes from the word ‘calves’ in the Oshikwanyama language and is a reference to the calves that used to drink at the small water pan where Eenhana is now located. Eenhana is the location of at least five mass graves of SWAPO resistance fighters that date back to the Namibian War of Independence from South Africa. In 2008 the government built the Eenhana Memorial Shrine for the lives lost in the liberation struggle.

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The guest house is located in Ruacana and offers 14 en-suite rooms equipped with satellite TV, air-conditioning and mini fridges. Facilities include wifi, laundry services, airport transfers, conference facilities for up to 50 people, swimming pool, braai (barbecue) facilities and secure parking.

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Princess Hotel offers an array of accommodation options and excellent food. Located near the Angolan border the hotel offers a different perspective for tourists.

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The Outapi Bed and Breakfast offers eight luxury apartments and 10 campsites. It caters for outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy connecting with nature. The establishment is linked to the Outapi Museum and provides the opportunity for guests to visit the museum as part of their stay. The Ruacana Falls are a mere 40km away and day-trips to the falls can be arranged.

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Piscas Hotel offers 20 en-suite rooms equipped with air-conditioning, TV and mini fridge. Facilities include wifi, swimming pool, secure parking, conference facilities for up to 50 people and a bar and restaurant. This is ideal for people travelling to or from Angola and also en-route to the Kavango region.

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The campsite offers 8 sites, braai facilities and 8 rooms, some of which are en-suite. The campsite provides communal ablution facilities.

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Ruacana Eha Lodge and Restcamp offer guests 21 en-suite rooms. The lodge’s facilities include a swimming pool, restaurant, bar, gym, squash court and volleyball court. It also offers 15 grassed campsites with braai facilities, water and electricity. Communal ablution facilities are available.

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NPK Lodge is situated in Edimba village and offers 8 single air-conditioned rooms with en-suite bathrooms. Facilities include wifi, satellite TV, mini fridge and secure parking.

ROOF OF NAMIBIA EXPERIENCE
The campsite offers 8 sites, braai facilities and 8 rooms, some of which are en-suite. The campsite provides communal ablution facilities.
OTJIPAHURIRO COMMUNITY CAMPSITE (HIPPO POOLS)
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Otjipahuriro Campsite, also known as Hippo Pool campsite is situated next to the Ruacana Falls. The campsite is surrounded by water and mountains and is located below Ruacana Waterfalls. Ten campsites under Mopane trees and Acacias are situated on the bank of the Kunene River. Each site has its own braai area and water facilities. A communal ablution block offers hot showers and eco-toilets (also known as dry toilets).

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Outapi Hotel offers air-conditioned rooms with en-suite bathrooms. Additional features include TV, telephone and fridge. Travellers can relax by the swimming pool and enjoy a drink at the bar.

MAVINGA LODGE AND CAMPSITE
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Mavinga Lodge and Campsite is situated along the Kunene River at a Himba village Okozongombe. Facilities include a swimming pool, bar facility, braai (barbecue) area at camping pitch, solar power, satellite TV, and en-suite rooms. Activities include bird watching and sundowners over the Kunene River.

OMBABANTU BAOBAB CAMP SITE
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The tree of life, as the people of Ombalantu know their baobab tree, played a significant role in local history. The hollow trunk of this huge tree has, at various times, been used as a hideout, a post office, a chapel, and was integrated into the South African Military Base. The craft shop sells local artefacts.

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The Kunene Island Campsite is situated in a quiet area on the Kunene River. The campsite has communal ablution blocks and offers three self-catering tents with beds. Guests are encouraged to bring their own bedding. The campsite also provides a swimming pool. Travellers can enjoy fantastic bird-watching and star-gazing opportunities.

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Omundjandi Restcamp is located at the Kunene Region well known for the Kunene River, which forms part of the Ruacana Waterfalls. Omundjandi Restcamp offers 5 Campsites. Amenities include communal ablution facilities, hot and cold showers and flushing toilets.

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Outapi War Museums a military base that was built in 1975 and became home to thousands of South African conscripts stationed on the border during the War on Independence, which lasted from 1966 until 1989. The museum contains a conference hall, Internet cafe, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, refreshment area with a restaurant, gymnasium with a swimming pool as well as a display featuring war material.

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This restaurant is in the heart of Okalongo Settlement and serves traditional Oshiwambo food. The location is off the D3608 Omafo Outapi Main Road.

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Monter Carlo offers 26 en-suite rooms equipped with mini fridges and air-conditioning. Facilities include a swimming pool and 24-hour security. The guesthouse is conveniently located close to Eenhana War Shrine.

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The Restaurant offers a variety of local meals and is a good place for visitors to meet and socialise with local people.

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This restaurant is in the heart of Okalongo Settlement and serves traditional Oshiwambo food. The location is off the D3608 Omafo Outapi Main Road.
The King Nehale Experience takes travellers along a journey through the colourful towns of Oshakati, Ongwediva and Ondangwa and the starkly contrasting rural villages that surround it. Travellers will have the opportunity to visit the Omugulugwombashe National Monument, Uukwaluudhi Royal Homestead, Uukwambi Kings Monument, Oshakati Open Market, Ongula Traditional Homestead, Nakambale Museum and Lake Oponono and experience the abundant wildlife of the Etosha National Park.

1. **OMUGULUGWOMBASHE NATIONAL MONUMENT**
   Omugulugwombashe is a settlement in the Omusati region in the north of Namibia and is one of the sites of the War on Independence. On 26 August 1966, eight helicopters of the South African Defence Force attacked guerrilla fighters at Omugulugwombashe. This was the first armed battle to be fought on Namibian soil since the South African government colonised Namibia. In 1996, the Namibian government erected a monument in honour of this battle at the 30th anniversary of the start of the conflict. In commemoration of the day, August 26 is a public holiday in Namibia. It is recognised by the United Nations as "Namibia Day" but Namibians refer to it as "Heroes' Day". The memorial shrine bears the inscription, "independence from Colonialism was our Aim."

2. **UUKWALUUDHI ROYAL HOMESTEAD**
   One of the seven traditional kingdoms of Owamboland is Uukwaluudhi. The royal homestead lies within view of the Tsandi village, about 100km from Oshakati on the D3612 road. It affords travellers the incredible opportunity of experiencing the ways and traditions of Owambo imperial families. King Taapopi reigns in this area and has ploughed back into his local community by encouraging local youths to be trained as tour guides through the Namibia Community-Based Tourism Association. Travellers can relive traditional African royalty with tours through the homestead and traditional meals may be served if requested in advance with entertainment in the form of singing and dancing. The homestead has a small display at the entrance providing details of the history and culture of the Kingdom of Uukwaluudhi. Visitors are provided with a guided tour of the traditional homestead of King Taapopi (who now lives in a house built next door) who will occasionally meet and talk to travellers.
**UKWAMBI KINGS MONUMENT / UKKWWANYAMA KINGDOM**

Elim is a village in the north central Namibia, located approximately 30km west of Oshikati, and is the centre of the Uukwambi traditional authority. The Monument for the Uukwambi Kings is located within Elim and was erected upon the grave of the 16th king, King Nuuyoma.

**ONGULA CULTURAL VILLAGE**

Ongula Cultural Village is strategically situated between Ondangwa (one of the oldest towns in the northern region) and Eenhana, built alongside an active Owambo Homestead. Ongula provides visitors an introduction into the traditional lifestyle of the Owambo people as well as opportunity to participate in the preparation of local traditional drinks and meals. Travellers can discover the art of basket weaving and pottery and explore the beauty of the region. Four en-suite rondavels provide accommodation for overnight guests and traditional meals are served alongside European cuisine. Day tours to the museum, open air craft markets and tribal houses are available and visitors can attend some of the seasonal events such as Marula Festival and traditional weddings.

**Nakambale Museum**

In 1868 Finish missionary Martti Rautanen left for Namibia. He arrived in Olukonda two years later and spent the rest of life there. He became known as Nakambale, “the one who wears a hat”, among the locals. The mission house is now the Nakambale Museum and one of the best places to experience Owambo culture. The museum lies in the village of Olukonda, 14km south-west of Ondangwa and includes the original church and a traditional Ngonga Homestead. Rautanen translated the Bible and hymns into Ndonga and was a keen student of the indigenous culture. He made meteorological observations, worked in botanical research and became a respected personality in Namibia as well as Finland, receiving an honorary doctorate at the University of Helsinki. The museum displays items from the Finnish Mission Station as well as items of Ovambo history and culture.

**Lake Oponono Wetlands**

Lake Oponono is a large wetland that is fed by underground river channels known as the Culevai Oshanas. After the rainy season, visitors can view a variety of birdlife, including saddlebill storks, crowned cranes, flamingos and pelicans. The edge of the lake is located 27km south of Ondangwa.

**Etosha National Park – King Nehale Gate**

At just over 500 square kilometres, King Nehale is a relatively small conservancy, yet one with a large population of around 20,000 residents. Most people in the conservancy speak Oshiwambo. Eight main Owambo traditional authorities or kingdoms are widely-recognised and the residents of King Nehale Conservancy live within the Ondonga Kingdom. The conservancy is named after the late King Nehale Iva Mpingana, signifying the importance of the traditional leadership. The King Nehale Gate in the northern border of Etosha was officially opened in 2003 and allows visitors the opportunity to combine the natural wonders of Etosha with the cultural vibrancy of Owambo.

**Ombupupu Pond and Okahao Babob Heritage Site**

Okahao held great importance within the local Ongandjera Kingdom. Okahao Village was a place of magic, or “linonoma” because of the Ombupupu pond. Permission to use its water had to be sought from the ancestors. The pond was also used as a ballot box for the election of a new Ongandjera king. Candidates would search within the pond for a hidden clay pot and the victor was nominated as the new king of the Ongandjera Kingdom. An iconic baobab tree has become a heritage site dedicated to those who lost their lives during the War of Independence. It has various attractions, including a craft shop, restaurant and camping facilities.
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The Afrika Stadt House is situated in the small town of Ongwediva in Northern Namibia. Accommodation is convenient for travellers passing through the area.

BAHAY SUSAN BED AND BREAKFAST
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Bahay Susan Bed and Breakfast is located in Ongwediva town and offers affordable accommodation in a tranquil environment. Camping and dormitory accommodation is available as well as single and double rooms which are all air-conditioned with tea- and coffee-making facilities. Offline parking has maximum security and activities include tours to visit the Aawobo people and visits to Etosha National Park and Ruacana Waterfall.

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Bennie's Entertainment Park and Lodge has close to 200 beautifully appointed deluxe rooms, including luxurious suite rooms, all equipped with air-conditioning, DSTV, bath/shower, tea- and coffee-making facilities, telephone and a refrigerator. Facilities and activities include a bar and restaurant, swimming pools, water slides, secure parking, a Putt-Putt course, same-day laundry, discotheque, open-air arena for live performances, volleyball court, two Jacuzzis, gymnasium, Internet, 24-hours reception, barbecue (braai) facilities, conference centre and an ATM.

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Cheetah Backpackers is located in Ongwediva town and offers affordable accommodation in a tranquil environment. Camping and dormitory accommodation is available as well as single and double rooms which are all air-conditioned with tea- and coffee-making facilities. Offline parking has maximum security and activities include tours to visit the Aawobo people and visits to Etosha National Park and Ruacana Waterfall.

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Ekamuti Town Lodge has 6 conference halls which can accommodate up to 700 people and a restaurant and bar. The lodge offers 40 rooms equipped with air-conditioning, TV, coffee stations and wifi.

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Elcin Guest House is located in Onipa, a beautiful and historic area located close to a historic missionary church. Visitors can enjoy mingling with the local culture when staying at Elcin.

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Etuna is a family-run guest house set off the main road in Ongwediva. Etuna means “he is taking care of us” and travellers can enjoy the 22 spacious en-suite, air-conditioned rooms, all equipped with their own fridge, satellite TV and Wi-Fi. Facilities include a conference centre which can accommodate up to 140 people. Camping facilities, a private bar, swimming pool, cultural excursions and tours are all available to guests.

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Seven Valleys Guest House features spacious, en-suite air-conditioned single and double rooms each with TV, mosquito net, fridge and coffee- and tea-making facilities. The guest house also provides transport arrangements, laundry services, barbecue (braai) facilities, use of garden and secure, shaded parking.

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Hotel Destiny offers accommodation in 31 rooms, seven of which are luxury suites. All rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, direct-dialling telephones, coffee- and tea-making facilities, refrigerator, remote-controlled satellite TV, en-suite bathroom with bath, shower, toilet, electrical shaving plug (220 volts) and a. The restaurant can seat up to 70 guests and serves an extensive à la carte menu as well as an up-market buffet.

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The guest house offers a beautiful surrounding and 10 en-suite rooms. The guest house is self-catering and offers guests amenities such as fridge, stove, cooking pots, a microwave and barbecue (braai) facilities.
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Mokuti Etosha Lodge is only four minutes’ drive from the eastern Von Lindenheim Gate near the historical Namutoni Fort and is located on its own private 4,000 hectare nature reserve. The lodge offers 90 rooms, eight luxury rooms and eight luxury family rooms, all air-conditioned equipped with DStv, a mini-fridge, safe, free Internet Wi-Fi, coffee- and tea-making facilities and en-suite bathrooms with showers. Activities at the lodge include outdoor open fire and conversation pit, professionally-guided game drives, walking trails and trips to the nearby Ontouka Reptile Park.

NAMUTONI REST CAMP
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Accommodation at Namutoni Rest Camp comes in 20 bush chalets and 24 double rooms. All rooms have en-suite bathrooms with bath and shower, mini-bar, air-conditioning and coffee- and tea-making facilities. Mosquito nets are fitted to the front and back doors. Camping includes ablution blocks with showers and toilets, hot and cold water, barbecue (braai) facilities, power points and well-equipped kitchens. Facilities include a museum, restaurant and bar, lounges and crafts boutique, swimming pool, African Fusion restaurant, steakhouse, curio shop, jewellers and bookstore. Activities at or near the camp include but not limited to visiting the museum, game viewing/drives, guided night drives, historic fort and a flood-lit waterhole.

ONANGWA AIRPORT LODGE
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The Ondangwa Airport Lodge is located opposite the Ondangwa Airport for travellers’ convenience. The lodge offers self-contained, spacious accommodation units. Ondwanga Airport Lodge has a restaurant that offers traditional cuisine as well as western cuisine.

ONGULA VILLAGE HOMESTEAD
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Ongula Village Homestead lodge has four luxurious rondavels with rooms built in a homestead style. The rondavels provide twin- or double beds, private en-suite facilities and mosquito nets. Travellers have the opportunity to visit a traditional homestead, enjoy traditional cuisine, local customs and craft-making.

NAKAMBALE RESTCAMP
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The Nakambale Restcamp affords visitors the opportunity to learn about the Ovamboland culture, the history Finnish mission and political history of the former Owamboland. It features five traditional huts, five permanent tents and spacious camping sites.
**UUKWALUUDHI SAFARI LODGE**
Map reference: B2
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GPS: Lat: -17.785482 Long: 15.712792

Uukwaluudhi Tented Camp is situated on a small 6 000-hectare reserve in the Omusati region that forms part of the wildlife area of the conservancy. It is fenced in to protect its endemic wildlife and small black rhino population. There are 8 well-appointed tented units, all en-suite, with a view over the Uukwaluudhi plains. Activities include guided hikes, game drives and mountain biking.

**OSHOTO PENSION HOTEL**
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GPS: Lat: -17.91308 Long: 15.97769

Oshoto Pension Hotel offers single, double, luxury and family rooms. Facilities include a bar and restaurant that serves breakfast and dinner on request.

**OSHAKATI GUEST HOUSE**
Map reference: B2
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GPS: Lat: -17.78073 Long: 14.15569

Oshakati Guest House offers single, double, luxury and family rooms. The hotel offers 90 air-conditioned, en-suite rooms, a bar and swimming pool.

**OSHAKATI GUEST HOTEL**
Map reference: B2
TEL: +264 (0) 65 229 070
EMAIL: oshakatiguesthotel@iway.na
GPS: Lat: -17.77884 Long: 15.69238

Oshakati Guest Hotel offers affordable and comfortable accommodation. All the rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, fridges and en-suite bathrooms. Facilities include a restaurant, bar and swimming pool.

**OSHAKATI COUNTRY HOTEL**
Map reference: B2
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GPS: Lat: -17.78396 Long: 15.69939

The lodge offers 45 fully-equipped en-suite rooms and the thatched main building houses an à la carte restaurant, lounge, bar and conference room catering for 150 delegates. The courtyard with its lush garden and swimming pool provides the ideal atmosphere for a relaxing sundowner after a busy day. Airport transfers can be arranged.

**Ondangwa Restcamp**
Map reference: C2
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Ondangwa Restcamp offers an array of accommodation facilities, including permanent tents, bed and breakfast and camping.

**Namibia Lodge 2000 and Safaris**
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Namibia Lodge offers seven en-suite rooms equipped and facilities include a bar and restaurant, conference facilities for up to 500 people, photography, printing and lamination, a swimming pool, Etala (African Lounge), aquiet garden terrace or cool off in the swimming pool.

**Punyu International Hotel**
Map reference: C2
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Punyu International Hotel is an elegant and modern hotel. The hotel has 25 rooms all en-suite. The restaurant offers sumptuous traditional and international cuisines.

**Sheya Shuushona Conservancy Lodge**
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Sheya Shuushona Conservancy Lodge offers three en-suite rooms that sleep a maximum of two people. The campsite features three sites each equipped with its own barbecue (braai) area and its own warm shower and flushing toilets. The on-site craft shop sells local baskets, clay pots, traditional cups, hats, knives, spears and jewellery made from local seeds and beads.

**Protea Hotel Ondangwa**
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The hotel, also known as Cresta Pандu Lodge, offers 90 air-conditioned, en-suite rooms, a bar and a restaurant and a conference facility. Enjoy the African sun while sitting in the hotel’s lounging chairs under an umbrella on the garden terrace or cool off in the swimming pool.

**Rochas Restaurant and Hotel**
Map reference: B2
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Rochas Restaurant and Hotel is situated on the main road in Oshakati next to Auto Mech. Facilities include a swimming pool, restaurant and bar, room service, conference facility for up to 100 people and internet. All rooms are ensuite and equipped with TV and a mini fridge.
**OSHANDIRA LODGE**
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GPS: Lat: -17.79258 Long: 15.69800
The Oshandira Lodge is situated next to the Oshakati Airfield and is an ideal stop over for business and leisure travellers. The lodge features 19 single rooms, three double rooms and two family rooms, which are equipped with en-suite bathrooms. Facilities include a garden, restaurant offering traditional Ovambo and modern cuisine as well as three fully-equipped conferences centres.

**CHEETAH SAFARIS**
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The establishment offers free tourism attraction information, conduct cultural/traditional visits, trips to Etosha and Opuwo Himba Villages. Visitors will also find interesting craft items sold at the establishment.

**NAKAMBALE MUSEUM**
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The original Nakambale mission house is now the Nakambale Museum and one of the best places to experience Ovambo culture in the region. The museum lies in the village of Olukonda, 14km south-west of Ondangwa and includes the original church and a traditional Ngonga Homestead.

**ONGWEDIVA OPEN MARKET**
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The Ongwediva Open Market offers anything from Mopani worms to traditional beer, local crafts and artefacts and many other local delicacies.

**ONKOSHI CAMP**
Map reference: D3  
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GPS: Lat: -18.605604 Long: 16.827830
Located on the edge of Etosha Pan, this camp offers an exclusive Etosha experience, with excellent sunset views during the evening. Accommodation comprises of 15 bush chalets. All rooms are spacious and en suite, with both indoor and outdoor showers, and a stone bath with a breath taking view onto the pan. An associated restaurant, bar area and an infinity pool overlooking the pan provides opportunities for relaxation and game viewing.

**TIA MONIKA GUEST HOUSE**
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GPS: Lat: -17.657397 Long: 15.469485
Tia Monika boasts a modern and relaxing atmosphere and offers affordable accommodation with 8 double, en-suite rooms equipped with air-conditioning, mini fridges and wifi. Facilities include a bar, restaurant, a conference room for up to 40 people and secure parking.
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