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Orange River Rafting 2015



4 Days / 3 Nights

Departure: dates on request

This is truly one of the purest adventure trails in Southern Africa. The Gariep River or “Great River” as it is called by the local Nama people offers a unique outdoor experience to those who seek tranquility and adventure. The Orange River cuts through the Richtersveld desert reserve and is now part of the Transfrontier transformation parks in Africa.

On your 4 day river trail you will explore the many hidden treasures of this remote and almost forgotten desert reserve of Southern Africa. The river is surrounded by semi precious stone, rock formations, and volcanic rock to the abundance of small animals, primates and extraordinary bird life. Departing from base camp head to your adventure with just the bear necessities prepared for days of wild camping to follow. The camps will be along the river edge and we will follow the ethics of eco tourism along the river.

Distance of trail from 45 – 85 km (depending on the water level)

Sample of Itinerary:

All the trails start and end at the Growcery Base Camp

For example: 11 – 15 July

11 Jul: Arrival day at base camp around 17h00 – briefing and dinner provided – sleep base camp (D)

12 Jul: Day 1 After Breakfast the Orange River rafting adventure departs **(B.L.D)**

13 Jul: Day 2 Orange River **(B.L.D)**

14 Jul: Day 3 Orange River **(B.L.D)**

15 Jul: Day 4 Depart after lunch back to base camp, tour ends upon arrival at Camp (14h30 – 16h30) **(B,L)**

B-Breakfast: from fried breakfast to continental with cereals and fruits

L-Lunch: normally consists of salads, health bread, pastas, and fruits

D-Dinner: we offer 3 course meals for dinners with salad, main course and dessert

Meals

All meals are prepared on open fires and will consist of quality and healthy food and it will be catered for all special diets, i.e. vegetarians, vegans etc. The delicious bush cooking on open fires creates a campfire ambiance on the banks of the Orange River.

Prices and Departure 2015:

Adults: **R 3 550** / children under 18: **R 3 250** / children under 12: **R 2 950**

Departure dates on request.

Basic Personal Kit

Sleeping bag & roll mat or blow up mattress, tent, mosquito net, cushions	Rehydrate sachets, snacks for in-between meals	T shirts, shorts, sarong, strops, khikoi,
Torch, headlamp, matches	Personal medical kit	Sweater, long pants, second skin
Camera (water tight container)	Own cutlery & crockery	Sun umbrella, camping chair
Sunglasses with safety strap, lip balm, sun hat, sun cream	Insect repellent (Stingose)	Passport, Cash
Own drinks (no glass is allowed)	Bio degradable soap, toiletries, toilet paper	Sense of Humor

More Information:

River & Area Information

The Orange River originates in the Drakensberg mountains and meanders through a great part of South Africa to seek and meet the Atlantic Ocean at Oranjemund. In total the great Gariep is 2092km in length from source to mouth 39th longest river in the world. An annual rainfall of 5-150 mm and temperatures of between 0-56 degrees along with the vegetation and the rates of evaporation qualifies the Richtersveld as the superior desert region of South Africa. The river offers a source of life and existence to all life along its banks and bays.

Umkulu Safari & Canoe Trails offer a base camp on the banks of the Orange River from where they conduct all their river trails through the Richtersveld Reserve. The base camp acts as the meeting and departure point for all the river trails and offers a level of professionalism and comfort to all the fellow adventure travelers.

Base Camp & Facilities

The River Trails start & end at the Growcery Base Camp.

Facilities at the Base Camp include pristine ablutions, hot and cold showers & flush toilets, grassed campsites, permanent tents, chick shack units, electricity, washing up facilities, braai area, safe parking and an incredible view of the Orange River. Catered meals on request. There is also a shop (braai packs, wood, ice, alcoholic beverages, cold drinks, caps, t-shirts & Khikoi).

Preparations for Trails

All trails are lead by qualified river guides. You will receive a full briefing on the safety procedures and basic ethics of exploring the trail. The guides will prepare all meals and assist with your equipment preparations before embarking on your adventure trail. No previous experience is needed and a moderate level of fitness is required.

Equipment

Umkulu Safari & Canoe Trails makes use of the best equipment available in South Africa and all has been SABS approved for rafting and canoe trails. The two man inflatable rafts are suitable for all terrains and can comfortably handle any river graded 1-3. Every boat has 2 paddles, 2 impact vests, 2 dry bags and a 45 liter cooler box. Ice can be purchased.

Eco Trails

No glass is allowed on the river and all waste will be transported along the trail and returned to base camp. Please decanter supplies to plastic containers or make use of cans.

Trail

The aim is to explore and discover the desert reserve with all its hidden treasures and trails. The days are spent with early morning paddling, swimming, floating, bird watching and negotiating some rapids and fast flowing water. The guides will take you through the steps of paddling through rapids, hiking some mountains and in general discover the eco system of the desert. Umkulu Safari & Canoe trails offers 15 years of experience, passion and knowledge gained from the environment.