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## **Best for Wildlife Watching**

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## **Best of the Outdoors**

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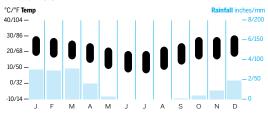
#### Why Go?

Namibia posesses some of the most stunning landscapes in Africa, and a trip through the country is one of the great road adventures. Natural wonders such as that mighty gash in the earth at Fish River Canyon and the wildlife utopia of Etosha National Park enthrall, but it's the lonely desert roads, where mighty slabs of granite rise out of swirling desert sands, that will sear themselves in your mind. It's like a coffee-table book come to life as sand dunes in the world's oldest desert meet the crashing rollers along the wild Atlantic coast. Among all this is a German legacy, evident in the cuisine and art nouveau architecture and in festivals such as Windhoek's legendary Oktoberfest.

Namibia is also the headquarters of adventure activities in the region, so whether you're a dreamer or love hearing the crunch of earth under your boots, travel in Namibia will stay with you long after the desert vistas fade.

#### When to Go

#### Windhoek



**May-Oct** Best time of the year for wildlife viewing.

Jun-Aug Coastal towns of Swakopmund and Walvis Bay are subject to miserable sandstorm conditions Sep-Oct Windhoek comes alive with festivals that include arts events and Oktoberfest