

# NAMIBIA WEATHER & WHAT TO PACK: FACTS & INFORMATION

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## SEASONAL WEATHER INFORMATION

The weather in Namibia is becoming increasingly difficult to predict, but below is a brief description of what you can expect in the different seasons. Generally, the climate is typical of an arid area but it's not unusual for there to be seasonal variations across the country. Be prepared for anything!

### JANUARY - MARCH:

#### Summer

This is typically the rainy season across much of sub-Saharan Africa, but rainfall in Namibia is quite scarce. Expect high temperatures of 40°C plus.

## APRIL – MAY: Autumn

This is a pleasant time of year with dry and warm days yet cooler evenings and mornings.

## JUNE – AUGUST: Winter

The days at this time of year are sunny and warm with a maximum temperature of 26°C to 30°C. It does however get a little colder at night and into the early mornings and you can expect temperatures around the 18°C mark, or lower.

## SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER: Spring

As the season progresses, the days become drier and warmer. October can be extremely hot with temperatures reaching 40°C in the middle of the day.

## NOVEMBER – DECEMBER: Summer

As the summer months return, so do the high temperatures! Expect anything from 35°C to 45°C during the day. Thunderstorms can build up but rainfall is still scarce in most areas.

## YOUR SAFARI SUITCASE

Listed below are some recommendations for your packing list. We've got the essentials, the not-so essentials (but always useful!) and some items you might never have thought of...

### Year Round

- Cotton, long-sleeved tops and trousers in neutral colours (beige, khaki, tan) to protect from both sun and insects.
- A fleece or warm sweater (even in summer!)
- A broad brimmed hat for protection against the sun.
- Sunglasses that cut out glare.
- Sunblock, insect repellent and lip balm.
- Good, sturdy closed shoes or boots and socks for walking. Our favourites are RM Williams' Gardner Boots, Clarks Desert Boots, or Timberlands.
- Head torch for the evenings.
- Swimming kit.
- Binoculars. We highly recommend Leica.

### Summer

• Light, waterproof jacket to protect against rain.

### Winter

- Layers are essential!
- Warm leggings good to wear under trousers
- Woollen hat, gloves and scarf for extra warmth particularly at the Skeleton Coast.

### Extra

- Flip-flops.
- Ipad or Kindle, loaded with books.
- Kikoy or sarong useful in all manner of situations!
- Camera equipment, spare batteries and memory cards.
- Personal medicine.

Note: Luggage is often restricted on the small planes. Please enquire with us for exact details, but the norm is 20kgs of luggage per person in a soft bag.

