

Namibia

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Namibia due to crime and health risks.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

(264) 061-295-8500 ; EMER: +(264)(85) 686-0853; US Embassy Windhoek, 14 Lossen Street, Windhoek, Namibia; ConsularWindhoek@state.gov; <https://na.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

264

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 2032276; Fire: 2032270; Police: 1011

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Namibia: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Desert; hot, dry; rainfall sparse and erratic

Currency (Code)

Namibian dollars (NAD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): D, M



Type D



Type M

Major Languages

Odhiambo languages, Nama/Damara, Kavango languages, Afrikaans, Herero languages, Zambezi languages, English, other European languages

Major Religions

Christian and indigenous beliefs

Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins first Sunday in September; ends first Sunday in April

Potable Water

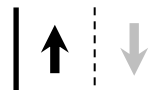
Yes, but some opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Left



Tourist Destinations

Etosha National Park; Fish River Canyon; Sossusvlei; Cape Cross; Swakopmund; Caprivi Strip; Twyfelfontein; Namib-Naukluft National Park; Kalahari Desert; Chobe River

Major Sports

Soccer, rugby, cricket, golf

Cultural Practices

In professional settings, people are often referred to by their surnames; it is considered informal to use first names immediately.

Tipping Guidelines

At hotels, tip about 30 Namibian dollars per guest per day. Leave your tip in a communal tipping box. If you would like to tip porters, 10 Namibian dollars is recommended. For specialist guides, tip 50 Namibian dollars per guest per day.

Souvenirs

Stone and wood carvings, kasse woven rugs, woven palm baskets, Herero dolls, diamond/precious gem and beaded jewelry, swakara woolen clothing and swakopmunder leather shoes

Traditional Cuisine

Meat and pap — pap (a traditional porridge made from ground maize or pearl millet) served with meat, cabbage, or fish

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