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GERMAN

AFRIKAANS

OSHIWAMBO



BOTTLED H2O



in the bush advised



# TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

A valid passport and sometimes VISA is required. Please contact the Namibia Embassy closest to you



# **VACCINATIONS**

You need no vaccinations when travelling to Namibia.

# TEMPERATURE & RAINFALL

May - August falls into the winter months, where days, and expecially nights are cold.

Summer falls between September and April and rain can be expected between November and March.

BEST TIME FOR GAME VIEWING



CURRENCY
NAMIBIAN
DOLLAR
(NAD)

# **ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES ON SAFARI**

A variety of activities can be enjoyed on safari at various destinations. Below are the activity and facility symbols.



Rooms





Family Accommodation



Solar Power



Canoeing / Kayaking







(Day)



(Night)







Barge



Gym





Cultural **Experiences** 



**Quad Biking** 



Hot Air Ballooning



Catch-and-Release Fishing



Helicopter Flips



Star Bed / Sleep-out



Hide



Massage **Treatments** 



Spa Treatments



Mekoro



Fat bike/ bicycle



Rhino Tracking on Foot





Pool



Private Plunge Pool at Each Room



In Africa



# **ABOUT**

# Five Stars Tours & Safaris

Born with a deep love of Namibia and unrelenting passion for responsible travel, Five Stars Tours & Safaris is an exciting and vibrant Travel Specialist. It's a love and dedication that drives us to pioneer new destinations and find new ways to explore wel-trodden routes. We offer quality tailor-made family safaris, self-drive or guided safaris, adventure camping, honeymoons, luxury fly & drive safaris and hunting safaris throughout Namibia.

Our passionate Travel Specialists are handpicked for their extensive first-hand knowledge and are committed to delivering exceptional service. Lucky enough to have travelled intimately through Namibia on countless occations, we'll turn our guests needs and interests into individual suggestions and construct the perfect, tailor-made tour. Creating life-changing journeys in some of the most luxurious and pristine areas in Namibia.





### **LEADERSHIP**

We are accountable for our actions, have the courage to innovate and are purposedriven in shaping a better Namibia.



### RESPECT

We are authentic, honest and ethical.



### FUN

We enjoy making a difference, building relationships and changing lives.



### DEDICATION

Our commitment to the environment, our people and our guests is unwavering.



# WHY TRAVEL WITH Five Stars Tours & Safaris

Five Stars Tours & Safaris understand that our guests aim for a meaningful, purposeful travel - that the positive impact of that travel is one of modern life's great luxuries. We believe in creating journeys, not holidays. A journey is an immersive experience, one that changes how you view the world in general and the wide open spaces of Namibia in particular.

We offer our guests complete, tailor-made services and exclusive access to Namibia's best wildlife areas, creating a unique sense of seclusion, comfort, privacy and space. Combining destinations is the best way to discover the diverse wildlife species that thrive in different habitats. Namibia offer a multiplicity of species, scenery and activities and are thus easily combined to create the perfect itinerary. The different regions not only showcase the variety of wildlife within distinctive landscapes, but explore the cultural diversity of each region. Designing a safari is an important part of the African journey. Given the diversity and immense topography of Namibia, it is impossible to see everything in one trip.

We now have a new office in Moscow, through which our Travel Specialists coordinate travel arrangments. This full-service travel operation handles accommodation requeststs for individuals, groups and incentives, including accommodation, car rentals, local flights, transfers, touring, logistical support activities and any other special requirements necessary allowing us to design any itinerary to suit the taste and budget of all our guests.

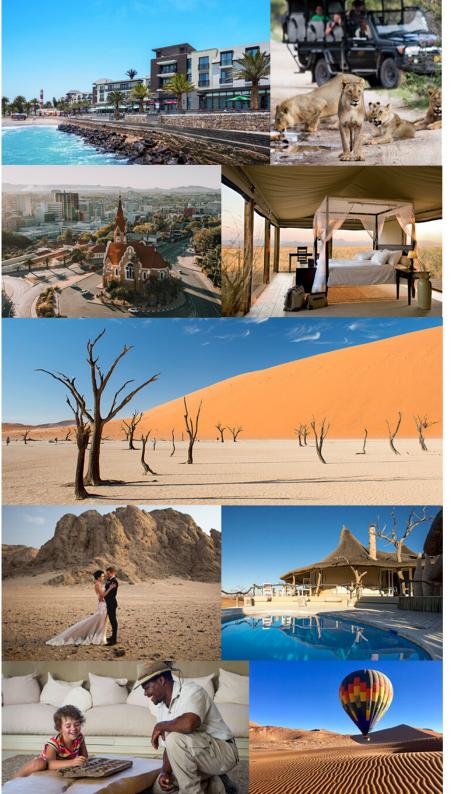
Visit Namibia, enjoy its scenery and charms, and let Five Stars Tours & Safaris take care of all the details. Not your average Travel Specialists.. because your holidays should never be average. Its a life-changing journey.

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"The only man I envy is the man who has not been to Africa... for he has so much to look forward to."

**Richard Mullins** 



# **ABOUT NAMIBIA**

The Land of Open Spaces, as Namibia is affectionately known, with its undiscovered landscapes and unspoiled nature, makes for a perfect and widely diverse travel destination. The well-developed road infrastructure and the friendly welcoming people will ensure that your visit to Namibia is an unforgettable experience.

Whether you're in search of the perfect romantic breakaway, ultimate adventure or are just wishing to lose yourself in the wildlife, cultural diversity and merising scenery reflecting Namibia's untouched beauty, the following information and tips will leave you well equipped to explore even the remotest parts of the country.

# NAMIBIA TRAVEL TIPS

### THE DISTANCES ARE VAST

Travel in Namibia is truly unlike travel anywhere else on earth. Known as the land of endless horizons, the vast distances and epic landscapes of this country will leave you feeling both insanely small and insignificant, and carefree and in absolute awe at every turn. It's epic in every single way, and a visit here is well worth it. As the saying goes, you can leave Namibia, but Namibia will never leave you.

### SELF-DRIVE OR GUIDED SAFARI

A big pro of a Namibian **Self-Drive** is the flexibility. Namibia is generally regarded as a safe country to travel and self drive in, provided you take the usual precautions. A self-drive is a big adventure, finding your way through the dessert of Namibia, can be very exciting. What you have to bear in mind is that you must do a lot of research, which may be a time-consuming but fun task. **Guided** tours are highly recommended because the professional guides know exactly where they can find the best game viewing, you will have an experienced driver so you don't have to stress about driving yourself and everything is arranged for you. You can sit back and enjoy the beauty of Namibia. Whatever you decide, you will have an amazing time in one of the most beautiful counties of the world!

### IS NAMIBIA SAFE?

Undoubtedly, "is Namibia safe to travel" is the question we're asked most often. Namibia is one of the safest African countries. We advise that you take the normal precautions, but that counts for anywhere you travel., such as never leaving valuables or bags unattended in your car. We also rececommend that you buy travel insurance before you visit Namibia.

### CAN YOU TRAVEL NAMIBIA WITH YOUNG CHILDREN?

Absolutely, yes. Namibia is a perfect family destination with children of any age. It's the mix of experiences that you don't get elsewhere in Africa, which sets Namibia apart as a great destination for a family holiday. Kayak with seals, track desert-adapted elephant, go dune sandboarding and spot constellations in the uninterrupted night sky. Younger children can look for sand-dwelling creatures in the desert, while teenagers can ride quad bikes through the dunes. Namibia is a giant, sandy adventure playground, with enough thrilling activities and abundant wildlife to - whisper it - make them forget about their phones.



The most beautiful country in Africa has some of the best lodges on the continent, hidden in some of the most dramatic and thrillingly remote spots on the planet. From the dunes of Sossusvlei to the fog-bound Skeleton Coast to the Martian wilderness of Kunene, Namibia's cinematic landscapes are sometimes frightening, always mesmerising.

# POPULAR DESTINATIONS & ATTRACTIONS



# **ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK**

The internationally renowned Etosha National Park - undoubtedly Namibia's most popular tourist attraction - is the heart of the north-central region. Etosha means "great white place", referring to the Etosha Pan, which covers the greater part of the Eastern half of the park, accessible to tourists. Etosha was first proclamed a game reserve in 1907. Today's Etosha National Park spans over 22 912km2. The Etosha Pan covers 23% of the surface area of the park. It is the largest saltpan in Africa, visible even from space. The park hosts 114 mamal species and 340 bird species, 110 reptile sepcies and 16 species of amphibians.



# **SOSSUSVLEI**

Proclaimed in 1979, the Namib-Naukluft Park is an amalgamation of several areas into one integrated reserve. It is the largest conservation area in the country and home to one of Namibia's top tourist attractions, the legendary Sossusvlei, a spectacular white pan surrounded by some of the highest sand dunes in the world. Sossusvlei is a depression in the Namib Desert dunes where the water of the Tsauchab River can flow no further. The monumentally high dunes are a sought after topic for photographers and pose a mind-boggling picture for the visitor.



## **FISH RIVER CANYON**

The country's most spectacular geological phenomenon and the highlight of Namibia's 'Deep South' is the Fish River Canyon. The famous ravine lies in the lower reaches of Namibia's longest river, the Fish. It took millions of years to evolve to its present shape - a massive 161km long, up to 27km wide and up to 550meters deep. Renowned as the world's second largest and Africa's largest canyon, it is only exceeded in size and depth by the Grand Canyon. Ai Ais provides an oasis in the desolate rocky wastes. Guided and unguided walks into the canyon are possible.

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# **SKELETON COAST**

Mysteries and mists shroud this desolate coastline; seal and whale bones and shipwrecks tales abound. It is where the desolate desert and icy ocean merge in an untamed wilderness. The Skeleton Coast Park, proclaimed in its present form in 1971, extends from the Ugab River in the South for 500km up to the Kunene River in the North, covering an area of 16 845km2. It protects about one third of Namibia's coastline. The landscape in the park ranges from sweeping vistas of windswept dunes, to rugged canyons with walls of richly coloured volcanic rock and extensive mountain ranges. The coast is Namibia's adventure mecca.



# WATERBERG PLATEAU

Rising as an island of colour some 200 meters above the surrounding African bush and savannah, the Waterberg Plateau with its flamboyant brick-red sandstone formations and lush green vegetation is without a doubt the main drawcard of the region. Other attractions are the Hoba Meteorite, the Otjihaenamaparero and the Dragon's breath underground lake. Geologically, the oldest rock stratum is over 850 million years old and dinosaur tracks were left there some 200 million years ago. The Waterberg Plateau National Park is ecologically diverse and rich and has over 200 different species of bird



# **RUACANA WATERFALLS**

Ruacana Falls are waterfalls located near Ruacana on the Kunene River in Northern Namibia. The waterfall is 120 m (390ft) high and 700 m (2,300ft) wide in full flood. It is amoung the largest waterfalls in Africa, both by volume and width. The falls cascade down a 120m drop just 15km from the town of Ruacana. Due to the Calueque Dam across the Angolan border however, the falls are but a fraction of their former glory. The riverside is dotted with quaint lodges offering a variety of water sports. When the area does receive good rains the Ruacana may briefly relive its former grandeur.

# POPULAR DESTINATIONS & ATTRACTIONS



# **TWYFELFONTEIN**

The highlight of this region is Twyfelfontein – Namibia's first and only World Heritage Site. Twyfelfontein (meaning doubtful fountain), is a massive, openair art gallery that is of great interest to international rock-art connoisseurs. The 2,000-plus rock engravings, estimated to be 6,000 years old, represent one of Africa's largest and most noteworthy concentrations of rock art. Other special attractions are the majestic Brandberg with its treasure trove of ancient Bushman rock art AND daunting rock-climbing challenges, the Petrified Forest, Burnt Mountain, Organ Pipes, the Spitzkoppe, and the Erongo Mountains.



# THE WELWITCHIA TRAIL

If you're on a quest to see weltwitschias, continue east along the Weltwitschia Drive to the Moon Landscape, a vista across eroded hills and valleys carved by the Swakop River. Here you may want to take a quick 12km return sidetrip north to the farm and oasis of Goanikontes, which dates from 1848. It lies beside the Swakop River amid fabulous desert mountains, and serves as an excellent picnic site. The stark, bare and inhospitable looking Moon Landscape has become a favorite with the film industry over recent years which regularly visits the area for location shoots.



# WILD HORSES IN THE NAMIB

An attraction in the southern part of the Namib are the Feral Horses of Garub. These horses have successfully bypassed their role as working or breeding horses. They are independent of humans (more or less) and they fascinate us with their adapted live in a very inhospitable area and infinite freedom. It is probably the only feral herd of horses residing in Africa, with a population ranging between 90 and 150. Despite being considered an exotic species within the park, they are allowed to remain due to their ties to the country's history and draw as a tourist attraction.













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