

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION



VEHICLES:

Our tours and safaris operate in 10 to 22-seater vehicles depending on the size of the group participating on the booked activity.

The vehicles vary between busses and other safari 4x4 vehicles.

CAMPING AND ACCOMODATION:

Please be aware that Namibian summer temperatures (December - March) can reach up to 45*c, and winter temperatures (June - September) can be as low as -5*c. The rainy season is between December and April. All tents are provided, usually easy to assemble with mattresses and sleeping bags. Please keep the current season in mind when packing your clothing.

PARTICIPATION:

Your guide will shop for food, prepare the menu and do all the cooking. We kindly request that you wash your own plate, cutlery and mugs/cups after meals. If however you wish to assist the guide with meal preparation then it is entirely up to you. The easiest way to learn is through participation.

MEALS:

Please note, that this is only an example as to what you can expect:

Breakfast:

3 varieties of cereal, yoghurt or bananas, toast with a choice of 3 toppings, tea/coffee

Lunch: Cold meats and fresh salads with bread rolls or soup and bread in winter

Dinner:

Prepare yourself for a different dish each night – curries, pasta, braai (BBQ), stir-fry etc. A variety of fresh meat, fruit and vegetables is available but please remember that the variety of food may not be as extensive as you have at home. Full dietary requirements must be made known to us upon confirmation of the booking.

DRINKS:

Your guide will advise where water is not safe to drink. The water in Namibia is generally safe to drink everywhere, so a 1-2 litre water bottle should be brought by you on safari. For those with sensitive stomachs then we recommend that you purchase bottled water in a 5 litre container during the safari for your own consumption. Tea/coffee is only provided during breakfast and after evening meals.

DEPARTURE POINTS AND DEPARTURE TIMES:

All departures leave from the *Cardboard Box Backpackers, 15 Johann Albrecht street, Windhoek unless arranged otherwise.*

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION PASSPORT:

VISA's are not required for South Africa, Namibia and Botswana. If you are a holder of the following passports: - Australia, Brazil, Britain, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Japan, Germany and the USA.

Make sure that your passport validity will extend to 6 months after the date of your return.

You will also need empty pages in your passport.

This must be carried with you at all times whilst on safari as a form of identification.

HEALTH:

Please inform us if you as a client suffer from any chronic disease and or illness that need to be treated with caution. Please check with your doctor for the most appropriate malaria prophylaxis; however prevention is the best cure. Mosquito repellent is highly recommended as malaria does occur in Namibia, particularly in the north and east.

INSURANCE:

Wild Cherry Adventures and associates cannot be held responsible or liable for loss, damage, theft of personal luggage and belongings, nor can they be held for liable for personal injury, accident or illness. Your insurance should be inclusive of full medical cover including costs of emergency repatriation and cancellation.

Please ensure that you are covered sufficiently before departing on your adventure.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

Its advisable to have fully comprehensive medical and accident insurance that covers you while you are away on vacation. Including emergency evacuation and repatriation.

CANCELLATION INSURANCE:

If so it happens that you have to cancel your safari due to unforeseen circumstances, or cancel your booking close to the departure of your safari/tour for any reason you will lose all funds/deposits regarding your pre-booked tour.

LUGGAGE LIMITS:

Luggage limits are 15kg per person and we recommend you carry soft bags to minimize luggage damage. One hand luggage and/or reasonable amount of camera equipment may be carried in the vehicle with you. Any excess baggage can be stored at the Cardboard box Backpackers Lodge during the course of the safari, free of charge.

MONEY:

Cash is readily available at ATM machines using credit/debit card and pin number and is the easiest way to obtain money while on your safari as only major towns have Foreign Exchange Depts.

There is FX dept upon arrival at International Airport for those arriving by air.

Like most countries, we are also affected by credit card fraud and we strongly advise that you keep your card within your sight at all times and do not divulge your PIN number to anyone. Also advise your bank of the countries that you will be travelling in so they do not block your card whilst you are on holidays

WEATHER/CLIMATE:

Winter - May to September. Daytime 25°C, Night-time 0°C or below. Namibia averages 300 days of sunshine each year. Days are shorter and cooler with dry air in winter. Summer - October to April Daytime 35°C+, Night time 15°C. Days are a little longer and can be incredibly hot so protection from the sun is essential. The annual rainfall is also during the summer. It would be wise to expect some storms at any time of the day or night during this period.

PACKING CHECKLIST:

A broad brimmed sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, binoculars, light spray jacket is a must when travelling between Nov-April. In winter please pack thermal underwear and a beanie is also useful at night as it does not take up much space and can keep you very warm on those cold winter nights around the campfire or on early morning activities.

Neutral coloured casual clothing (shorts/shirts or long trousers in winter) for everyday wear, stout shoes (with soles thick enough to protect against thorns and for walking), light jacket or jumper (summer time), warm jumper and jacket (winter time), flashlight/torch, pool towel, etc.

OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS:

Camera, spare camera battery, charger for items such as cell phone (handy), iPod and camera batteries, binoculars, torch, toiletries & personal medication for example: asthma and/or diabetes.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

For those with dietary requirements and or food allergies, we need to be notified well in advance when the Booking is made. All information regarding the food you can eat and cannot eat is essential. Not all types of food or food sources are available here, so we do recommend that guests who are gluten allergic should bring wheat alternatives from their home country. Diabetics should also carry snacks for between meals.

ELECTRICITY AND CHARGING EQUIPMENT:

Our electrical plug points are 3 point and round – same as South Africa, suitable adaptors are normally available at international airports, alternatively you can generally buy from electrical outlets and some supermarkets in Namibia. Electricity is available at the lodges.

Please ensure that you bring your own chargers with you.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MTC which is the main cell/mobile phone provider in Namibia has extensive coverage and roaming (though expensive) is possible throughout most of Namibia. Internet facilities are readily available in the main towns, though it is slower than what is expected in most first world countries. You are also able to buy SIM cards and numbers for cell phones with various special offers available occasionally.

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