



## Namibia is world's second best destination

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The Land of the Brave has been named the second best destination to visit in the world in 2015 by the prominent global travel company, Lonely Planet. Singapore was announced the world's number one country to travel to next year. Lonely Planet made specific mention that Namibia is celebrating 25 years of independence next year and the country has made groundbreaking progress in sustainable development. According to the travel company, Namibia was the first African country to include protection of its environment in its constitution. "Namibia empowers local communities to contribute. With stories of habitat loss elsewhere in Africa dominating the news, word of Namibia's conservation successes has not gained traction. Explore it before you have to share it," the travel company says. It also says that the country has some of the most beautiful

landscapes in Africa with inspiring deserts and mountains, wildlife and people that all make a visit to the country a worthwhile experience. Namibia also hosts the world's largest numbers of black rhino and cheetah and unlike elsewhere on the continent the populations and range of lions and giraffes are expanding. Some of the "life-changing" experiences that Lonely Planet has highlighted for visitors in Namibia are to climb to the top a dune at Sossusvlei at sunrise or to stay awake into the late night hours at the Etosha National Park and be enthralled by the night-time theatrics of the big-game. It also recommends that visitors should experience the sheer beauty of the Skeleton Coast and its wildlife on a safari-flight, while a visit to the Ghost-town at Kolmanskop should is not to be missed. Lonely Planet's list of top destinations are compiled from hundreds of ideas that are submitted by its staff, authors, bloggers, travellers and tweeters which are then refined by a panel of in-house travel experts based on topicality, excitement, value and that special x-factor. The top 10 places are chosen for their merits and the unique experiences they may offer travellers. The ten countries that were selected are Singapore, Namibia, Lithuania, Nicaragua, Ireland, Republic of Congo, Serbia, the Philippines, St Lucia and Morocco. WINDHOEK ELLANIE SMIT



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