



# XPLORE NAMIBIA



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# Soft Adventure NAMIBIA

*As one of the largest countries in Africa, offering vast expanses of untamed wilderness, rocky mountain ranges and the oldest, driest living desert in the world, there is a rewarding trip for all kinds.*

## SEE & DO

**Marine Life:** The Cold Atlantic waters harbour a wealth of Marine life, including 3 dolphin species and the large colony of Cape Fur Seals at Pelican Point. July-Oct, larger mammals like the Southern Right and Humpback whales may be spotted, and with some luck, the mighty Killer Whales.

**Ballooning:** With more than 300 days of sunshine a year provides visitors ample opportunities to enjoy the amazing scenery from above. Hot-Air Ballooning is one way of experiencing the magic of Namibia. Unsurpassed views and plenty of photographic opportunities.

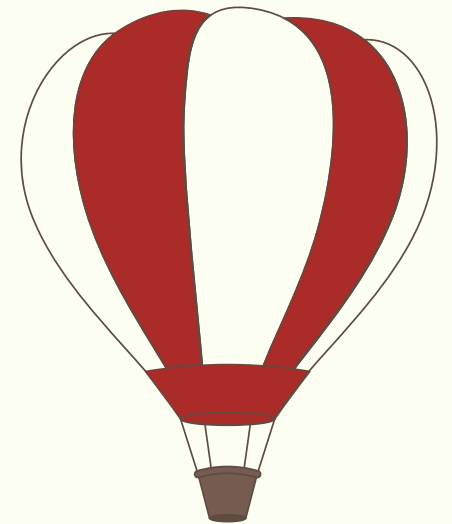
**Birding:** With more than 600 species on Namibia's birding check-list, this is a Bird-watchers paradise. Habitats range from the Namib Dunes, Coastal wetlands and savannahs, to the floodplains and waterways of the Kavango & Caprivi.

**Stargazing:** Namibia is favoured by professional and amateur astronomers alike. Offering excellent stargazing opportunities, with mostly cloudless nights & very little light and air pollution.

**Photography:** The diversity of Namibia's landscapes, light and wildlife, puts Namibia onto amateur and professional photographers "bucket-list" of destinations.

## Fun Fact

*Namibia is the second least densely populated country in the world. Only Mongolia is less populous. The low population makes it an excellent place to see wildlife.*



## Foods to try

### BILTONG

an aromatic air-dried meat, which originated in South Africa as a survival food and is now a popular everyday snack in Namibia.



# Active Adventure NAMIBIA

*Climb the highest sand dunes in the world. Descend to the floor of the deepest canyon in Africa. Explore the oldest, driest desert in the world. 300 days of sunshine, boasting the "Big-5" with some of the best Game Viewing in Africa, hiking trails, birdwatching, 4x4 Trails, horseback riding and more...*

## SEE & DO



**Fishing trips:** Coastal fishing available from the Central Namibian Coast right up to the Northern Boundary of Sandwich harbour, as well the coastal strip between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay. Especially popular is the Dorob National Park, which extends for 200 kms from Swakopmund to the Ugab River. Inland fishing primarily "catch & release". Northern Riverways are home to the ferocious tigerfish.



**Horseback Riding:** For accomplished riders there are several options through dramatic landscapes such as the Namib Desert, Canyon trails, Moon Valley and the Skeleton Coast.



**Sandboarding:** The slopes of the dunes between Walvis Bay and Swakopmund are ideal. With heights of 120m, one can accelerate to speeds of 80km/h on the high dunes.



**4x4 Trips:** Namibia is filled with Off-the-beaten-track trails Stretching from the Kalahari in the East, the Namib in the West, and the desolate expanses of the Kaokoland on the North-West. Guided or self-drive trips available.



**Hiking:** Namibia offers Guided Wilderness trails, overnight hiking trails and variety of walking trails. Hike the second-largest canyon in the world - The Fish River Canyon. The Namib Naukluft Park offers various short & longer hikes, as well as one of the toughest hiking challenges in the world.

## Fun Fact

*Did you know that there are two different styles of sandboarding? Namibia has both. lie-down (like sledding) and stand-up (like snowboarding).*



## Foods to try

### POTJIEKOS

This is a meat and vegetable stew-style dish which is prepared in a black three-legged cast iron pot that is placed on an open fire for 3-4 hours.



# Active Adventure NAMIBIA

*Immerse yourself in the past at one of Africa's richest rock art sites. Home to vibrant cities, deeply connected to their rich, cultural past. Off-the-beaten-track and Endless Horizons beckoning you to*  
**XpLore Namibia**

## SEE & DO

**Quad-biking:** One of the best ways to access parts of the sand dunes (controlled) that even 4x4 cannot reach. Some lodge offer game-viewing on quads. Quad-biking is especially popular in Swakopmund and Walvis Bay areas.

**Canoeing & Rafting:** Even though Namibia is mostly an arid country, there are plenty of opportunities available at the Orange River, Kunene and Okavango rivers

**Kitesurfing & Paragliding:** The annual Luderitz Kite-Surfing Speed Challenge and the southwesterly breezes at the Walvis Bay Lagoon attracts board-sailing enthusiasts. Namibia offers some of the safest locations in the world to learn the art of Paragliding. The dunes of Swakopmund's southwesterly winds, offer ideal "lift" and once air-borne, the views of the desert & ocean are spectacular

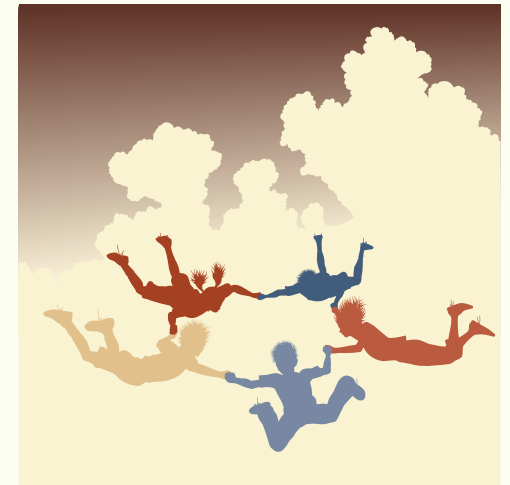
**Skydiving:** Coastal town of Swakopmund is the premier drop. The views are breathtaking. Scheduled jumps, tandem & freefall available.

**Mountain Biking:** Many opportunities for exhilarating and truly tough mountain biking. Average mountain altitudes of 1000-2000 meters & rugged landscapes for the avid cycling adventure.

**Rock Climbing:** The 1,728 meter-high Summit, Spitzkoppe is Namibia's top rock-climbing destination. The Erongo Mountains also offer excellent rock-climbing challenges.

## Fun Fact

*Namibia is one of only two countries in the world that has desert elephants!*



## Foods to try

### KAPANA & VETKOEK

Cuts of seasoned red meat, vegetables and chillies, served with deliciously doughy 'fat cakes' to help soak up the juices



# Tour NAMIBIA

*Namibia boasts with some of the greatest wildlife population in the world. Hosting the "Big-5", filled with various antelope species. Nature & wildlife is everywhere, the spectacular red sand in the Kalahari desert. The desert adapted Elephants, and of course the "Little-5" in the Namib desert. Bird & Marine Life. A visit to Namibia will be filled with an unforgettable experience and endless variety*

## SEE & DO

**Wildlife Adventure:** A fantastic concentration of wildlife. Many accommodation options for different budgets - From luxury lodges to camping. From self-drives, fly-ins, guided overland tours, horseback riding safaris, walking safaris, and privately guided safaris, just to name a few.

**Damaraland:** known for its desert-adapted-species, including elephants, lions and black rhinos. This is a unique, harsh landscape, with Namibia's highest mountain (Brandberg), centuries old rock engravings in Twyfelfontein, a petrified forest, and a Living Museum, presenting the traditional culture of the Damara.

**The Namib Desert:** Spectacular landscapes of rolling dunes, and endemic species of small animals and reptiles. The Famous Sossusvlei and Deadvlei - photographers dream sites.

### North-east Caprivi & Kavango Region:

The north-east of Namibia, unlike the rest of the country is blessed with good rainfalls. Wild National Parks, an abundance of wild-life & some 450 bird-species in these wetlands. Along the large floodplains of the Okavango impressive woodlands and individual baobabs can be found

**Skeleton Coast:** Visit one of the many famous shipwrecks and see thousands of seals laying upon the rocks at Cape Cross Seal reserve. Birds, dolphins, seals and scavengers, patrolling the seas and shores.

## Fun Fact

*Namibia is home to the world's largest population of free-roaming cheetahs (~2500-3000).*



## Foods to try

### WILD GAME

Although often cooked on a barbecue you will find wild game served in a variety of ways: from sausages to stews and steaks to shish kebabs







# Tour NAMIBIA

*Namibia is one of the most fascinating, diverse & sparsely populated countries in the world. Astonishing concentrations of wildlife, blazing red dunes, blinding white salt pans, cloudless blue skies and lush green wetlands. A dream destination for all .*


## SEE & DO




**Erongo Region:** A geological wonderland. Its centre is formed by the Erongo Mountains, a 130 million year old volcanic ruin with breath taking rock formations and landscapes. The mountain range is also home to many interesting ancient rock paintings. In parts, a surreal looking region



**Fish River Canyon:** The second largest canyon in the world. The Fish River Canyon dominates the landscape. Besides that there are wild horses, the mysterious Quiver tree forest and the Gondwana Canyon Park.



**The Kalahari- a semi-desert:** The Kalahari Basin is one of the largest coherent sand expanses worldwide. One of the highlights for Namibia, is the red dune landscape of the Kalahari. It is also home to the San (Bushmen) , who have been living in the area for approximately 60.000 years



**Kaokoveld:** in the far north-west of Namibia, harsh & remote landscape, pervaded by mountain ranges & dry river beds. Home to the Ovahimba, the last true nomads of Namibia. Besides that a visit of the Epupa Falls, the border river between Namibia and Angola. Epupa means "falling water" in the Herero language.



**Coastline:** Towns seeping with culture & history. Swakopmund is known as activity centre of Namibia. Lüderitz boasts some well maintained old houses from the German colonial times. more points of interest such as the Bogenfels, Kolmanskop (a ghost town) and the Restricted Diamond Area



## Fun Fact

*The country gets its name from the Namib Desert – one of the world's oldest deserts*



## Foods to try

### Mopane Worms

Considered a local delicacy in Northern Namibia, the mopane worm is one for the more adventurous. They can come dried as a crispy snack or cooked in a traditional stew



# Planning Tour NAMIBIA



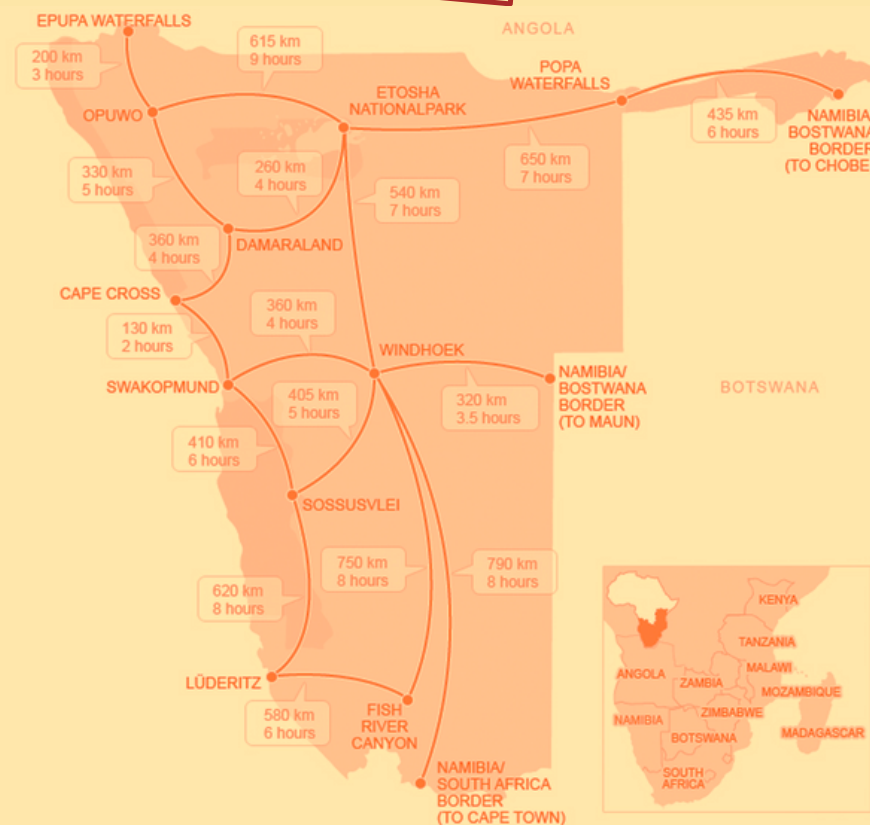
**Best time to visit:** May-Oct - Winter which is mild during the day but cool at night. Summer (Nov-Apr) is hot. Rainfall is low and occurs mainly in summer. Of course the best time is always linked to what activities you are wanting to do while visiting.

**Bird-watching** rainy season- Oct-Apr **Game-viewing** dry season-May-Oct  
**Hiking** cooler months Apr - Oct

**Getting around:** Scheduled bus tours (coach & microbus)  
Fly-in Safaris, self-drive tours, 4 x 4 vehicle trips, specialised tailor-made guided tours. International driver's license required if you are taking a self-drive/rental vehicle.



## Distances



## Fun Fact

*More than 40 percent of the country is under conservation management*



## What to pack:

Comfortable light clothing for the day and light jackets for the evenings for summer months. Warm fleece jacket and Scarf, gloves and beanies/woollen hats for the evenings during winter months. Comfortable, good quality walking shoes & sandals. Don't forget your sun-hat, sunblock, sunglasses, lip-balm & moisturising lotion. Insect repellent, especially for the summer months & evenings. Swimsuits - nothing better than a swim after the long days exploring. Flashlight (headlamp), binoculars and a good camera with extra memory cards. A Water Bottle – We recommend drinking a lot of water to prevent dehydration.



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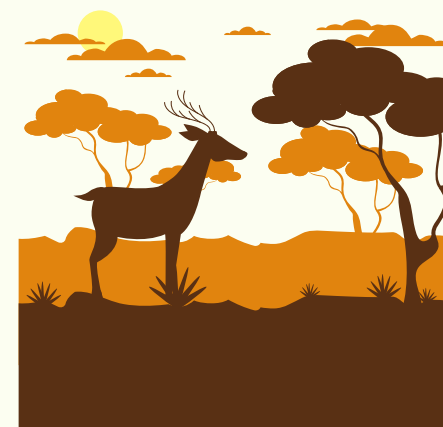


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## Fun Fact

*The country has a population of close to 2.4 million, and the citizens speak up to 30 languages*



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