

NAMIBIA COVID-19 TRAVEL REGULATIONS

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL STATUS	Open: Namibia reopening phase started on or before 21 October 2020
ACCESS INTO NAMIBIA	<p>AIR: Hosea Kutako International Airport and Walvis Bay Airport is open for all international flights</p> <p>LAND BORDERS: All land border post is open to where the Neighboring Countries have opened, South African, Botswana and Angola.</p>
AIRLINES FLYING INTO THE COUNTRY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethiopian Airline and Euro wings does the international Flights • Airlink and West Air link Namibia with South Africa • Air Namibia only do the local flights

ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS

COUNTRIES ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO THE DESTINATION	ALL
DO GUESTS NEED A NEGATIVE COVID-19 PCR TEST	Yes – not older than 72 hours from time of departure to Namibia. No electronic copies are accepted.
DO GUESTS HAVE TO GO INTO MANDATORY QUARANTINE / ISOLATION ON ARRIVAL?	NO
WILL GUESTS UNDERGO ANY ADDITIONAL SCREENING?	NO
WILL GUESTS HAVE TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION ON ARRIVAL?	Yes, they will need to complete / submit a health declarations questionnaire and provide a travel Itinerary on arrival
IS TRAVEL INSURANCE MANDATORY?	Yes, Travel Insurance is mandatory
EXIT REQUIREMENTS	Please check the requirements of the airline / onward destination / home country of the guests to see if a negative test is needed before departure.
WHAT PROTOCOLS ARE IN PLACE ON ARRIVAL?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizing • Travellers to show proof of negative COVID-19 PRC test • Travellers undergo screening of temperature (Temperature 36.2C – 37.4C and symptom checker) • Travellers complete register of details for contact tracing • Only if the screening shows COVID-19 symptoms will travelers need to retest and quarantine/isolate. • If they arrive with negative COVID test not older than 72 hours and they pass the screening, there is no need for an additional COVID-19 test until it is time to depart Botswana.
DO GUESTS HAVE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negative COVID-19 PRC test • Normal Visa and Passport procedure / requirements • Itinerary • Travel Insurance
ANY ADDITIOANL ENTRY REQUIREMNTS?	NO

WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST SHOWS SYMPTOMS ON ARRIVAL?	Symptomatic guests upon arrival will be required to undergo mandatory testing and possible isolation and or quarantine at their own cost and released when tests results show a negative covid-19 result. They will be required to remain in contact with the local health authority for a period of 14 days while self-monitoring.
WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST TESTS POSITIVE?	They will be quarantined at their own cost for a period of 14 days and re-tested again before release.
IS SOCIAL DISTANCING / WEARING MASK PRACTICED AND MANDATORY?	Yes - guest need to adhere to COVID-19 prevention measures that include wearing masks and practicing social distancing of 1.5 meters (4.9 feet).

DEPARTURE PROTOCOLS

DO WE OFFER COVID-19 PCR TESTS IN NAMIBIA?	Yes, at all major centers: Windhoek, Swakopmund, Otjiwarongo, Oshakati, Katima Mililo.
IS THERE A COVID TESTING FACILITY AT WINDHOEK INTERNATIONAL APT ?	There are no facilities at the actual Airports yet.
WHERE IS THE NEAREST TESTING FACILITY?	<p>Windhoek testing facility will probably be the one we use the most: Path Care Namibia Medical Laboratory, 155 Nelson Mandela Street, Ausspanplatz, Windhoek @ +264 431 3000</p> <p>Swakopmund testing facility is also an option but there is no actual Laboratory here and swabs need to be sent to Windhoek for testing which delays the turnaround time for test results (approx. 36 hours): Swakopmund Mediclinic @ Path Care +264 64 404242, Franziska Van Neel, Swakopmund, Namibia.</p> <p>There is another Medical Institute that offers onsite testing:- OSH-Med International Their offices are situated in Windhoek West, West Care Medical Centre on corner of Sam Nujoma and Beethoven Street. Testing can be arranged 3 days in advance. Transport costs outside of Windhoek is charged at NAD 4.00 per/km for paved road and NAD 5.00 per/km for unpaved roads. They have 2 partner laboratories, NIP & Feedmaster. All tests should be prebooked to ensure guests receive results on time. This option has nurses going to the clients to do the swabbing at their accommodation.</p>
HOW MUCH DO THESE TESTS COST?	<p>There are 2 types of tests at Pathcare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAD 850 – Tests take approx. 24 Hours – 36 Hours for the results. This means that we will have to look at booking 1 or 2 nights in Windhoek for the testing and results NAD 3,000 – Tests takes about 2-4 Hours for the results, no need to book more than 1 night in Windhoek <p>OSH-Medical International: Onsite testing mostly done around Windhoek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAD 1500 + additional travel costs for anywhere outside Windhoek. Transport cost outside Windhoek is charged at N\$4.00 per/km for paved road and N\$5.00 per/km for unpaved road.
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET THE PCR TEST RESULTS?	<p>Pathcare:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If guests test in Windhoek the tests take approx. 24 hours for results. If we test in Swakopmund then results will take longer, approx. 36 hours because the swabs need to be sent to Windhoek laboratories to get tested. <p>OSH-Medical International:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests done via NIP Laboratory takes approximately 48 hours (7 days a week) Tests done via Feedmaster Laboratory takes approximately 8-24 hours (Mon-Fri only) This option over weekends has a 48-hour turnaround time so it won't be a good option for our guests on the weekend – Pathcare will be a better option.

WHERE CAN GUESTS OBTAIN A TEST FOR DEPARTURE?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windhoek will probably be the main place for our guests to be tested – the Pathcare Laboratory is 45km from Hosea Kutako International Airport (Windhoek International Airport) – approximately a 35-minute transfer (one way). • If guests booked via a ground handler then normally the ground handler booking accommodation for them in Windhoek will be the one arranging and including road transfers to/from the testing facility into guest itineraries. • If Natural Selection is handling the whole reservation, then we would book the additional Windhoek accommodation and transfers to/from testing facility via Namibia Tracks & Trails. • Self-drive travelers would make their own way to the testing facility. • OSH-Med International will go out to the client's accommodation (most of the time within Windhoek but can travel further at an extra travel cost) • If Guests are in Windhoek, arrangements can be made for the results to be delivered where the clients are based. • If Guests are outside of Windhoek, the results can be emailed, or guests can arrange to pick up at Windhoek offices.
WHAT TYPE OF TESTS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE?	PCR
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PCR AND RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCR TEST: use actual swabs from patients taken from the nose or throat. This test determines the actual presence of the coronavirus and if a person is currently infected. • RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TET: Not available yet
PLANS IN THE PIPELINE REGARDING COVID-19 TESTING FOR TRAVELERS DEPARTING NAMIBIA	Namibian Government announced 30 November 2020 that they are looking at implementing rapid tests for travelers – no definite date yet but there is hope.
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE DEPARTURE TESTING BASED ON THE INFORMATION WE HAVE.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests to overnight 1-2 nights in and around testing centers (depending on testing options and clinics) • Ideally test at a testing station like Windhoek that has the laboratory facilities to get results straight away, so no time is wasted with swabs needing to be sent to laboratories for testing. • This will ensure a 24 hour turn around. • Please remember if we are swabbing from other centers with no laboratories – then swabs need to be sent to the lab facilities and this can delay test results by an additional 12 hours (36 hours to get results)

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ARE THERE MANDATORY TESTS REQUIRED WHILE GUESTS ARE IN COUNTRY?	YES – if guests start showing symptoms
WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUEST SHOWS SYMPTOMS WHILE TRAVELLING?	Please refer to our Natural Selection COVID-19 Health & Safety document .
CAN GUESTS ISOLATE AT A HOTEL / LODGE AFTER TESTING POSITIVE?	Please refer to our Natural Selection COVID-19 Health & Safety document .
WHO PAYS FOR THE TREATMENT AT A HOSPITAL OR ISOLATION FACILITY?	All additional costs will be the responsibility of the guest. Therefore, we highly recommend having travel insurance.