



## NAMIBIA

THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA IS A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY SITUATED IN SOUTHERN AFRICA DISTINGUISHED BY THE NAMIB DESERT ALONG THE ATLANTIC OCEAN COAST, AND SHARING LAND BORDERS WITH ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA TO THE NORTH; BOTSWANA TO THE EAST; AND SOUTH AFRICA TO THE SOUTH AND EAST. THE COUNTRY GAINED INDEPENDENCE ON 21ST MARCH 1990, AND TODAY IT IS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF AFRICA'S VIBRANT AND SUCCESSFUL SOVEREIGN STATES.

Contributing to its popularity are a world class conference infrastructure, excellent international and regional flight connections, fine accommodation establishments with up to 5 star rating and a telecommunication infrastructure on par with the rest of the world.



## PRE AND POST TOURS



As one of Africa's tourist gems, Namibia offers an abundance of wildlife and unspoilt natural beauty, much of which can be visited within 1 to 3 hours' drive from Windhoek. Whether it is adventure, wildlife or intriguing landscapes that you seek, it can be explored through a variety of tours including fly-in and guided safaris. In fact, Namibia is the first country to include the conservation of its national treasures in its constitution

ALL THESE POSITIVE BENEFITS COMBINED MAKE NAMIBIA THE IDEAL MICE (MEETINGS, INCENTIVES, CONFERENCES / CONVENTIONS & EXHIBITIONS) DESTINATION OF CHOICE.



## IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT NAMIBIA

### Language

English is the national language of Namibia and the medium of instruction. It is spoken widely in Namibia, as are other languages including Afrikaans, German and seven indigenous languages.

### Local Time

Winter: GMT +1hr (First Sunday in April till First Sunday in September)  
Summer: GMT +2hrs (First Sunday in September till First Sunday in April)

### Airports and Airlines

- Windhoek has two main airports: Hosea Kutako International Airport which is situated 42KM east of the capital & used for international flights; and the Erso Airport situated about 5 minutes' drive from the Central Business District, which is utilised for some domestic flights. Guests can travel by car between the major towns of Namibia.
- Airlines that fly to Namibia include: Air Namibia, South African Airways, DMC and British Airways and Condor.

### Visas

Nationals from the certain countries are exempted from visa requirements when travelling to Namibia for holiday or tourism purposes for visits shorter than three months. More information can be obtained on the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration website on [www.mha.gov.na](http://www.mha.gov.na) or by visiting any Namibian Consulate

### Climate

Mostly, Namibia has a subtropical desert climate characterized by great differences in day and night time temperatures, low rainfall and overall low humidity. Day temperature reaches an average maximum of 30 degrees Celsius; whereas early mornings and evenings are generally moderate at 16 degrees Celsius or even lower during winter time.

### Tax

Value Added Tax (VAT) is levied on most goods and services at a standard rate of 15% and is included in the retail price. In hotels, this 15% tax applies to rooms, meals and other services and is included in the bill. VAT refunds are possible for individuals who do not hold a Namibian passport on goods (not services) purchased with a minimum value of N\$250,00 (including VAT). A VAT Refund Office is located at Windhoek's Hosea Kutako International Airport.

### Customs and Duty Free Allowance

Items carried for personal use, and not intended for gifts or sale are duty free, including cameras, binoculars, portable computers, cellular phones, etc., as are the usual quantities of beer, wine, spirits, tobacco and perfumes.

### Electricity

Namibia uses a 220 / 240 volts at 50 Hz. Plugs with three round pins are in use as in South Africa. An adapter to connect appliances is recommended.

### Telecommunications

Namibia has telecommunication infrastructure that is on par with the rest of the world.

### Hospitals

Namibia's health facilities are manned by internationally qualified medical staff and most surgical procedures can be done locally. Globally affiliated operators provide emergency evacuation services by air and road.

