



GENERAL

- SURFACE AREA: 824 268 KM2
- CAPITAL: WINDHOEK
- INDEPENDENCE: MARCH 21, 1990
- CURRENT PRESIDENT: HER EXCELLENCY NETUMBO NANDI-NDAITWAH
- MULTIPARTY PARLIAMENT
- DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION
- SECULAR STATE – FREEDOM OF RELIGION (90% CHRISTIAN)
- FREEDOM OF PRESS/MEDIA

POPULATION

- 3.1 MILLION
- DENSITY: 2.2 PER KM2
- 14 REGIONS
- 450 000 INHABITANTS IN WINDHOEK (18% TOTAL)
- OFFICIAL LANGUAGE: ENGLISH
- 13 ETHNIC CULTURES
- 16 LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS
- ADULT LITERACY RATE: 85%
- POPULATION GROWTH RATE: 2.6%
- 1 450 SCHOOLS – 94% OF CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL

ENVIRONMENT

- NATURE RESERVES 15% OF SURFACE AREA (105 559 KM2)
- HIGHEST MOUNTAIN: BRANDBERG 2579 M
- RIVERS: ORANGE RIVER SOUTHERN BORDER WITH SOUTH AFRICA, KUNENE, OKAVANGO, ZAMBEZI AND KWANDO/ LINYANTI/CHOBE, NORTHERN BORDER WITH ANGOLA, ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA
- EPHEMERAL RIVERS: FISH, KUISEB, SWAKOP AND UGAB

FLORA

- 14 VEGETATION ZONES
- 120 SPECIES OF TREES
- 200 ENDEMIC PLANT SPECIES
- 100 SPECIES OF LICHEN
- LIVING FOSSIL PLANT: WELWITSCHIA MIRABILIS

FAUNA

- BIG GAME: ELEPHANT, LION, RHINO, BUFFALO, CHEETAH, LEOPARD, GIRAFFE, ANTELOPE
- 20 SPECIES OF ANTELOPE
- 240 SPECIES OF MAMMALS (14 ENDEMIC)
- 250 SPECIES OF REPTILES
- 50 SPECIES OF FROGS
- 676 SPECIES OF BIRDS
- ENDEMIC BIRDS: HERERO CHAT, ROCKRUNNER, MONTEIRO'S HORNBILL

DRINKING WATER

- MOST TAP WATER IS PURIFIED AND SAFE TO DRINK. VISITORS SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION IN RURAL AREAS

PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- 5450 KM TARRED ROADS
- 37000 KM GRAVEL ROADS
- MAIN HARBOURS: WALVIS BAY LÜDERITZ
- AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS: WINDHOEK MAIN AIRPORT: HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND WINDHOEK CITY: EROS AIRPORT
- AIRSTRIPS: 46
- RAIL NETWORK: 2382 KM
- DIRECT DIALING FACILITIES TO 22 COUNTRIES
- MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM GSM
- AGREEMENTS WITH 117 COUNTRIES , 255 NETWORKS

ECONOMY

- MAIN SECTORS: MINING, FISHING TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
- BIGGEST EMPLOYER: AGRICULTURE 46%
- FASTEST GROWING SECTOR: TOURISM
- MINING: DIAMONDS, URANIUM COPPER, LEAD, ZINC, MAGNESIUM CADMIUM, ARSENIC, PYRITES, SILVER AND GOLD, LITHIUM, MINERALS DIMENSION STONES (GRANITE, MARBLE BLUE SODALITE) AND MANY SEMI PRECIOUS STONES.
- GDP PER CAPITA: N\$ 11 736

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ON +26-61 292 2169, OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE [HTTPS://ESERVICES.MHAISS.GOV.NA/](https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na/)

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

- ALL RUN ON 220/240 VOLTS. OUTLET ARE OF THE ROUND 3-PIN, 15-AMP TYPE, THE SAME AS IN SOUTH AFRICA

TAX & CUSTOMS

- ALL GOODS AND SERVICES ARE PRICED TO INCLUDE VALUE-ADDED TAX OF 15% VISITORS MAY RECLAIM VAT
- ENQUIRIES MINISTRY OF FINANCE – TEL +264 61 23 0773

TRANSPORT

- PUBLIC TRANSPORT NOT AVAILABLE TO ALL DESTINATIONS IN NAMIBIA
- BUS SERVICE FROM WINDHOEK - CAPITAL TOWN/ JOHANNESBURG / VIC FALLS SWAKOPMUND
- NAMIBIA'S MAIN RAILWAY LINES RUN FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER CONNECTING WINDHOEK TO SWAKOPMUND IN THE WEST AND TSUMEB
- EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL FLIGHT FROM WINDHOEK
- DOMESTIC CHARTERS TO ALL DESTINATIONS

MONEY MATTERS

- CURRENCY: THE NAMIBIAN DOLLAR (N\$) IS FIXED AND EQUALS THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAND. SA RAND IS ALSO LEGAL TENDER
- MOST INTERNATIONAL CREDIT CARD ARE ACCEPTED
- TRAVELLERS CHEQUES IN FOREIGN CURRENCY CAN BE EXCHANGED DURING BANKING HOURS, WEEKDAYS FROM 09.00 – 15.30 AND SATURDAYS FROM 8.30-10.30 AT ANY COMMERCIAL BANK IN MOST TOWNS
- BUREAU DE CHANGE OFFICES AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND IN THE LEVINSON ARCADE IN WINDHOEK
- NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED AT PETRO STATIONS
- PERSONAL CHEQUES, FOREIGN CURRENCY OR FOREIGN TRAVELLERS CHEQUES ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT REST CAMPS

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- ONE MEDICAL DOCTOR PER 3650 PEOPLE
- WINDHOEK HAS 4 PRIVATELY RUN HOSPITALS
- INTENSIVE CARE UNITS
- 24 HOURS MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

MEDICAL & EMERGENCY SERVICES

- INTERNATIONAL SOS WINDHOEK 061 230 505/249 777
- NETCARE: 061 223 330
- SWAKOPMUND: 064 400 700
- TSUMEB: 081 128 5501
- WALVIS BAY: 064 200 200