

Lüderitz, Namibia

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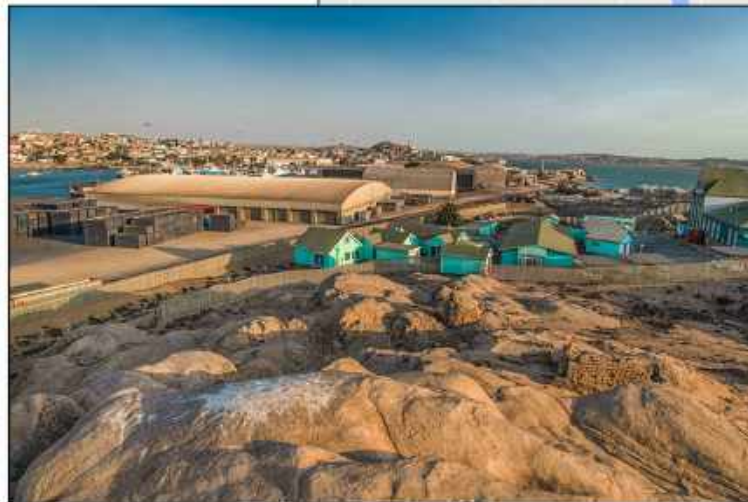
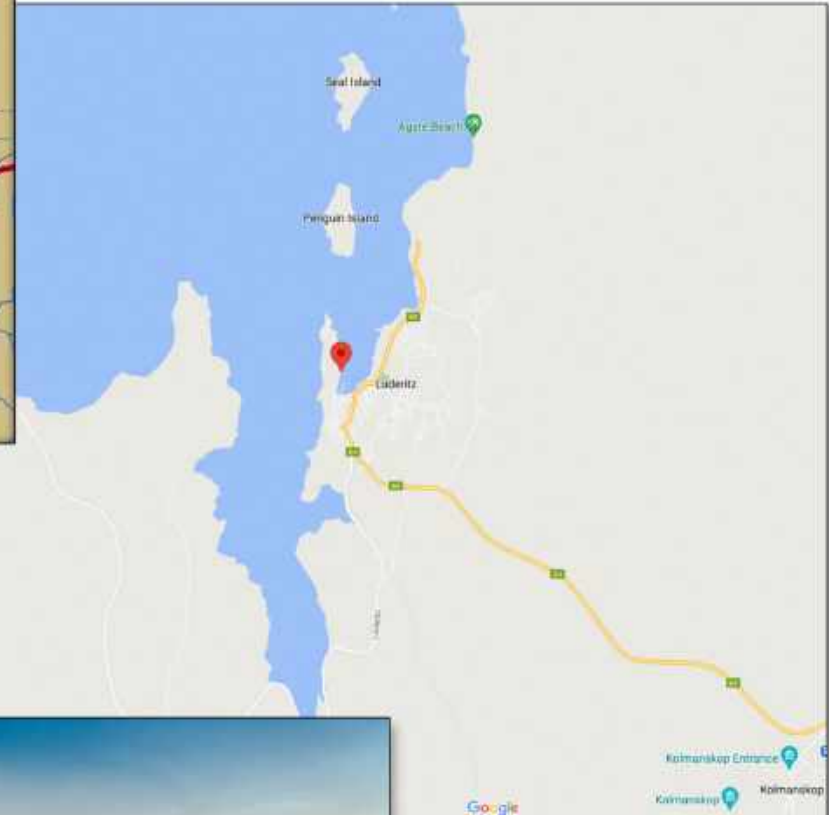
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fast facts

- * Located on Skeleton Coast
- * 1883 Adolf Lüderitz purchased land
- * Known for colonial architecture & wildlife
- * Diamonds discovered in 1906

- * Part of South Africa until 1990
- * Apartheid applied here too
- * Population about 18,000



- * Shallow rock bottom
- * Tender port
- * Development of small shops
- * Walking distance to town



Lüderitz Tourist Information



Visa upon arrival for U.S. citizens
No visa necessary for Canadian citizens



English is the official language
Various other languages spoken (Afrikaans, German, Indigenous)



The official currency in Namibia is the Namibian Dollar,
however, the South African Rand can also be used at an
identical rate to the Namibian Dollar.

1 USD = 14.54 NAD

10% tip for restaurant bills & Rounding up for taxi fares
ATM machines available



66° - 75°
Can be windy



Check phone carrier for availability
Wifi can be found in many restaurants, hotels & cafes
Slower & less secure than we are used to



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Taxis available flag them down or use Hannk app



Cars can be rented

BB car Hire + 264 81 128 7826

Avis <https://www.avis.co.za/Namibia>

Many dirt roads



Seafood is an area specialty, especially rock lobster & oysters

Windhoek Lager Beer (Internet recommended)

The Portuguese Fisherman (fresh caught local fish)

Barrels (local sports bar)

Essenzeit (upscale overlooking harbor)



Carved Makalani Nuts



Hima PVC bracelets

Mentioned on Trip Advisor:

Premium Namibian Cigars

Rocky Shores

Small shops and street vendors

Bargaining is common in markets



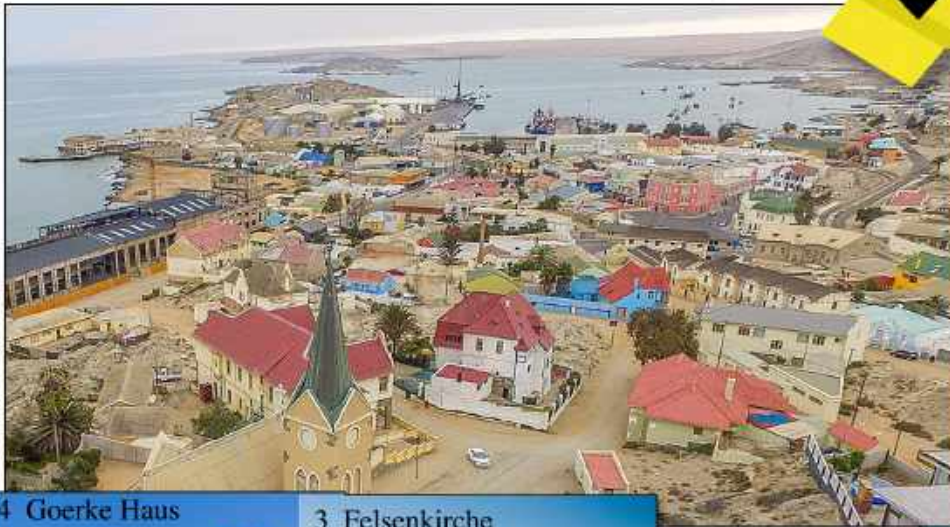
Be alert and use common sense precautions

Be careful around ATMs Pickpockets can be a problem

Armed robberies (Namibia not necessarily Lüderitz) have been reported

Colonial Architecture & Art Nouveau Buildings

What to do in Lüderitz?



4 Goerke Haus



3 Felsenkirche



1 Railway Station



Other Buildings of Note:

- * Old Deutsche Afrika Bank
- * Gluck Auf
- * Kreplinhaus
- * Woerman Haus

2 Museum



- * Exhibits covering the diamond industry, wildlife & the indigenous people among others
- * Opening hours changeable
- * Book ahead: info@museums.com.na
- * "Tired, dated & not very inspiring"



Shark Island: became part of the peninsula in 1906
Used as a concentration camp by the Germans colonial expansion
Now a camp ground

Divikz Street Mall for shopping

What to do near Lüderitz?



- * Cross Replica of original erected by Bartolomeu Diaz in honor of the Apostle St. James
- * Also a lighthouse



- * Breeding site for penguins
- * May also spot seals, flamingos or dolphins

Halifax Island

Diaz Point/ Cross

Tsau Khaeb National Park



- * Can be seen near Garub Watering hole
- * Only desert dwelling feral herd in the world
- * Several theories as to how they came to be here but none verified



- * Founded in 1908 as a railway station became a town when diamonds were discovered
- * Last settler left in 1956
- * Hospital had first xray machine in the southern hemisphere
- * One hour daily tours
- * Permit needed

Agate Beach

Lüderitz

Feral Horses
Klopmannskop



Tour Options & Resources

Halifax Island Boat Cruise

Departs: 9:30 AM Approximately 3¼ Hours Price
\$159.95

Kolmannskop: A Deserted Mining Town

Departs: 8:00 AM Approximately 2 Hours Price \$139.95

Lüderitz Safaris & Tours

Contracted with cruise ships

Can arrange a taxi to Kolmannskop R150pp

Taxi will wait one hour

Entrance to site is R130pp

+264 63 202 719

Website??

Lüderitz Highlights on Foot

Departs: 8:30 AM Approximately 2½ Hours Price \$69.95

Namib Off road excursions

Luderitz Peninsula full or 1/2 day tour

Bay Road, Lüderitz

noextours@gmail.com

for more info

The Wild Horses of the Namib

Departs: 8:15 AM Approximately 4 Hours Price
\$219.95