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## ROAD SAFETY TIPS

- > Ensure your vehicle is roadworthy.
- > Ensure the correct tyre pressure according to the specifications available in the vehicle manual.
- > Plan your journey and be well rested before leaving for any destination.
- > If possible, avoid travelling at night due to increase game movement.
- > Wear a safety belt at all times even if it is a short journey.
- > Ensure that kids are strapped in or in a safety chair.
- > Ensure that the "kids lock" is activated.
- > Include enough rest stops and make sure you take a break every 2 hours and/or every 200 kilometres of the journey.
- > Ensure enough drinking water for any emergency that may arise.
- > Eat light meals before and/or during an extended journey.
- > Adhere to all road regulations and laws.
- > Do not drive under the influence of alcohol and drugs. Some medication causes drowsiness. Consult your doctor in this regard.
- > Do not exceed the speed limit. Be observant at all times.
- > Adapt your speed to the road and weather conditions.
- > Switch the headlights on at all times.
- > When blinded by oncoming traffic, reduce speed and keep to the left of the road as far as possible.
- > Keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times.
- > Never pick up strangers or hitchhikers.
- > Drive with your doors locked at all times.
- > Maintain a safe following distance.
- > Do not overtake at blind spots. Only overtake when it is safe.
- > Always be on the alert for animals and pedestrians on the road.
- > In an emergency, stop at least 1 meter away from the road surface and place warning triangles.

## LANGUAGES

English and German are widely spoken. Namibians commonly speak two or three (or more!) languages; English, a native tongue like Oshiwambo (spoken by 49% of the population), and either German or Afrikaans.

In fact, due to the country's colonial history you'll hear German pretty regularly around areas like Swakopmund (which looks eerily like a quaint German town), while Afrikaans often functions as the lingua franca between locals.

## NAMIBIAN DOLLAR

The Namibian Dollar is 1:1 with the Rand. This means the South African Rand is widely accepted in Namibia. If you're combining a trip to South Africa with Namibia don't worry too much about exchanging Rands in either country.

When it comes to payments credit cards are widely accepted.

## WIFI IN NAMIBIA

Many of the lodges in Namibia will have a WiFi connection as will restaurants, cafes and hotels in the cities. Be aware that this connection might be much slower and less secure than what you are used to back home.

## PLUGS FOR NAMIBIA

Standard voltage is 220 - 230 volts., 50 Hz. Primary sockets generally require the three-round pin plugs that you get in South Africa. These can be quite tricky to locate in advance and Universal Travel Adaptors don't cater to this type of plug so be prepared to purchase one on arrival in Namibia.