

## NAMIBIA

### LOCATION

Namibia is situated geographically surrounded on the west by the Atlantic Ocean, north by Angola to the south by the Republic of South Africa, east by Botswana and north-east by Zimbabwe and Zambia. Wedged between the Kalahari and the South Atlantic, Namibia enjoys vast potential as one of the youngest countries in Africa. In addition to having a striking diversity of cultures and national origins, Namibia is a photographer's dream – it boasts wild seascapes, rugged mountains, lonely deserts, stunning wildlife, colonial cities and nearly unlimited elbow room.

### VISA AND PASSPORT

A Canadian passport valid 6 months after return is required to enter Namibia - SUBJECT TO CHANGE - For accurate information, please consult the Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada at: [www.travel.gc.ca](http://www.travel.gc.ca)

### TIME ZONES

Summer time: GMT + 2 (September to April)  
Winter time: GMT + 1 (April to September)

### LANGUAGE

Namibia's population has many languages. About half of Namibians speak Oshiwambo as a first language, but Afrikaans is the country's most widely understood language. The official language of Namibia is English, though it is only among the younger generation that this is widely understood. English and Afrikaans are used for public communication, but many minor mother tongue groups prevail throughout the country.

### CURRENCY

The unit of currency is the Namibian Dollar (NAD) and South African Rand (ZAR). This can be confusing, given that there are three sets of coins and notes in use, all with different sizes: old South African, new South African and Namibian. Namibian dollar notes come in denominations of N\$10, N\$20, N\$50, N\$100 and N\$200, and coins in values of 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents, and N\$1 and N\$5. Foreign currency or travelers checks must be declared on a declaration form when entering the country. You are not allowed to take out more foreign currency than you bring in. Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks and many hotels.

### CLIMATE

Namibia's climatic variations correspond roughly to its geographical subdivisions. In the arid central Namib Desert, summer daytime temperatures may climb to over 40°C, but can fall to below freezing during the night. Rainfall is heaviest in the northeast, which enjoys a subtropical climate, and reaches over 600mm annually along the Okavango River. The northern and interior regions experience 'little rains' between October and December, while the main stormy period occurs from January to April. The bottom line: Namibia is a year-round destination. Just pack accordingly.

### ELECTRICITY

The electricity in Namibia is 220 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to Namibia with a device that does not accept 220 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter. The plugs are 3-point square.



**CLOTHING**

Clothing should be comfortable and casual on safaris. Light weight and light color clothing is suitable for the bush. We recommend long sleeves for protection for mosquitoes in the evening and sun protection during the day. Certain restaurants and hotels may require smart casual dress and a tie for the men. At high altitudes, where early mornings and evenings can be chilly, warm sweaters, socks and comfortable shoes are recommended. Most hotels and lodges offer laundry services, therefore limit your luggage to a soft, and preferably water proof duffel bag for safari. We strongly recommend that luggage is limited to one piece per person. All city hotels provide secure storage for left luggage.

**FOOD**

Under a legacy of European colonial past and German in particular, it is quite possible to afford good sauerkraut and frankfurters in the middle of Namibia! It is even fashionable to accompany such a gargantuan meal Windhoek Lager (domestic beer), famous 100% natural. Like the South African gastronomic traditions, the boerewors (sausage Afrikaner) and biltong (dried game meat and spicy) are also very popular with Namibians and must form part of the culinary.

**TIPPING**

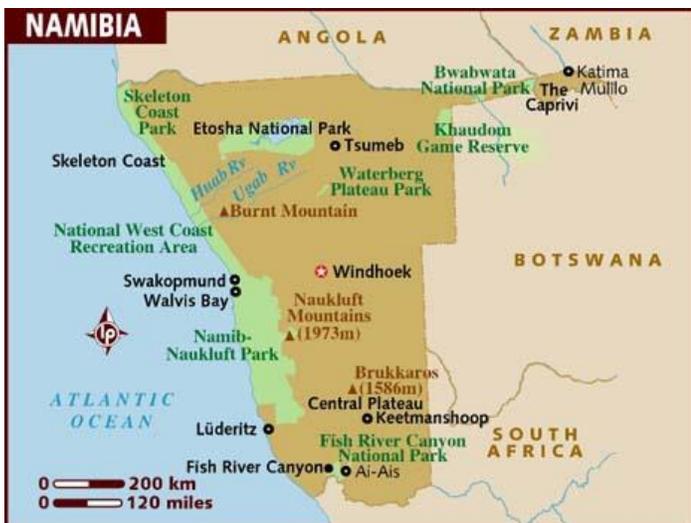
Tipping is not included and is completely at your own discretion. Our general recommendation is to tip moderately. Below is just a guideline for tips per person:

- Safari
- 10% of your bill at restaurants
- \$USD 1 to porters
- \$USD 7-10 per person / day for driver/guide



**HEALTH**

The Public Health Agency of Canada strongly recommends that your travel plans include contacting a travel medicine clinic or physician six to eight weeks before departure. Based on your individual risk assessment, a health care professional can determine your need for immunizations and/or preventive medication and advise you on precautions to avoid disease. Travelers are reminded to ensure that their routine (childhood) immunizations (e.g., tetanus, diphtheria, polio, and measles) are up to date.



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