

Namibia Introduces Digital Nomad Visa

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Remote (Adjective) /rɪ'moʊt/ done, happening, etc. from a distance
Example: Remote work was the trend during the pandemic..
2. Mainland (Noun) /'meɪn,lænd/ the main area of land of a country
Example: They traveled to the mainland when they visited the country.
3. Stable (Adjective) /'steɪbəl/ not changing nor likely to change or fail
Example: She married a stable man who loves her truly.
4. Dune (Noun) /du:n/ a hill of sand
Example: The tourists enjoyed the ATV tour over the sand dunes.
5. Canyon (Noun) /'kænjən/ a large valley with very steep sides
Example: They took a lot of photos when they visited the Grand Canyon.
6. Clearance (Noun) /'klɪərəns/ official permission or approval for something
Example: He was diagnosed with a certain sickness and he needs medical clearance before he can return to work..



The African country of Namibia has introduced a new "Digital Nomad Visa" that allows remote workers to live and work in the country for as long as six months. In recent years, many countries have introduced new visas to encourage "digital nomads" — people who work online while traveling — to come and stay. However, Namibia is the first country on the African mainland to do so.

Namibia, a large country on the southwest coast of Africa, is named after the Namib Desert — the oldest desert in the world. The country is famous for its wildlife and its beautiful natural landscapes. Namibia offers both a stable government and a low cost of living, as well as excellent internet services — which makes it perfect for digital nomads. And the country is said to have the best roads in Africa, making it easy to explore by car.

There is a lot to see and do in Namibia. Recommended tourist activities include: Taking a hot air balloon ride over the sand dunes at Sossusvlei. Hiking in the Fish River Canyon —

Africa's largest canyon. Going on safari in Etosha National Park — home to elephants, leopards, giraffes and black rhinos. Viewing the stars in the amazing night skies over the NamibRand Nature Reserve.

To apply for the Namibia Digital Nomad Visa you need to prove you have an income of \$2,000 per month. You will also need health or travel insurance, a police clearance certificate, and a travel document such as a passport. The visa can be applied for online and costs just \$62, which you pay when you arrive in Namibia. More information, including the application form, is available on the Namibia Digital Nomad Visa webpage. This webpage also has helpful information about getting accommodation, booking flights and renting cars.

DISCUSSION

1. Have you been to Africa? If so, what parts did you visit? If not, would you like to?
2. What do you enjoy most about traveling?
3. Have you ever traveled alone? If so, how was it? If not, would you like to?
4. If you could take six months off to travel, where would you go?
5. Who are the most well-traveled people you know?