

Namibia

Continent: Africa

Languages Spoken: English, Afrikaans, German, Oshiwambo, Herero, Khoekhoe

Population: 2,600,000

Currency: Namibian Dollar (NAD)

Area: 824,292

Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Etosha National Park', 'writeup': 'A vast wildlife reserve known for its salt pan and diverse animal species including elephants, lions, and rhinos.'}
- {'name': 'Sossusvlei', 'writeup': 'Famous for its towering red sand dunes in the Namib Desert, some of the highest in the world.'}
- {'name': 'Fish River Canyon', 'writeup': 'One of the largest canyons in the world, offering dramatic landscapes and hiking opportunities.'}
- {'name': 'Swakopmund', 'writeup': 'A coastal town known for its German colonial architecture and adventure tourism.'}
- {'name': 'Damaraland', 'writeup': 'A region with rugged terrain, ancient rock engravings, and desert-adapted wildlife.'}

Head of State / Government:

President Hage Geingob

Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Himba Cultural Festival', 'writeup': 'Celebrates the traditions and lifestyle of the Himba people, featuring traditional dress, music, and dance.'}
- {'name': 'Windhoek Carnival', 'writeup': 'An annual event showcasing Namibian culture through music, dance, and colorful parades.'}
- {'name': 'Oshakati Trade Fair', 'writeup': 'A major event promoting local businesses, crafts, and cultural performances.'}

Food & Cuisine:

Namibian cuisine reflects indigenous traditions and German influences, featuring dishes like kapana (grilled meat), mahangu porridge, and game meats such as oryx and springbok.

Brief History:

Namibia was inhabited by indigenous peoples for thousands of years before German colonization in the late 19th century. After World War I, it was administered by South Africa until gaining independence in 1990 following a protracted liberation struggle led by SWAPO.

Important People:

- Sam Nujoma - First President and liberation leader
- Hage Geingob - Current President

- Kuaima Riruako - Traditional leader and politician

- Frans Indongo - Businessman and politician

Current Conflicts:

Namibia is generally stable with no significant internal conflicts; however, it faces challenges related to land reform and economic inequality.

Youtube Links:

- Discover Namibia: A Land of Contrasts

- Namibia Travel Guide - Top Places to Visit

- Wildlife Safari in Etosha National Park, Namibia

- The Namib Desert: World's Oldest Desert

- Namibia's Culture and Traditions Explained