

## NORTHERN NAMIBIA Information sheet

Please read the following information, which we trust you will find helpful, and phone us to discuss anything you are unsure of. We will be calling you within a week before the tour departs to discuss your pick-up arrangements and any other aspects of the tour.

**PICK-UP:** Our transfer service will collect clients from home in all major centres. We will give you the exact time when we phone you a few days prior to departure, to take you to the airport for your flight to Namibia. You will be met at the airport before departure where we will give you your air ticket/s.

On arrival at Walvis Bay you will be met by our guide and minibus.

**LUGGAGE TAGS:** Your luggage tags will be given to you at the airport before departure. Please tie them to the handles of your main (stowed) luggage. Please do not add further details to the tags - we want to keep it simple to help sorting at the hotels. Of course, you may affix any other label, as you wish.

**LUGGAGE:** Allowed - stowed luggage: a soft bag max 15 kg per person. One Piece hand luggage 7kg.

**Strictly forbidden in hand luggage are:** (1) liquids, aerosols and gels, unless they are decanted in **amounts not more than 100ml** into transparent plastic bags/bottles. Otherwise, they must be placed in stowed luggage. (2) ANY sharp objects, including pins, small scissors etc. Please pack these in your main luggage.

**IF SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT:** Such as a major problem in your hotel room for example, please tell your tour leader as soon as possible, and he/she will act on your behalf to sort things out.

**ELECTRIC PLUGS:** Same as SA (round 3 point everywhere, with 2 point through an adapter and 2 point shaver plugs in places.)

**MONEY & BANKS:** Namibian \$ = 1 Rand. Rand notes, coins, ATM cards and credit cards are useable in Namibia just as if you were in SA. First National and Standard banks have branches there. ABSA does not, but its ATM cards can be used in most ATM's, and cash drawn in the banks against ABSA credit cards.

**TIME:** From early April until early September - 1 hour behind SA (e.g. 11h00 in SA is 10h00 in Namibia)

**WEATHER:** In April-Sep days "should be" (dare one say that these days!) dry and generally sunny. Daytime temperatures are usually 18/26. Night time temperatures usually averaging 4/10 degrees, with the desert areas possibly zero at times (so we suggest you sleep at this time rather than stroll!) Swakopmund can be quite chilly in the morning, with mist.

**CLOTHING:** We recommend "casual comfortable" clothing throughout, and aim to dress with varying numbers of thinnish 'layers'. No dress code is prescribed at the places we are staying. Have at least one light jacket / fleece and a warm jacket for evenings and early mornings – especially on the river cruises and early morning game drives. It can be very cold on drives, and a "beanie" or other snug hat is essential, while a hat/cap for shade is quite important during the day. Where mosquitoes may be present, especially in the evenings, it is preferable to wear long sleeves, slacks etc.

### VITAL CHECK LIST:

#### Essential:

- Passport, valid for at least 6 months after end of tour, with at least 2 blank pages
- Air ticket/s (If you made your own flight reservation)
- Evidence/contact details of any Travel insurance/medical aid you have.

#### Highly desirable:

- Sun-hat / Sunscreen lotion
- Binoculars & Camera