



Namibia

Limits:

- There is no limit on the number of firearms that can be imported into Namibia, although NAPHA recommends no more than four (4) firearms per hunter. Note that all must be of different calibers.
- A maximum of one hundred (100) rounds of ammunition may be imported per hunting rifle. (Remember that airlines will restrict you to no more than 11 pounds or 5 kilos of ammunition. Check additional restrictions for your airlines and any country you may transit)
- Only ammunition for the specific caliber(s) you are bringing may be imported. No solid point cartridges.
- Black powder rifles are permitted in Namibia; however, it is illegal to transport on commercial airlines black powder and percussion caps. These may be purchased in Namibia, but it is best to contact your hunting outfitter to organize for it well prior to your hunt as it may need to be special ordered.
- Handguns, semi-automatic and automatic firearms and crossbows are prohibited
- Namibia does not have a minimum caliber requirement for rifle hunting but relies on minimum energy measured in [joules](#) (Eo-muzzle velocity). The smallest caliber recommended by NAPHA is 7 mm (.284). Minimums allowed for various species are: 1350 joules for springbok, duiker, etc.; 2700 joules for hartebeest, wildebeest, kudu, gemsbok, eland, etc.; 5400 joules for buffalo, elephant, rhino, etc.

Fees:

- No fees. Temporary importation of firearms and ammunition into Namibia is free of charge and the process is quick and easy.
- Should you be traveling with bows and arrows to and/or through Namibia, there is no required permit or charges either.

Time Frame:

You must make the application for a Namibian Temporary Import firearm permit yourself. You can do so upon arrival in Namibia, or you can do it ahead of time by email. Download the Namibia Firearm Permit Application Form ([LINK TO PDF](#)) and submit it to the Namibian police at firearmairport@nampol.na.

The email service is only for hunters entering Namibia at Hosea Kutako International Airport in Windhoek. You will receive your permit upon arrival there.

Requirements:

- On the application you will need to provide your full name, passport number, personal address, the address where you will be in Namibia, where you are entering Namibia with your firearm, and the reason you are importing a firearm.
- You must also provide exact dates of your length of stay in Namibia and make sure the dates match those on your visa when issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- You must also provide details on your firearm(s) and ammunition: type, caliber and serial number of your firearm; and the type, caliber and quantity of the ammunition.
- When applying for your permit online, you will need to provide a "Letter of Invitation" on company letterhead from each hunting outfitter(s) you will be hunting with. It should simply state that you are visiting Namibia for the purpose of trophy hunting and provide the farm name and number where you will be hunting. Your operator should include his registered outfitter name and full contact details.
- Copy of your passport
- Proof of legal exportation of your firearm from your country of origin and proof that the firearm is licensed in the country of origin. For US hunters a Customs Form 4457 is acceptable.
- Ask your hunting operator to provide you with a copy of your hunting permit to have with you when you arrive in Namibia.
- Bows do not require an import permit.

Clearing your Firearms:

- Temporary import permits are issued upon your arrival and declaration of firearms and ammunition. After claiming your bags, proceed to the small police office in the baggage claim area.

Tips on Flying to Namibia with Guns

Flying Direct

NAPHA recommends flying directly to Windhoek, Namibia, from Europe. Air Namibia offers direct service. However, hunters flying into Europe from North America or other destinations must be certain that their originating airline has an interline baggage agreement with Air Namibia and that their bags are checked all the way to Windhoek. Check before you book your travel.

Warning About Transiting Other Countries

If you fly through South Africa and your arrival airline does not have an interline baggage agreement with your connecting airline or you overnight there, you will need to claim your bags and go through the South African firearm import process. This means you will need to comply with South African restrictions on the number of guns (a maximum of four firearms) and amount of ammunition you may travel with. See our section on [South Africa \(LINK TO SOUTH AFRICA SECTION\)](#) for details on getting a transit permit.

Also, some European destinations, such as The Netherlands, require in-transit permits and have stricter limitations than Namibia on the number of firearms you can transit through the country. Check on restrictions before you book your flights.