

Walvis Bay, Namibia

Where the Namib Desert meets the Atlantic: pink flamingos wade in a Ramsar lagoon while towering red dunes rise just beyond the city limits. Walvis Bay is a working port with surprisingly rich wildlife and one of Africa's most dramatic desert coastlines on its doorstep.

 Docked (cruise terminal)

 Typical call: 7-9 hrs

 Namibian Dollar / South African Rand

 English (official), Afrikaans

 Flamingo lagoon & Namib dunes

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cruise ships berth at the commercial Port of Walvis Bay — no tendering. The town centre is roughly 3 km from the berth.

Best For: Wildlife spotting (flamingos, pelicans, fur seals), desert dune drives, and a day in colonial Swakopmund.

Walk to Centre: It's a working industrial port, so a shuttle or taxi to the lagoon waterfront and town centre is the norm rather than walking out of the gate.

Don't Miss: Walvis Bay Lagoon flamingos and a quad-bike or 4WD excursion to Sandwich Harbour.

 Getting around:  Taxi  USD 5–7 ·  Rideshare  Yango, Bolt

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Walvis Bay Lagoon Flamingo & Pelican Tour** — A motorboat glides through the Ramsar-listed lagoon toward Pelican Point, where curious Cape fur seals swim up to the...
- Sandwich Harbour 4WD Dune Experience** — A 4WD or quad-bike drive south through the Namib-Naukluft National Park to Sandwich Harbour, where colossal sand dunes...
- Swakopmund Town & Colonial Architecture** — Drive 30 km north to Swakopmund, a well-preserved German colonial town with Bavarian-style buildings, a lively craft...
- Dune 7 & Namib Desert Walk** — Dune 7, just outside town, is Namibia's tallest dune at around 380 m.
- Cape Cross Seal Colony** — About 120 km north, Cape Cross hosts one of the world's largest Cape fur seal colonies — up to 100,000 seals.

BEST WALKS

- Lagoon Esplanade Stroll** 1.5 km · Flat · 20-30 min — Walk the paved Esplanade along the southern edge of Walvis Bay Lagoon.
- Town Centre & Craft Market** 2 km loop · Easy · 45-60 min — Head into Walvis Bay town centre to browse the informal craft market near the town hall, pick up Namibian souvenirs, and get a feel...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	75°	59°	0d
Jun	74°	55°	0d
Aug	69°	50°	0d
Sep	68°	51°	0d
Oct	69°	53°	0d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 7:15AM–6:48PM · Jun 7:40AM–6:24PM · Aug 7:27AM–6:46PM · Sep 6:58AM–6:55PM · Oct 6:29AM–7:06PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Walvis Bay, 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 Walvis Bay Museum** Explore Walvis Bay's history and culture at this museum.
- 3 Namibia Dolphin and Seal Catamaran Cruises** Catamaran tours to spot dolphins, seals, and marine life.

- 2 Walvis Bay Community Church** A local place of worship for the community.
- P Cruise port / terminal**