



# Namibia

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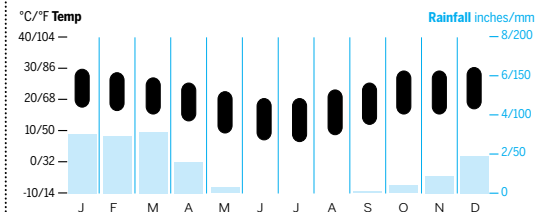
## Why Go?

A journey through Southern Africa reveals its otherworldly nature when you cross the border into the vast reaches of Namibia. The combination of space and landscape ensures that a trip through this country is one of the great road adventures of the region. Natural wonders such as the mighty gash in the earth at Fish River Canyon and Etosha National Park enthrall, but it's the lonely roads cutting through swirling desert sands that will stay with you. Here, sand dunes in the world's oldest desert, the Namib, meet the crashing rollers along the wild Atlantic Coast and among this is a German legacy evident in the cuisine, art nouveau architecture and festivals.

Namibia is also the headquarters of adventure activities in Southern Africa, so whether you're a dreamer or love hearing the crunch of earth under your boots, travel in the country will sear itself in your mind long after the desert vistas fade.

## When to Go

### Windhoek



**May–Oct** Best time for wildlife viewing; animals congregate around remaining waterholes.

**Jun–Aug** Coastal town such as Swakopmund are subject to miserable sandstorm conditions.

**Nov–Apr** The off-season as the wet gets into full swing – downpours from January to April.

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**2** Hike through one of Africa's greatest natural wonders at the **Fish River Canyon** (p896).

**3** Crouch by a waterhole in one of the world's premier wildlife venues in **Etosha National Park** (p890).

4 Hike to the top of **Waterberg Plateau** (p893) for breathtaking views, while keeping an eye out for rare sable and roan.

5 Watch the sun rise from the top of the fiery coloured dunes of **Sossusvlei** (p887).

**6** Get your adrenaline fix at Namibia's extreme-sports capital of **Swakopmund** (p883).

