



Self-drive excursions - Windhoek

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Namibia's capital is the starting point for most visitors to the country. Situated on a plateau at about 1700 m above sea level, Windhoek is an airy city with some 200 000 inhabitants. It is the seat of government, administrative centre and showpiece of an aspiring, independent society. The city offers a surprising mix of old and new, of respectable European ambience with an African flair.



Windhoek is totally suitable for a day trip - without spending the night - as it takes only around 2.5 hours to get there. If you leave Rooisand at 7h00 in the morning you arrive in Windhoek when the shops open.



Drive straight into Independence Avenue in the city centre. You can leave your car in the parking garage next to the Kalahari Sands Hotel or on the large open parking lot opposite the hotel. Both parking areas are guarded.

From this position in the heart of Windhoek you can do the city centre on foot.

«« Christuskirche, the Lutheran church, is one the most photographed buildings and
« browsing in the Namibia Craft Centre

Windhoek offers such a host of attractions that we can only make some general suggestions. Please consult your guidebook for more details.

There are numerous fine shops all over the central section of Independence Avenue, including jewellery, leather goods, souvenirs and arts and craft. You will also find bureaux de change (compare rates and remember to bring your passport). The shopping mall on the ground floor and in the basement of the Kalahari Sands Hotel has many attractive shops as well.

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The equestrian statue ...



in the Namibia Craft Centre ...



one of the Gibeon meteorites

If you want to buy arts and crafts directly from the artists, try the Namibia Craft Centre in Tal Street (exit the Kalahari Sands complex in Independence Avenue and turn right; at the traffic lights turn right again into Sam Nujoma Drive; at the next intersection turn left into Tal Street). If you love colours and shapes you will want to shop till you drop (get another suitcase in one of the shops stocking leather goods... :-)))).

When you turn left into Independence Avenue (towards north), you see Christuskirche on top of the hill to your right. Alte Feste, the old fort next to the church, houses a museum which is well worth a visit.

Back in Independence Avenue, turn left into the pedestrian mall at the Clock Tower. After 200 m you come to the Meteorite Fountain. The meteorites are part of the famous Gibeon Meteorite Shower which came down several hundreds of thousands of years ago in the area around Gibeon in southern Namibia.

Just before you reach the fountain, look out for an archway on your left. It opens onto the outdoor restaurant of the Kaiserkrone Hotel, a lovely spot for a leisurely lunch or just a coffee or chilled drink.

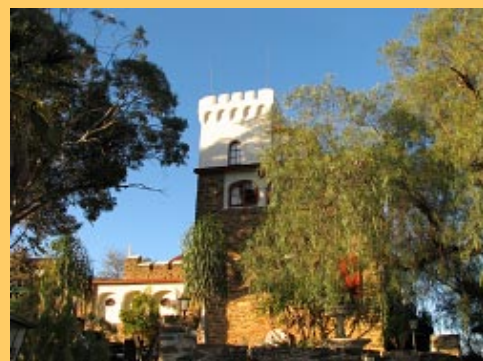


If you have a little more time to spend in Windhoek we recommend a four-wheel sightseeing tour with Bwana Tours and Carsten Möhle. One of the differences to most city sightseeing tours is that Mr. Möhle also takes you to the predominantly "black" suburbs of Windhoek. Furthermore he is very knowledgeable about the city's (historical) buildings and he can tell you quite a few good stories about Windhoek.

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If you spend the night in Windhoek, we recommend a sundowner or a lavish dinner at Heinitzburg Hotel. From there you have a truly breathtaking view over the entire city.

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