

NAMIB RACE (NAMIBIA) 2024

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Meeting Time & Place

The host town is Swakopmund, Namibia.

- ☐ Competitors must be in Swakopmund, Namibia, on **Friday, 26 April 2024**.
- ☐ The first official meeting is on **Saturday, 27 April**.
- ☐ You will be ready to leave on **Sunday, 4 May** at any time.

Getting to Namibia

Namib Race 2024 participants are responsible for securing their own flights and transportation to the host town of Swakopmund. We recommend that you plan and start booking your flights early. There are two main ways to travel to the Namib Race 2024.

OPTION 1 – Fly into Walvis Bay	OPTION 2 – Fly into Windhoek
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fly into Walvis Bay2. Travel 40 minutes by road from Walvis Bay to Swakopmund	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fly into Windhoek2. Then:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Travel 5 hours by road from Windhoek to Swakopmund OR➤ Take a 30 minute *domestic flight to Walvis Bay
The only flights into Walvis Bay are from South Africa and Windhoek: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Johannesburg, South Africa➤ Cape Town, South Africa➤ Windhoek, Namibia (due to start soon)	There are direct flights to Windhoek from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Frankfurt, Germany on Lufthansa➤ Johannesburg & Cape Town, South Africa➤ Doha on Qatar Airlines➤ Ethiopia on Ethiopian Airlines
Walvis Bay to Swakopmund is 40 minutes by road	Windhoek to Swakopmund is 5 hours by road

*domestic flights had stopped, but are due to start again before April 2024.

Flights into Walvis Bay are on [Air Link](#).

	Time	Schedule
FROM Johannesburg (South Africa)	2 hours 30 mins	Once a day: From J'burg: 10:20am From Walvis Bay: 1:30pm
FROM Cape Town (South Africa)	2 hours 15 minutes	Twice a day: From Cape Town: 10:20am or 2pm From Walvis Bay: 3pm or 4:50pm
FROM Windhoek (Namibia)	30 minutes	Daily except Tues, Thurs, Sat From Windhoek: 2:25pm From Walvis Bay: 1:15pm

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Note

- There is currently just one flight a day from Cape Town and one flight a day from Johannesburg in South Africa to Walvis Bay. However, this is planned to increase before April 2024.
- Flights from Windhoek to Walvis Bay were paused. They are due to start before April 2024.

For full details of the schedule, look on the airlines' websites, or a flight booking website (e.g. www.skyscanner.com or www.cheapoair.com).

Airport Transfers

Depending on which airport you fly into, you will need to get to Swakopmund Town. The travel times by road are below:

From Windhoek to Swakopmund	5 hours
From Walvis Bay to Swakopmund	40 minutes

We recommend that you book transportation in advance through Welwitschia Shuttle Service:

Contact Person: Manda

Email: mandie@afol.com.na

Phone: mobile: +264 (0)81 263 1433

office: +264 (0)64 405 1105

Website: www.welwitschia-shuttle.com

Cost of transfers:

Transfers from Walvis Bay to Swakopmund are ND\$350 per person (approx. US\$20) each way.

Transfers from Windhoek to Swakopmund:

- ☐ Scheduled Public Transfer - ND\$600 (approx. US\$32) each way - your flight must arrive before 11am or leave after 2pm to take this shuttle on the same day.
- ☐ Private Transfer – Small Car (up to 3 pax) ND\$5,000 (approx. US\$270) each way per vehicle.
- ☐ Private Transfer – Minibus (13 seater) ND\$6,000 per vehicle (approx. US\$325)

*These prices are one way. The rates are the same for the return.

How to Book Transfers from Windhoek or Walvis Bay Airport to Swakopmund:

1. Decide if you want to take the public shuttle or private transfer – based on the time of your arrival and preference (for arrivals to Windhoek only).
2. Send an email to Manda at mandie@afol.com.na to make your booking. Include:
 - a. Your name (also mention that you are part of the Namib Race).
 - b. Date.
 - c. Time of arrival (and departure if booking both) of your flight.
 - d. Flight number.
 - e. If you want the public shuttle or private transfer.
3. You will receive confirmation by email.

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4. Have the payment ready to pay the driver in Namibian dollars (there is an ATM at Windhoek Airport). You can also pay in US dollars or euros if necessary.
NOTE: you will not be allowed to board if you do not have the payment ready.

Notes for Transfers

- ☐ If your flight arrives into Windhoek Airport after 11am you will need to either:
 - i) book a private shuttle; or
 - ii) stay the night in Windhoek and be picked up from your hotel the next day.
- ☐ If your flight arrives early in the morning, you can let the transfer company know and they can take you to a lodge called "[Roof of Africa](#)" where you can wait until the public shuttle picks you up at 12 noon / 1pm. They have a restaurant, bar, Wi-Fi and a swimming pool. It is a much nicer place to wait than the airport.
- ☐ Windhoek Airport is very small – it has toilets, a café, an ATM and telephone company where you can buy SIM cards but not much more, and it is not somewhere you will enjoy spending more than an hour or so.
- ☐ The public shuttle to Windhoek Airport leaves Swakopmund at 7am and arrives at 12 noon. Your flight should leave after 2pm in order to get this shuttle on the same day as your flight. Alternatively, you will need to take a private transfer or stay the night before in Windhoek.
- ☐ We recommend that you plan your return transfer before you go to Camp 1 to start the race.
- ☐ There are other transfer companies but their times and prices are similar and Welwitschia is the one that we recommend.

Location by Map



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