

HKIA Arrivals Report

August 2025

Executive Summary

Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA) continued to demonstrate resilience in August 2025, maintaining its position as Namibia's primary international gateway. Arrivals remained robust, reflecting sustained momentum in the recovery and signaling a strengthening demand for travel to Namibia.

At the broader national level, the tourism sector is showing encouraging signs of expansion. The Hotels and Restaurants sector contributed 3.4% growth in real value added to GDP during Q2 2025, with hotels recording a modest 0.9% increase. National room occupancy rates, a key proxy for tourism activity, climbed to 67.55% in July 2025, up from 59.61% a year earlier. These dynamics reinforce HKIA's role as the main hub for Namibia's air transport and tourism sectors, with passenger flows directly supporting growth in hospitality and related industries.

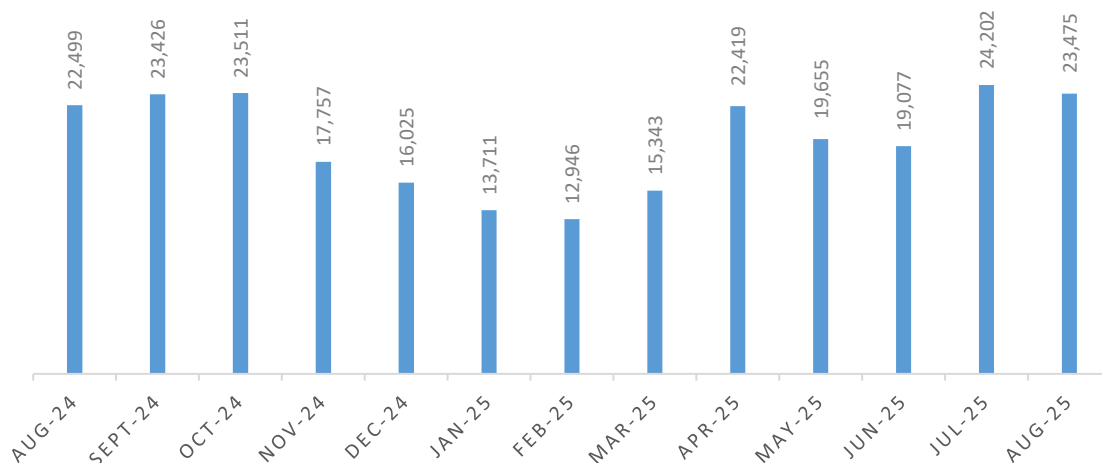
Analysis

In August 2025, HKIA recorded 23,475 international passenger arrivals, representing a 4.34% annual increase compared to August 2024. However, relative to July 2025, arrivals contracted slightly by 3%, reflecting a seasonal decline following the July peak.

Despite the month-on-month moderation, the year-on-year expansion highlights the airport's continued growth trajectory. The upward performance aligns with the rebound in Namibia's tourism sector, with July and August traditionally serving as peak months due to regional travel inflows. The August outcome confirms that Namibia's strategy of improving air connectivity and easing entry requirements is yielding results.

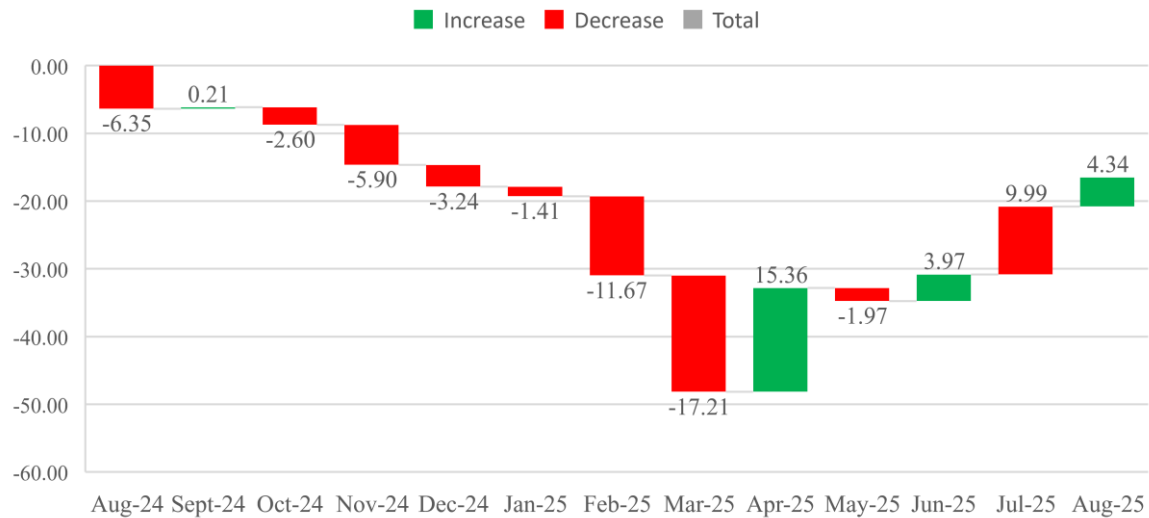
At a national level, HKIA remained the dominant hub for total passenger arrivals in August 2025, accounting for 85.48% of both international and domestic arrivals. This was followed by Walvis Bay Airport with 7.73%, Eros Airport at 4.32%, Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport at 2.25%, and Luderitz Airport at 0.77%.

FIGURE 1: HKIA MONTHLY ARRIVALS,
AUG 2024 - AUG 2025



Source: NAC, HEI Research

FIGURE 2: HKIA YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH RATES,
AUG 24 - AUG 25



Source: NAC, HEI Research

Outlook/Sentiment

The August 2025 figures underscore Namibia's ongoing recovery in international arrivals, building a strong case for sustained growth in the aviation and tourism sectors. The positive year-on-year performance, combined with rising hotel occupancy and GDP contributions from the Hotels and Restaurants sector, indicates that increased travel demand is translating into tangible benefits for the broader economy.

Looking ahead, the outlook for HKIA is cautiously optimistic. The resilience of arrivals suggests that Namibia is steadily converting improved policy reforms, particularly the visa-on-arrival system, into higher tourism inflows, while national indicators such as stronger hotel activity and rising occupancy rates provide additional evidence of sector-wide momentum.

Sustaining this growth, however, will require continuous efforts to strengthen infrastructure capacity, diversify airline partnerships, and enhance the travel experience. If these measures are effectively implemented, HKIA is well positioned to maintain its role as a regional hub, while Namibia continues to scale tourism as a key driver of economic growth. Seasonal fluctuations, such as the August slowdown, are expected, but the broader trajectory points to stability and expansion in the medium term.