

## Road and Travel

### Traveling by Road

A tarred road runs from the south through Upington in South Africa to Grünau, where it connects with the tarred road from Cape Town. The trans-Kalahari highway, which was completed in 1998, links Walvis Bay and Windhoek with Gaborone, Botswana and Gauteng, South Africa.

The trans-Caprivi highway runs through the Caprivi strip and via Botswana into Zimbabwe. Bus: Intercap Mainliner (website: [www.intercapemainliner.co.za](http://www.intercapemainliner.co.za)) runs direct overnight services from Windhoek to Cape Town four times a week, as well as services to Johannesburg via Upington. Other bus services go to Botswana and Zambia.

Traffic drives on the left side of the road. Roads are generally well maintained. There are 64,799km (40,266 miles) of road, of which 7841km (4872 miles) are tarred. Bus: There is a local bus service in Windhoek, and taxis are also available. A luxury bus service exists between Windhoek and all major centres in Namibia and South Africa. Car hire: Self-drive cars are available at the airport and Windhoek city centre, as well as some other major centres. Documentation: An International Driving Permit is required

### Traveling by Air

Flying is the quickest and often the most economical way to travel around the country. Air Namibia (SW) links the major towns in the territory. Planes can also be chartered.

### Traveling by Rail

The main rail routes in Namibia are Windhoek-Keetmanshoop-Upington, South Africa, Walvis Bay-Swakopmund-Tsumeb, Windhoek-Tsumeb and Lüderitz-Keetmanshoop. First and second class carriages are available on these routes. Light refreshments are offered on some services. On overnight voyages, seats in first class compartments convert to four couchettes and those in second class to six couchettes. Local passenger and goods trains run daily.

Children under two years of age travel free and children aged two to 11 pay half fare. The Desert Express, a luxury train aimed at tourists, runs between Swakopmund and Windhoek. The 19 hour 30 minute journey includes several stops which give travellers the opportunity to watch lions feeding, see the Namib Desert, walk in the sand dunes and admire the stars.

A three course dinner and overnight accommodation are included in the ticket price. More details on rail services are available from TransNamib (website: [www.transnamib.co.na](http://www.transnamib.co.na))