

## **Things to know about Namibia**

### **Entry Requirements:**

A valid passport is required to enter Namibia and it should be valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended departure date. Please ensure that you have sufficient blank visa pages, not endorsement pages, in your passport, especially when you are traveling through more than one country on your journey.

For VISA application, participants must inquire from the Namibian Embassy/High Commission in their country. Subsequently, take note that most SADC countries do not require VISAs to visit Namibia.

### **Language:**

The official language is English and all documents, notices and directional signs are in this language. German and Afrikaans are also used throughout the country and there are also numerous African languages which are used for communication.

### **Climate:**

Expecting a few thunder shower, the rainy season lasts from October to April. The central area around Windhoek is expected to be min: 16 and max: 30 degrees Celsius. The temperature around Ondangwa and Ongwediva is expect min:13 and max 38 degree Celsius.

### **Credit Cards:**

International cards are widely accepted throughout the country, including at most rest camps, hotels, shops, and restaurants. MasterCard and Visa are usually accepted throughout Namibia.

### **Currency:**

Namibia banks, only accept Namibian dollars and South African Rand in cash. The currency is the Namibian Dollar (NAD) which is fixed to and therefore equivalent to the South African Rand (ZAR).

### **Airports:**

The main airport is Hosea Kutako International Airport 40km (25 miles) from Windhoek. Local airports include Eros (Windhoek), Katima Mulilo, Rundu, Ondangwa, Walvis Bay, Luderitz, Keetmanshoop & 16 licensed airstrips. There are shuttles available between the airport and city.

### **Safety and Security:**

Namibia is a safe destination. However, you are strongly encouraged to keep an eye on your belongings.

**Accommodation:**

Accommodation will be booked by the organising committee for the summer school duration. If you wish to stay longer, you can easily book at various hotels and lodges

**Communications:**

Upon arrival, you may buy a SIM card at MTC/TN Teleshop for easy communication. SIM cards can be bought at the airport or any local supermarket.