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Cultural Exchange Programme with Namibia in 2027

Dear students, parents and teachers,

following the successful visit of our first group of Namibian exchange learners to Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck in March 2026, we have the pleasure of announcing the second round of this exciting new programme. In addition to welcoming Namibian learners in Cape Town, YFU will also offer a similar cultural and educational programme to Namibia for selected JvR learners for the first time in 2027.

NB: This opportunity will be open to JvR learners whose family hosts an exchange learner from Namibia during the school's 11-day Afrikaans language trip to Cape Town from 25 April to 06 May 2027, which is also organized by YFU. The host siblings will have the opportunity to participate in the first reciprocal visit to Namibia, which will take place as follows:

Destination: Windhoek, Namibia (in collaboration with St Paul's College)

Duration: 11 days

Dates: To be confirmed - either in April 2027 or in June 2027

Participants: Up to 10 learners can participate (minimum: 4 participants)

Requirements: Participants should be in grade 10 in 2027 (i.e. currently in grade 9)

Programme outline: The group will travel to Windhoek, where they will live with local host families and attend St Paul's College, one of Windhoek's most prestigious private schools. They will participate in all academic and extramural activities at the school and explore Windhoek and its surroundings in the afternoons and on the weekend. Planned activities include a guided historical walking tour of the inner city, a visit to Katutura, a half-day community service activity with a local non-profit organization, as well as fun activities with the host siblings, such as go-karting, padel and a movie night. The final itinerary will be confirmed two weeks prior to the trip.

Programme fee: The programme fee includes all local and international travel and transfers, accommodation and meals with host families, as well all activities and excursions indicated on the following pages. The final fee depends on the number of learners signing up:

- If 6 or more learners participate: R 24,900
- If less than 6 learners participate: R 28,900

Please note: Snacks, souvenirs, additional entrance fees, visa and visa-related fees, international medical/ travel insurance, as well as all other personal expenses will be for the students' own account. Please also note that programme fees may fluctuate due to changes in airfares, the exchange rate or other costs that are beyond our control. Activities indicated in the programme may change on short notice depending on availability and weather conditions.





Programme and Itinerary

Day	Travel and Activities
Day 1	The group travels from Cape Town to Windhoek by plane, followed by a transfer to the school, where they will meet their host families
Day 2	School attendance and extramurals in the morning, free afternoon
Day 3	School attendance and extramurals in the morning, guided historical walking tour of Windhoek in the afternoon
Day 4	School attendance and extramurals in the morning and afternoon, movie night at a local cinema in the evening
Day 5	School attendance in the morning, a visit to Katutura, a local market, and various social projects in the afternoon
Day 6	Half-day community service in a social project in Katutura, in partnership with a local non-profit organization
Day 7	Weekend activities and outings with the host families
Day 8	Weekend activities and outings with the host families
Day 9	School attendance and extramurals in the morning, go-karting activity with the host siblings in the afternoon
Day 10	School attendance and extramurals in the morning, padel activity with the host siblings in the afternoon
Day 11	The group travels back to Cape Town





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Travel arrangements: YFU South Africa will arrange all flight bookings, accommodation, local transfers and activities for the trip. The group will travel together with a YFU staff member and/ or a HS JvR teacher (depending on the group size).

Visa and travel documents: South African citizens can enter Namibia visa-free for a period of up to 90 days. Citizens of other countries may need to apply for a visa to enter Namibia, so please consult with us should your child not have a South African passport. The passports of all participants must be valid for at least 6 months after the end of the trip and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child has valid and complete travel documents.

In addition, children under the age of 18 travelling without their parents need the following documents to leave and enter South Africa:

- An original unabridged birth certificate and certified copy thereof
- A notarized travel permission, signed by both parents or legal guardians of the child
- Certified copies of the passports or IDs of both parents or legal guardians
- If the child and/or parents are not South African citizens, certified copies of their valid visas or residence permits

Medical insurance: All participating learners must have a valid international health insurance, either via their regular South African medical insurance or a specialized travel insurance provider such as Hollard. It is the parents' responsibility to arrange medical cover and proof of cover must be submitted to YFU prior to the trip.

SIM card and airtime: All participating learners must please get an eSIM, valid in Namibia, prior to their departure. Alternatively, they can purchase a physical SIM card upon arrival in Namibia.

How to apply: To apply for this opportunity, please complete this form to register as a host family for a Namibian exchange learner for their incoming visit in April 2027. The grade 10 children of all host families will then be automatically considered as participants for the reciprocal visit to Namibia. Kindly complete the form **by 31 October 2026** via this link: <https://forms.gle/zBYLVagHQeay8Uch9>

Questions? Should you have any questions about the programme, please reach out to Ms Lena Gronbach, National Director of YFU South Africa at Lena@yfu.org.za.

We look forward to exploring Namibia with you!

