

KEY SAFETY GUIDELINES TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN TRAVELING THROUGH NAMIBIA:



When embarking on a journey to an unfamiliar destination, maintaining vigilance and staying informed about potential safety concerns - is of paramount importance.

When you arrive at your destination, it's a good practice to inquire about the security measures in place?

Here are some essential points to share with our visitors, aimed at safeguarding you and family from possible theft or security risks:

1. KEEP VALUABLES SECURE

Advise yourself, your family, and friends to ensure the safety of their valuables, including passports, money, and electronics. Encourage them to store these items in a secure and inconspicuous location, such as a money belt, hidden pouch, or utilize the 'safe' or 'security vault' available in your room or rented vehicle.

Safeguard a certified copy of your passport and flight details by storing it online or with family at home.

2. AVOID DISPLAYING WEALTH

We strongly encourage all our guests to refrain from displaying costly items such as jewellery, cameras, laptops, designer clothing, and large backpacks, as these can draw unwarranted attention.

3. STAY AWARE OF SURROUNDINGS

Always remain vigilant in unfamiliar areas, particularly in crowded shopping malls, tranquil districts, deserted or bustling streets, and campsites near informal settlements, and any other remote settings.

Be cautious of your surroundings and stay alert at all times.

Keep all vehicle doors locked and avoid stopping for a picnic near towns or informal settlements. Instead, choose an isolated, safe location under a solitary tree, in the heart of the desert wilderness.

4. USE REPUTABLE TRANSPORTATION

We recommend using reputable transportation services and avoiding unlicensed taxis or hitchhiking.

5. TRAVEL IN GROUPS

We suggest that you travel in groups, when in urban areas, especially on a 'night out', as there's safety in numbers.

6. RESEARCH SAFE AREAS + TRAVEL SAFETY TIPS

We urge travellers to conduct thorough research and opt for accommodations and campsites located in safe neighbourhoods. Exercise caution when venturing into areas with higher crime rates.

Always communicate your estimated time of arrival to your next destination.

It is advised to complete all travel activities before sunset. We strongly recommend refraining from traveling after dark.

In Namibia, it is law to drive with your vehicle lights on at all times, including during daylight hours.

7. KNOW LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

We advise that you know the local emergency numbers by memory and have a way to communicate in case of an incident.

We highly recommend carrying a satellite phone when exploring remote areas. Satellite phones are available for rent to ensure you have reliable communication in such locations.

8. BE CAUTIOUS AT ATMS

Advise using ATMs in well-lit, secure areas and to shield the keypad while entering PINs.



9. BEWARE OF DISTRACTIONS

Warn your family and friends against falling for common distractions like people asking for directions and or offering assistance as these can be tactics used by thieves.

10. STAY INFORMED

Keep updated with local news and advice from embassies or travel authorities regarding the safety of specific regions.

Remember, while it's essential to be cautious, you should also experience and enjoy the local culture and attractions in a respectful and open-minded way.

SECURITY TIP WHEN LEAVING OKONJIMA:

Verify your tyre pressure prior to leaving the BI security gate.

If you feel unsafe, head to the nearest police station.



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