



## Namibian Country Guide

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### Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

*Exercise normal safety precautions in Namibia. Use common sense. Look out for suspicious behaviour.*

*Screening measures remain in place for all passengers travelling from Ebola virus disease (EVD) affected countries. See [Health](#).*

*Drive carefully. Tourists have been involved in single-vehicle accidents because of excessive speed and lack of familiarity with local conditions. See [Local travel](#).*

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Namibia at [www.smarttraveller.gov.au](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au).

### Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Namibia. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against hepatitis B. Vaccination against rabies (particularly if working with animals) and typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene) should be considered by travellers to Namibia. There is a risk of malaria in some parts of Namibia and dengue fever also occurs, thus insect avoidance measures and anti malarial medication may be necessary depending on your itinerary. Travellers are advised to drink bottled water and avoid ice cubes and raw/undercooked food. Do not swim in fresh water to avoid exposure to diseases such as schistosomiasis (bilharzia). Travellers coming from countries within the yellow fever endemic zone will require vaccination against the disease.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including a recent annual influenza vaccination. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Namibia should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit [www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips](http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/tips).

### Namibian Representation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Namibia

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WINDHOEK

Tel: (+264 61) 282 9111  
Fax: (+264 61) 223 937

Web: [www.mfa.gov.na](http://www.mfa.gov.na)

Namibia does not maintain any representatives in Australia. For further details on visiting this country, please contact the Namibian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



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### Time Differences between Namibia and Australia

Namibia is Greenwich Mean Time +1 hour (+2 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is West Africa Time (WAT) or West Africa Summer Time (WAST). Daylight saving is observed from the first Sunday in April to the first Sunday in September.

Namibia, 12 noon, December = Perth 6pm; Darwin 7:30pm; Brisbane 8pm; Adelaide 8:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.  
Namibia, 12 noon, June = Perth 7pm; Darwin, Adelaide 8:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.

### Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Namibia: +264

To Dial Australia Call: 00 61 <City> <Number>  
(International access code was formerly 09, still applicable in some areas)

Travelex Card Services:  
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:  
Call the US on +1 303 967 1096

MasterCard:  
Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:  
Call the UK on +44 20 7365 4846

Emergency Services:  
Ambulance - 203 2276  
Fire - 203 2270  
Police - 1011

These emergency services numbers may not be available in all areas of Namibia.

### Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

#### Passports

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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#### Credit Cards

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

#### Travel Insurance

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Australian Representation in Namibia

Australian Honorary Consulate,  
Namibia

56 Chalcedoon Street  
WINDHOEK

Tel: (+264 61) 300 194  
Tel: (+264 81) 283 4629  
Fax: (+264 88) 640 002

Australian High Commission, South Africa

292 Orient Street  
Arcadia  
PRETORIA 0083

Tel: (+27 12) 423 6000  
Fax: (+27 12) 342 8442

Web:  
[www.southafrica.highcommission.gov.au](http://www.southafrica.highcommission.gov.au)

The honorary consulate in Windhoek provides limited services. The Australian High Commission in South Africa is accredited to this country and can provide full consular assistance to Australians in Namibia.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305. Australians travellers are encouraged to register their presence and contact details in Namibia with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at [www.orao.dfat.gov.au](http://www.orao.dfat.gov.au).



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### Duty Free Allowances for Namibia and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Namibia:

Alcohol: 1 litre of spirits or liqueur and 2 litres of wine.  
 Tobacco: 400 cigarettes, 50 cigars and 250g of tobacco.  
 Perfume: 50ml of perfume and 250ml of eau de toilette.  
 Total Goods: Up to the value of 50,000 Namibian dollars.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres of alcoholic beverages.  
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.  
 Other Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Namibia and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For further information regarding Australian customs please visit [www.border.gov.au](http://www.border.gov.au).

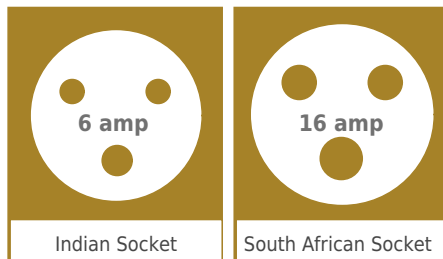
### Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket types: Indian and the larger South African.

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug Type: South African.

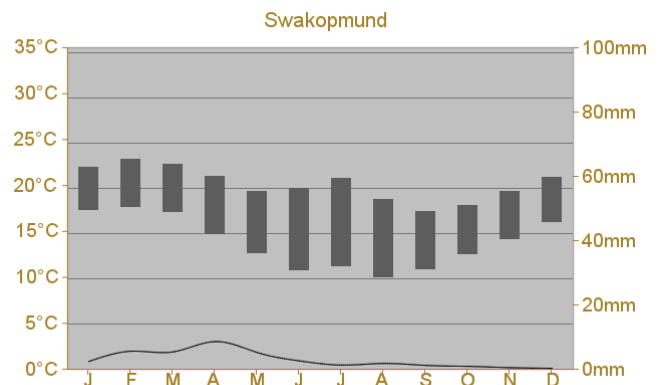
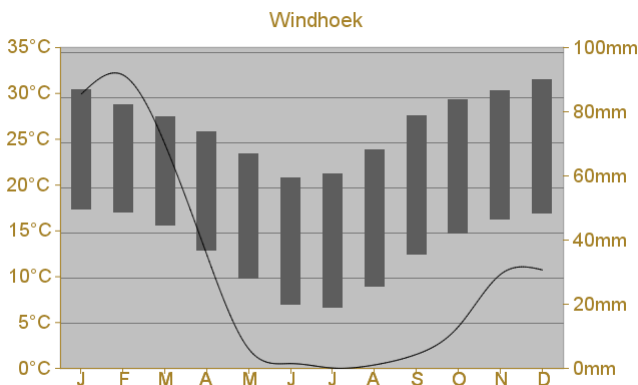
To purchase electrical adaptors, or for further information, go to [www.korjo.com.au](http://www.korjo.com.au).



### Namibian Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan: New Year's Day  
 21 Mar: Independence Day  
 30 Mar: Good Friday  
 02 Apr: Easter Monday  
 01 May: Workers Day  
 04 May: Battle of Cassinga Day  
 10 May: Ascension Day  
 25 May: Africa Day  
 26 Aug: Heroes Day  
 10 Dec: Namibia Women's Day  
 25 Dec: Christmas Day  
 26 Dec: Family Day

### Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Namibia



Source: Namibia Meteorological Service. For forecasts please go to [www.meteona.com](http://www.meteona.com) or [www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather).

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### Exchange Rate with Namibia

#### Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 10.26 Namibian Dollars  
 10 Namibian Dollars (NAD) = 0.97 Australian Dollars

#### With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 9.86 Namibian Dollars  
 10 Namibian Dollars (NAD) will cost 1.01 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

### Currency Cheat Sheet

N\$5 = \$0.51 AUD		N\$100 = \$10.14 AUD		N\$1,000 = \$101.38 AUD	
N\$10 = \$1.01 AUD	N\$20 = \$2.03 AUD	N\$30 = \$3.04 AUD	N\$40 = \$4.06 AUD	N\$50 = \$5.07 AUD	N\$60 = \$6.08 AUD
N\$70 = \$7.10 AUD	N\$80 = \$8.11 AUD	N\$90 = \$9.12 AUD	N\$100 = \$10.14 AUD	N\$200 = \$20.28 AUD	N\$300 = \$30.41 AUD
N\$400 = \$40.55 AUD	N\$500 = \$50.69 AUD	N\$600 = \$60.83 AUD	N\$700 = \$70.97 AUD	N\$800 = \$81.11 AUD	N\$900 = \$91.24 AUD
N\$1,000 = \$101.38 AUD	N\$2,000 = \$202.77 AUD	N\$3,000 = \$304.15 AUD	N\$4,000 = \$405.53 AUD	N\$5,000 = \$506.91 AUD	N\$6,000 = \$608.30 AUD
N\$7,000 = \$709.68 AUD	N\$8,000 = \$811.06 AUD	N\$9,000 = \$912.44 AUD	N\$10,000 = \$1,013.83 AUD		

This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" of exchange listed above.

### Banknotes and Coins of Namibia

The currency of Namibia is the Namibian Dollar which has the currency code "NAD" and is abbreviated using the symbol "\$" or "N\$". The Namibian Dollar is pegged to the South African Rand at the value of 1 to 1, thus the rand may be accepted as legal tender. The following banknotes are the most common in Namibia however other versions and denominations are in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images before travelling.





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## About Namibia

**Full Name:** Republic of Namibia.  
**Independence:** 21 March 1990 (from South African mandate).  
**Size:** 824,292 sq km (similar to NSW).  
**Population:** 2.1 million (10% the size of Australia).  
 Windhoek (capital) 350,000.  
**Languages:** English, German, Afrikaans, Bantu and Khoisan.  
**Religion:** Christian 80%, indigenous beliefs 20%.  
**Ethnicity:** Ovambo tribe 50%, other indigenous 38%, white 6%, mixed 6%.  
**GDP Per Capita:** US\$7,900 (Australia US\$40,800).

**Significant Dates:**  
 Pre 1488AD - Bushmen and several tribes including the Ovambo, Bantu, Himba, Herero and Nama inhabit the region.  
 1488 - Portuguese navigators explore the coast.  
 1800's - English and German missionaries explore Namibia.  
 1884 - Germany claims the area as a colony.  
 1904-05 - Local rebellions against German rule are crushed. 50% of the Herero and Nama tribes are wiped out.  
 1915 - South Africa takes over territory during World War 1.  
 1966 - Swapo begins an armed struggle against South African occupation.  
 1968 - South West Africa renamed Namibia by the UN.  
 1990 - Namibia becomes independent from South Africa.  
 2005 - Expropriation of white-owned farms begins.

