

## INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO NAMIBIA

**CLIMATE** – Namibia enjoys a minimum of 300 days of sunshine a year, but temperatures and rainfall vary considerably both seasonally and geographically.

Summer (October to April) Temperatures can reach 40° C (104° F) in January and February, which drop at night to cool levels. The average temperature along the coast in summer is 23°C (73°F)

Winter (May to August): Warm days and very cold night. Average temperatures, 6-10°C (43-50°F) in the mornings and 18-22°C (65-72°F) during the day. Along the coast in winter, the average temperature is 13°C (55° F).

**COMMUNICATION** – For international calls from Namibia to the USA or Canada, use the following dialing sequence: + 1 + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell phone.

For international calls from the USA or Canada to Namibia, dial the following sequence: 011 + (264) + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a land line and + (264) + (city area code) + (local phone number) from a cell phone.

Cell phone coverage in all the major towns and cities is very good but may be scarce in outlying areas and Etosha. Please contact your provider for information on roaming.

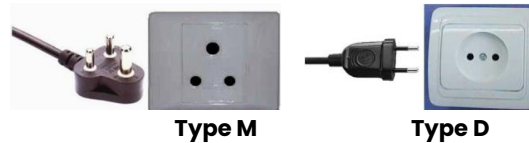
**PASSPORTS AND VISAS** – Canadian and United States of America passport holders do not require a visa for Namibia for a visit of less than 90 days. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months from date of departure from Namibia and have at least THREE BLANK PAGES marked VISA for a visa stamp (amendment pages are not acceptable). If you are extending your journey to other countries, please establish entry requirements for those countries as well.

**MALARIA** – Game reserve areas have malaria so please contact your physician or travel clinic for advice as to what precautions against malaria they suggest for you.

**WATER** – Hotels and lodges do have safe purified water. In other places its best to drink bottled water.

**TIME** – Two (2) hours ahead of GMT. Namibia does not observe daylight savings. Eastern time plus 7 hours beginning November to mid-March. Eastern time plus 6 hours mid-March – beginning November.

**ELECTRICITY** – Power supply is 220v, 50 cycle AC. Most outlets require the type M plug with 3 round pins as pictured. Sometimes type D plugs with two pins are found on appliances. US-made appliances may need a transformer.



### MONEY MATTERS

**Currency** – The unit of currency is the Namibia Dollar (N\$). This is fixed to the South African Rand. Both the Namibian dollar and the South African Rand are acceptable for use in Namibia.

**Credit Cards** – Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. American Express and Diners are less widely accepted. Credit cards are not accepted at gas (petrol) stations.

**Banks** – Most banks are open Mondays to Fridays 09.00am – 3.30pm and Saturdays from 08.30am – 11.00am.

Automated teller machines (ATM's) are found in large towns and at the airport. Some international banks have branches in the main cities. The banks and the Bureau de Change at most airports offer

the best exchange rates, but it is also possible to change money at hotel receptions.

**Value Added Tax** – The VAT rate is 15%, levied on most products and services. Foreign tourists can have VAT refunded at a port of exit on goods valued at a minimum of N\$250. You must have a valid passport, valid tax invoices and must produce the goods if requested. The invoice must stipulate that it is a VAT invoice and show the amount charged.

**SHOPPING** – African art and crafts such as sculptures, baskets, beadwork, woodcarvings, and ceramics are sold at roadside stalls or shops such as the Namibia Craft Centre in Windhoek. Carpet or clothing made from the wool of karakul sheep (Swakara – South-West African Karakul) are unique to Namibia. Diamonds are relatively well priced.

Trading hours are normally:

Monday – Friday 08:30 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday: 08:30 am – 1:00 pm

**US AND CANADIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS** – The import of meat or meat products (dried, canned etc.), plants, seeds, vegetables, fruits, livestock, endangered wildlife species and products thereof (for example clothing and accessories) into the United States and Canada is prohibited. This includes Ostrich eggs and animal skins.

**FLIGHT RECONFIRMATIONS AND CHECK-IN** – Please refer to your air itinerary for suggested check in times. Have electronics fully charged as you may be asked to activate them for security checks.

**FINAL NOTES** – Some areas you visit will be quite poor by North American standards. Carry only small amounts of cash. Lock cash, valuables and passports in hotel and lodge safes or leave them with camp managers.

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