

EXPERIENCES TO ENJOY IN SWAKOPMUND

What to see and do:

With its old-world charm and temperate climate, Swakopmund is indeed the tourist mecca of Namibia. The town is known for its excellent restaurants and coffee shops that are suited for any pocket.

Shopping or strolling through the spacious streets adjoined by German Colonial dominant architecture and palm lined promenades, will give you that feeling that the town is a special mix of African and European cultures.

Swakopmund and Walvis Bay offer numerous activities such as quad biking, sand boarding, kayaking, fishing, boat cruises and much more and therefore also carries the name of "Adventure capital of Namibia".

Attractions:

Altes Amtsgericht:

Situated on the corner of Tobias Haiyeko Street and Theo-Ben Gurirab Avenue. The Altes Amtsgericht or Old Magistrate's Court was erected in 1908 and was originally planned as a school, but the money ran out. The city of Swakopmund refused to finish the project and the state then converted it into the Magistrate's offices.

Marine Monument:

This monument sculpted by Mr Wolff was erected in 1908 to commemorate members of the German naval expedition killed in action.

Museum:

Was founded in 1951 and contains informative material about Flora, Geology, the Colonial history and Ethnology.

The Museum was enlarged in 2005 and now also houses part of the old Swakopmund breweries. The Museum is situated at the Mole.

Open: Mo – So 10:00 – 17:00 hrs

Lighthouse:

The red and white Lighthouse is the symbol of Swakopmund. It was constructed in 1903, when the original lighthouse closer to the sea was swept away by a storm.

Jetty:

1905 work was started on a wooden jetty, but in the long run this was inadequate. In 1914 construction of an iron jetty was therefore commenced, the remains of which can still be seen today. After World War I it became a pedestrian walkway. It was declared structurally unsound and was closed to the public for seven years and in 2006 renovations to the portion supported by concrete pillars was completed with the remaining portion being alienated. It was opened to the public once more in late 2006.

Mole:

1898 the building of the Mole was finished. Soon, the harbour created by the Mole silted up and was abandoned in 1905. The area today is used for launching small fishing boats, swimming and has a beautiful beach surrounded by restaurants and coffee shops.

Woermann Tower:

The Woerman Tower offers excellent views over Swakopmund, Namib Desert and the Atlantic Ocean. Visitors may obtain keys at the adjacent art gallery.

Crystal Gallery:

President Sam Nujoma inaugurated The Gallery in 1998. Precious stones from all over Namibia are exhibited here. The biggest crystal in the world, weighing 14100kg, is the main attraction of the Crystal Gallery.

National Aquarium

The modern building houses gigantic aquariums, a lecture hall, a cafe and a shop. The largest tank is 5 metres deep and can be viewed from several different angles. The aquarium gives you an insight into the sea life of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Prison Building:

Situated at the corner of Moses Garoreb Street and Hidipo Hanutenya Avenue The prison was completed in 1909 and today still is in its original form. The prison was declared a National Monument in 1973.

Haus Hohenzollern:

Situated in the Tobias hainyeko Street, the building was erected in 1909 as a hotel. The hotel later was closed down due to excessive gambling and drinking and is today used for residential purposes.

Activities: (Bookable by your hotel or numerous booking offices in Swakopmund)

- Camel Rides
- Fishing
- Horse riding
- Quad Bike tours
- Sand Boarding
- Living Desert Day tours
- Sky Diving
- Seal and Dolphin Boat Cruises
- Kayaking in Walvis Bay
- Bird tours

Restaurants:

Kucki's Pub

Pub with restaurant that serves traditional German dishes, pub lunches are well known for their great seafood.

Tel: +265 (0) 64 – 402407

The Tug Restaurant

At the Jetty

This restaurant is build out of an old tug boat and overlooks the Jetty and Atlantic Ocean. They specialize on seafood and is recommended to everyone that wants to taste the atlantic ocean seafood specialities. Pre-booking highly recommended!!

Tel: +264 (0) 64 – 402356

Erich's Restaurant:

Known for variety of dishes.

Tel: =264 (0) 64 – 405141

Napolitana:

Small restaurant in centre of town, known for the hospitality and great food. Serving everything from seafood, steaks, pizza and pasta.

Tel: +264 (0) 64 - 402773

The Lighthouse:

A Pub and Restaurant situated on the beachfront at the mole. Serving everything from steaks to seafood.

Tel: +264 (0) 64 - 400894

Swakopmund Brauhaus:

Traditional Namibian and German Cuisine in the city centre of Swakopmund.

Tel: +264 (0) 64 - 405874

In Case of Emergency:

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Ambulance: Tel: +264 (0) 64 – 405731

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