

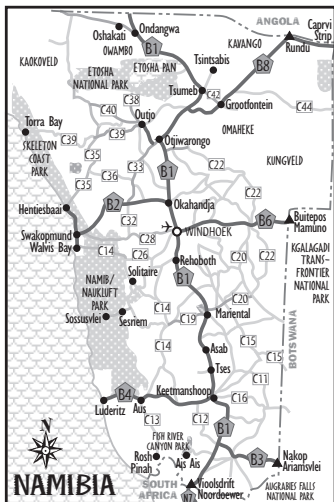
# NAMIBIA

NAMBIAN PHONE CODE (+264)

Numbers are provided as if phoning from Namibia.

Prst. Check the overland section (page 13) for trips into Namibia.

**W**ith a land surface nearly four times the size of Great Britain, Namibia is one of the most sparsely populated countries in Africa with a population of 1.7 million. It is a land of contrasts. From the spectacular Namib dunes at Sossusvlei to the waterways in the north. From the Fish River Canyon to the top of a towering red Sossusvlei sand dune. From haunting ghost towns to vast animal herds...



## THE BOX SHUTTLE

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## getting around



So you're in Windhoek at the bar downing yet another beer ticking off your 'to do' list, when someone mentions the vast, mysterious sand dunes down south. Sounds fantastic, hey! But you can't walk there (trust us, not a good idea) so you're a bit stuck. Think out the box, silly - think Box Shuttle. They'll take you to (or from) Sesriem on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday, leaving Windhoek at 8am, and Sesriem at 2pm. Hey, they'll even pick you up from Intercape or any backpackers, guest house or hotel in Windhoek.





## WILD DOG AND CRAZY KUDU SAFARIS

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Crazy Kudu and Wild Dog Safaris combined forces in June 2005, mixing and matching their safaris into a number of delectable new combinations. As a result, travellers can now choose between fifteen scheduled safaris. Destinations include the four corners of Namibia (and all the juicy bits in between) as well as trips beyond the border into the floodplains of the Okavango Delta, and to the banks of the mighty Victoria Falls.

All of their scheduled trips have guaranteed departures, with most trips leaving weekly.

All tours (starting from as little as R2 200) have fixed prices and no minimum numbers which makes them a really reliable and cost effective way to travel.



### 10 DAY NAMIBIAN EXPLORER.

This comprehensive Namibian safari visits all the country's highlights. See the Big Cats at Okonjima, Etosha, the Himba tribes, the Skeleton Coast, Swakopmund and the Sossusvlei sand dunes.



### 14 DAY NAMIBIAN EXPERIENCE.

The Namibian smorgasbord.

Yum.



# WINDHOEK

Windhoek is probably the best place from which to organise your trip around Namibia as pretty much everything either starts or ends up here. The city has excellent weather and is always sunny (except at night) and Windhoek beer is great as it has no chemicals and takes 100x longer to brew than anything you'll find in South Africa. There's also a whole heap to do. But most people love it because you don't have to do whatever you do quickly and the beer is really very good.



Head into the surrounding hills and mountains for sundowners and watch the city light up, then indulge in carnivorous delights at Joe's Beer House - a case of see food and eat it (whether 'it' is gemsbok or zebra). If you're feeling homesick, have a draught, Kassler ribs and sauerkraut.

## THE CARDBOARD BOX


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The Box rocks with its big personality and huge buzz. Park off and meet other travellers around the huge pool with its cool bar, skull some free breakfast pancakes and coffee, DIY in the self-catering kitchen or nip into the restaurant. When the time comes to leave this oasis, pick their brains 'cos when it comes to Namibia, they've Been There and Done It all.

 Dorms R75; Doubles R200; Triples R235;  
Camping R60. Free pick up/drop off at Intercape.  
Internet. On-site travel shop.

 Braai every Thursday and Sunday.  
 Happy hour every Friday.  
 Slurp shooters every Wednesday.



## CHAMELEON BACKPACKERS

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South on Mandume Ndemufayo Ave. Left into Church.

1st left into Trift. Left into Voigt Street North.

After a serious facelift, this well run spot doesn't just have sexy new rooms and a spacious new self-catering kitchen. It's also got a new shag pad called "Elephant" (where does that name come from?).

But Chameleon's not just sexy, it's gloriously green too, and 'soaking up the sun' is given a whole new meaning in their eco-friendly solar showers. They even recycle rubbish and re-use their water to keep their lush garden looking its best. The delicious pool provides a welcome respite from the desert heat and icy cool drinks await your plucking at the traditionally furnished bar.

Chameleon partners a safari company that caters for travellers who want to experience the local flavour and culture of the country so they offer a wide variety of trips suited to even the slobbiest of us all as no camping is required. Two new additions to their already long list include the Sossusvlei Express (R2 990) and the Etosha Express (R3 090) which both offer weekly departures.

 Dorms R90; Doubles R200 - R350;  
Camping R60.

"You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist." Nietzsche





## PARADISE GARDEN BACKPACKERS

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If Adam and Eve went to Windhoek with a couple of mates, they'd probably shack up at Paradise Garden. Just a 10 minute trot from town centre, this family run Eden is a great escape from noisy city life. Wake up to a hearty fry-up in their fully equipped kitchen, work it off in the huge swimming pool, take a tour organised by your hosts, enjoy a heavenly dinner and then snuggle up in the cosy lounge with DSTV, DVD and internet. Or just sit on the porch, nibble an apple and watch the garden grow...

 Dorms R80; Doubles from R220; Camping R60.

## RIVENDELL GUEST HOUSE

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Teetering on the edge of the wilderness, this is the last (well, almost, naah, not quite...) civilised stop before the equator. A sparkling pool lures hot bods in for a splosh and 10 airy twin or double rooms promise a sound night's pre-trek sleep. They have a silly dog, dilly child and DSTV, a shady garden, a veranda for skulling Rivendell Reds, a DIY braai area and a large kitchen. Specialising in tailor-made itineraries, their travel centre is open 15 hours a day and books scheduled safaris, car hire and accommodation throughout the region.

 Twins from R300. Safe parking. Internet.

You only live once, but if you do it right, one is enough.





## SWAKOPMUND



Swakopmund makes a good base from which to start your travels as most of what you'll find in Windhoek, you'll find here. There are a bunch of adrenaline activities to indulge in and lots of companies who'll book trips to the desert or around the rest of the country for you (although car hire companies offer competitive rental rates if you prefer to travel under your own steam). If all this sound like too much work, you can just hang out at one of the many restaurants and enjoy the cool sea breeze while you wash down the desert dust with one of Swakopmund's locally brewed beers.

### VILLA WIESE

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Enter from Walvis Bay on Nathaneal Maxuilili Street.

Right at T-junction, 500m.



Taking up most of a block, this 100 year old house is full of character and spunk. Venture across the drawbridge to find a banqueting hall adorned with chairs made of horns, a water feature housing heat struck goldfish and enough space for a travelling circus. Seriously now. It's hugely cosy.

Their info centre packs a punch and they serve a killer breakfast guaranteed to fuel a spectacular day of adventuring in, on or above the desert.

 Dorms from R85; Doubles from R285. Laundry service.

**Never interrupt your opponent while he is making a mistake.**