

Lüderitz, Namibia

A surreal pocket of German colonial history marooned on the Namib Desert coast — where Art Nouveau churches face jackass penguins and a sand-buried ghost town waits 10 km away.

 Docked (small harbor)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Namibian Dollar (NAD) / South African Rand

 Afrikaans, German, English

 Desert coast

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier in Lüderitz Harbour — ships usually berth alongside (occasionally anchor and tender); small port, no gangway bus needed

Best For: History buffs, photographers, wildlife lovers, and anyone who finds a diamond ghost town irresistible

Walk to center: 5-10 min on foot from the pier to Bismarck Street and the town center

Don't Miss: Kolmanskop ghost town — sand-filled rooms, Art Deco ruin, and an eerie silence 10 km inland

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  NAD 50–150 (negotiated)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kolmanskop Ghost Town** — A diamond-rush boomtown abandoned in the 1950s, now half-swallowed by sand dunes.
- Halifax Island Penguin Cruise** — A short boat trip into the sheltered lagoon reveals Halifax Island — home to a substantial African (jackass) penguin...
- Colonial Architecture Walking Tour** — Lüderitz preserves Germany's only intact colonial-era townscape outside Europe.
- Diaz Point & Bogenfels Excursion** — Diaz Cross marks where Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias landed in 1488.
- Namib Desert Dune Drive** — Head inland to the edge of the Sperrgebiet (Forbidden Diamond Area) for dramatic dune landscapes.

BEST WALKS

- Colonial Town Stroll** 1-2 km · 45-60 min · Easy — From the harbor gate, walk up Bismarck Street past the Woermannhaus (a handsome 1909 colonial trading house with oriels and balconies...
- Shark Island Causeway Walk** 2 km round-trip · 30-40 min · Easy — A causeway connects the town to Shark Island, a rocky peninsula with sweeping views of the bay, often with flamingos in the shallows.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	74°	59°	0d
Jun	69°	53°	1d
Aug	67°	51°	0d
Sep	68°	52°	0d
Oct	70°	56°	0d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:15AM–6:42PM · Jun 7:45AM–6:13PM · Aug 7:28AM–6:39PM · Sep 6:56AM–6:52PM · Oct 6:24AM–7:06PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Wind is relentless. The Benquela current brings cold, powerful gusts year-round. A windproof jacket is essential even on sunny

Lüderitz, Namibia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Kolmanskop** Explore a fascinating diamond mining ghost town swallowed by sand.
- 3 Lüderitz Museum** Discover Lüderitz's rich history, culture, and diamond mining past.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Site of Original Dias Cross** See where Bartolomeu Dias first landed and placed a cross.
- 4 Robert Harbour** Enjoy scenic views of Lüderitz's natural harbor and coastal beauty.