



Namibia in November: climate, safaris, activities and travel tips

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Are you planning a **trip to Namibia in November** and wondering if it's a good time to go? Good news: November marks the **transition between the dry and rainy** seasons, offering spectacular scenery and unique wildlife-watching opportunities. Less touristy than previous months, it's also a great time to **discover the dunes of Sossusvlei**, go on **safari in Etosha** or explore the mysterious **Skeleton Coast**.

In this guide, we explain **what weather to expect in Namibia in November**, where to go and what experiences not to miss.

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What's the weather like in Namibia in November?

November is a **month of transition** in Namibia. The dry season is coming to an end and the first **rains** may appear, although they remain rare and localized. Here's what to expect, depending on the region:

- **Etosha National Park:** still very dry, with temperatures between **20 and 35°C**. The rains generally start at the end of November, marking the dispersal of the animals after the dry season.
- **Namib Desert and [Sossusvlei](#):** hot days(**25-40°C**) and cooler nights. The dunes remain impressive and easily accessible.
- **Swakopmund and Skeleton Coast:** cooler climate(**15-25°C**) with coastal fog in the morning, offering a mystical atmosphere for discovering **shipwrecks and sea lion colonies**.
- **Damaraland and Kaokoland:** warm temperatures, with nature still arid before the first rains. November is a good time to see **desert elephants**.
- **Windhoek:** hot, dry climate, with temperatures around **30°C during the day**. An excellent time to visit the capital.

In short, November remains a **favorable month to travel in Namibia**, with conditions still very pleasant and a **drop in tourist numbers** compared to the months of July to October.

What to see and do in Namibia in November?

1. Animal watching on safari

November is still a good month to go on **safari in Etosha**, although the dispersal of animals begins with the first rains. You can still see **large herds of elephant, giraffe and zebra**, as well as predators like lion and cheetah.

→ Prepare for your safari with our comprehensive guide to [Etosha National Park](#).

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2. Explore the Sossusvlei dunes

The giant dunes of the **Namib Desert**, among the highest in the world, are magnificent in November. The contrast between the orange sand and the blue sky is breathtaking. Climb **Big Daddy** or explore the surreal landscape of **Dead Vlei**, an iconic Namibian landmark.

3. Discover the Skeleton Coast and Cape Cross

If you're looking for a **wild and mystical** atmosphere, the **Skeleton Coast** is the place to be. In November, the **coastal mist** lends a special charm to the shipwrecks and desert landscapes. Don't miss **Cape Cross**, where thousands of fur seals gather for the breeding season.

4. Explore Swakopmund and Walvis Bay

November is an excellent time to enjoy the **Atlantic coast** and its many activities:

- **Boat trip to Walvis Bay** to see **dolphins and sea lions**.
- **Kayak to Pelican Point**, where sea lions swim alongside you.
- **4×4 excursion to Sandwich Harbour**, a unique place where the Namib dunes meet the ocean.

5. Stay in an exceptional lodge

In November, some [luxury lodges](#) lower their prices after the high season, allowing you to enjoy a unique experience at a lower cost. Imagine sleeping in the middle of the desert, under a starry sky, with a panoramic view of the dunes or savannah...

Namibia in November: pros and cons

- ☐ **Fewer tourists** than in high season (July-October).
- ☐ **More affordable prices** on certain accommodations and activities.
- ☐ **Landscapes still dry**, perfect for photography.
- ☐ **Start of birthing season** for animals, especially sea lions at Cape Cross.
- ⚠ **High temperatures** in certain regions, such as the Namib Desert.
- ⚠ **First rains** possible in late November, making safaris less predictable.

Practical tips for travelling in Namibia in November

- **Remember to book your 4x4 in advance**, especially if you plan to explore the north of the country.
- **Bring light clothing and a jacket**, especially for the coast, where mornings can be cool.
- **Remain vigilant in the first rains**, especially on gravel tracks which can become slippery.
- **Don't forget your sun cream and hat**, as the sun is still very strong in November.

→ To plan your trip, check out our complete [Namibia road trip itinerary](#).

Conclusion: should you visit Namibia in November?

Yes, absolutely! November is an ideal month for those looking to **avoid the crowds** and **enjoy landscapes that are still arid before the rainy season**. It's also a great time to observe wildlife, explore the **dunes of Sossusvlei**, hike the **Skeleton Coast** and immerse yourself in unique experiences such as a **safari in Etosha** or a **cruise in Walvis Bay**.

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