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About Namibia A Short History

Namibia was largely spared the attentions of European powers until the end of the 19th century, when Germany colonised it in 1884 and declared it a German colony calling it German South-West Africa. In 1918, after Germany's defeat in the World War 1, the League of Nations entrusted the territory to South Africa, and the territory then became known as South West Africa.

In April 1978 the UN Plan called for the holding of elections in Namibia, under UN supervision and control. However, in November 1978, South Africa, in defiance of the UN, tightened its grip on the country and imposed apartheid rule until well into the 1980s.

The South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) began its armed struggle to liberate Namibia in 1966 and in 1971. South Africa was eventually forced out by a combination of United Nations pressure and guerrilla warfare from SWAPO. In 1989, elections gave SWAPO a majority of seats in a constituent assembly. The new nation, called Namibia and led by the elected President Sam Nujoma, became independent on 21 March 1990 and Independence Day is annually celebrated on this date.

To date, Namibia boasts a proud record of uninterrupted peace and stability for all to enjoy and is considered one of the most stable and safe countries on the African continent.



Currency

Namibian Dollar N\$
(which is linked to and
equals in value to the
South African Rand
which is also a legal
tender in Namibia.)



Climate



Namibia has mostly a
subtropical desert
climate with the rainy
season occurring
between September to
April. The summer
months (Oct-Apr) can
become hot with temperatures
hitting 35°C or higher in the north and
south. Winter days (May-Sept) are
pleasant although temperatures can
drop below zero.

Getting Around



Domestic flights are
available.
Roads are well
maintained and car
hire is readily available,
coaches and busses run
to and from the major
cities within Namibia.



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