Endless horizons under clear blue skies. Vast savannahs, deserts, canyons and mountains. Add world-renowned national parks and a diverse culture and you get the jewel in southern Africa’s crown that is beautiful Namibia.

Getting There
Air Namibia and Condor fly directly from Frankfurt to Windhoek. Other airlines fly via Johannesburg in South Africa. All you need is your passport (EU and US citizens along with most other nationalities don’t need visas) and your luggage (1 check-in bag @ 20kg and 1 piece of hand luggage @ 6 kg).
Check-in is best done 2.5 hours before departure. Flights are between 10 and 11 hours from Frankfurt. Consider reserving an aisle or emergency exit seat for some extra leg space. A fleece jacket usually also comes in handy when the air-conditioning becomes a little chilly.

Passport Matters
Namibian immigration officials are friendly folks. However make sure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months after your return date and that 2 pages are open. EU and US citizens and most other nationalities don’t need a visa. Upon entry you will be issued with a tourism visa valid for a maximum of 3 months. It’s always good to check that it covers your planned return date.

Airport Transfers and car rental
To make things easy for you, upon your request we will arrange a convenient airport transfer for you. This includes the return trip to the airport, should you not have decided to stay in Namibia indefinitely in the meantime...
If you like a little more mobility, we can arrange a rental car for you from one of our trusted local rental companies. Not only does it make the planning easy for you but we also get affordable rates and personalised service for you. All the local rental companies adhere to international safety and quality standards for your peace of mind.

Money Matters
Namibia uses the Namibian Dollar (N$) which is directly linked 1:1 to the South African Rand. This means that you can also use the Rand as legal tender in Namibia. Should you wish to come prepared with some hard cash in hand it is always a good idea to obtain some Rand or Namibian Dollars at home. Visitors are allowed to bring up to N$2 000 along when entering Namibia. Once in Namibia you can withdraw cash at local Automated Teller Machines (ATM’s) in all towns and at the airport. VISA and Mastercard are widely accepted.

Insurance
For your peace of mind consider getting travel insurance covering at least medical, lost luggage and missed flight scenarios. This is best arranged before your trip with a local supplier.

Health matters and immunizations
For your trip to Kiripotib you won’t need any additional immunizations that you wouldn’t have had at home. Just make sure that your Tetanus and Hepatitis A+B immunizations are up to date. Kiripotib is a malaria free zone, so unless you are joining us in the summer months for a Safari to the north of the country, you won’t need any malaria prophylaxis. General hygiene in Namibia is very good and professional medical facilities and services are available in most towns.

Infrastructure
Even though Kiripotib is in the middle of the Kalahari, you won’t have to brave hair raising 4x4 tracks to get here. You can make the journey from Windhoek or the airport in around 90 minutes in a normal car. We also have two 1.8 km long runways that can be used even by larger 2 engine aircraft.

Winter weather and clothing
Temperatures reach 20 to 28 degrees Celcius in the day during Namibia’s winter (May to September), often warmer than some European summer days. Namibia’s winter is dry with virtually no rain. This creates beautiful clear blue skies in the day and crystal clear starry skies at night. The lack of cloud cover causes a rapid fall in temperature at night, usually to around 10 degrees Celsius and sometimes even to zero. Therefore it is a good idea to pack your usual winter clothing that you use during observation at night at home. Winter jackets, gloves, scarves, beanies and warm shoes are essential for Namibia winter nights. In the day anything from shorts and T-shirt to jeans and long-sleeved shirts will keep you cosy. A pair of sandals will also come in handy when you want to stretch your toes after the confinement of warm boots. Some hand cream and body lotion are also essential as the Namibian winter is extremely dry with very low humidity.

Summer weather and clothing
Temperatures reach 30 to 35 degrees Celcius in the day during Namibia’s summer (October to April), ideal to get
away from the frost of northern Hemisphere winters. Around New Years the mercury might even climb to 40 degrees Celsius although this is very bearable because of the low humidity. At night the temperature rarely drops below 20 degrees Celsius. So you won’t even have to change out of your swimming costume to observe Orion’s belt. During the rainy season (in November and again from January to March) you can admire awesome thunderstorm displays. But because these are short and sweet, it is often possible to observe a perfectly clear starry sky shortly after a thunderstorm has moved through. Besides your swimming costume it is also a good idea to bring a warm set of clothes for when that rare cooler night makes its appearance. During the day you will be best equipped with a pair of shorts, sandals and a shirt. Should you wish to spend some time in the sun it is best to avoid the hours between 11 AM and 4 PM and to cover exposed skin with light and breathable clothing. The safest bet is a pair of long pants, long-sleeved shirt and large hat. (We’ve got a couple of cool designs on offer. If you’re not the hat-type, don’t worry. No-one will see you.) Additionally it is also best to apply sunscreen with at least a 30 SPF value.

**Time zone**

Namibia is in the UTC+02:00 zone in summer and changes to UTC+01:00 in winter. So if you are coming from Europe you won’t even get jet lag.

**Electricity**

Kiripotib is connected to the national electricity grid (220V/50Hz). For the technically minded, the electricity supply on the observation platforms is protected by residual current circuit breakers. Each platform has a number of Euro plugs. Adapters for your room are also available.

**WiFi, Internet and telephones**

Prepaid SIM cards for your mobile phone are available at the MTC shop at the airport or in Windhoek. At Kiripotib you will have access to WiFi as well as good mobile network connectivity.