

Orange River – 4 Day River Rafting Trail

This is an adventure suitable for the whole family. Experience the Richtersveld on an inflatable raft and use the Orange River as mode of transport. Explore the only mountain desert in South Africa and let our experienced guides lead you through one of the most striking landscapes South Africa has to offer. The perfect outdoor getaway with fun filled rapids, hiking and discovering the stark beauty of the Richtersveld desert. Sleep under the stars or in a tent.

Route Plan

Day 1: Arrive at Base Camp 18h00 pm (D) – Briefing
Day 2, 3, 4: Orange River Rafting (B.L.D) – Camping on the banks of the Orange River
Day 5: Orange River / Transfer Back to Base Camp (B) – Tour ends on arrival back at camp
B- Breakfast, L- Lunch, D-Dinner included

See page 3 for more information regarding dietary requirements

Time Frame: 3 nights and a half day on the river

Distance: 45-65 km (depending on the water level)

Tour Starts: 08h30 / 09h00 am on morning of day 2 on route plan

Equipment: 2 man inflatable rafts, paddles, floatation devices, cooler box for drinks and dry bags for personals

Starts: The Growcery Camp

Ends: The Growcery Camp (Transfer back to Base Camp from Take out Point)

Take out during off-season

- Normally 11 am, expect to be back at camp around 3 pm

Take out during peak season (Easter, NYE and school holidays)

- Take out anywhere between 8am to 3pm
- Contact our office to help with necessary accommodation arrangements
- Take out time will depend on the following:
 - Age of group
 - Season
 - Section of the river paddled
 - Water level

The 4 Day Rafting Trail will take you from our base camp through the Nababeep Community and Richtersveld Community Reserve. Over the next 4 days you can expect to have spectacular mountain views, fast flowing channels and excellent bird life. The River is graded at level 1 - 3 in difficulty and is suitable for beginners. The Orange River is a pool drop river, 'which means after every rapid, there is always a pool'. The Richtersveld is home to goat herders trekking through the endless desert mountains. We don't have designated campsites and camp for the day depends on the progress made that day, where we will choose our overnight spot on the banks of the river. This is a truly great combination of rafting, relaxing, hiking and exploring. It is not a race, but rather an outdoor expedition suitable for all with no experience. Our guides will be preparing meals on open fires and guide you safely down the Orange River.

Rates

Adults: R3 915 per person
Children 15 - 17: R3 555 per child
Children 12 - 14: R3 105 per child
Children 5 - 11: R2 835 per child



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Arrival Procedure

Please inform camp if you are arriving late (+264 81 672 5466; 027 761 8007)
Check in at reception with your confirmation voucher
Your guide and campsite will be assigned at basecamp

Our Trail Include

Park fees, entrance fees
Breakfast, lunch, dinner (as indicated)
Qualified river guides
Two man inflatable raft (Croc)
Paddles & flotation devices
60L Dry bag (for personal belongings)
45L Cooler Box per boat (Ice can be purchased at base camp)
Transfer back to The Growcery (base camp)

Our Trail Exclude

Camping equipment (tent, cutlery, crockery etc)
Water (2l per person per day), juice & alcoholic beverages, snacks for in between meals
Accommodation & food after your rafting trail

Suggested Packing List (Items available at Outdoor Warehouse)

Sleeping bag, roll mat/ blow up mattress, torch/ head lamp, matches
Camera
Small dry bag for camera & snacks
Sunglasses (with safety strap), lip balm, hat, sunscreen
Water bottle, 6 bin liners
T-Shirts, Khikoi, shorts, strops, sweater, long pants, second skin, swimsuit, towel
Hiking boots
Tent, umbrella, camping chairs, cycling gloves for paddling
Own drinks (no glass allowed), Rehydrate sachets
Personal medical kit, insect repellent (Stingose), toiletries, bio degradable soap, toilet paper
Personal medication
Cash (**No card facilities at base camp**) and a good sense of adventure

Valid Passport

Border crossing procedures prior to arrival at The Growcery

At the Vioolsdrift border post stamp out of South Africa
Proceed to Namibian Customs and get stamped into Namibia
Do not pay any road taxes for Namibia as your vehicles should not enter the country
Turn around and go back to South Africa without getting any more stamps in your passport
The last stamp when you get to our base camp must state entry into Namibia

NB - Families traveling with children younger than 18 y/o will need an unabridged birth certificate to be allowed to depart and enter South Africa. Furthermore, minors traveling with only one parent or another party need additional documentation. Please familiarize yourself with the required documentation as minors cannot travel without it. You will not be able to partake in the trail if passports and required paper work is not valid and in order.

<http://www.umkuluadventures.com/blog-view/Unabridged-birth-certificate-laws/>



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Accommodation at The Growcery (after your rafting trail)

Private campsite

Camping fees of R150 per person; R80 per child 6-15; children under 5 FOC
Camping (between Dec 18 2018- 3 January 2019)

Camping fees of R180 per person; R100 per child 6-15; children under 5 FOC

Public campsite

Camping fees of R125 per person; R65 per child 6-15; children under 5 FOC

Chic Shack permanent units (we provide bedding)

R195 per person sharing, R225 per single person

Children 12 – 17: R150 per child/ single R195 per child

Children 6– 11: R80 per child/ single R195 per child

Children 0 – 5: FOC

Facilities at The Growcery include

Pristine ablutions, hot and cold showers & flush toilets

Grassed campsites, permanent tents, chic shack units

Electricity, washing up facilities, braai area

Safe parking and an incredible view of the Orange River

Catered meals on request

The Growcery shop (braai packs, wood, ice, alcoholic beverages, cold drinks, caps, t-shirts & Khikoi)

****Please note no credit card facilities or ATM at camp**

Protecting the Environment

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

Preferred Group Sizes

Minimum: 6 People

Maximum: 24 People

Tailor-made Trails

We can put together tailor-made trails to give our clients a truly memorable and unique experience. Our unique itineraries will give you the opportunity to combine places and activities that interest you most. Explore the untouched areas of the Richtersveld and Orange River. We offer individual departure dates for large groups.

Meals and Dietary Requirements

Your meals on the Orange River consist of locally sourced fresh produce and none of our meals are pre-cooked. You will receive good quality meals prepared by our guides on open camp fire, contributing to the atmosphere on the banks of the Orange River. We cater for clients with special dietary requirements (vegetarians, vegans etc), if your dietary requirements are very unique, please feel free to bring suitable foods to supplement your meals.

Breakfasts: From fried breakfast to cereals and fruits

Lunch: Normally consists of salads, health bread, pastas, and fruits

Dinners: We offer 3 course meals for dinners with salad, main course and desert

Please note that we cater for vegetarian, vegan and gluten free diets.
Should you have more specific dietary requirements (Banting, Paleo, etc) we advise bringing along supplementary food to cater for your specific needs.

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4 Day Orange River Rafting Trail

New Years on the Orange River

26 December - 1 January; 27 December - 1 January; 29 December – 2 January; 30 December – 3 January

En-Route to The Growcery

We can arrange accommodation in Springbok, Okiep and Upington – please contact the office for details

Directions to Umkulu Base Camp

Our river trails start and end at our base camp, 22km down the road from Vioolsdrift.

From the South African side – just before the Vioolsdrift border post, there is a dirt road to your left saying “Kotzeshoop”. Our base camp is 22km’s down that road (on the South African side of the river).

Turn right at the “Kotzeshoop” sign. Travel for 22km on the dirt road and follow the Umkulu and Growcery signs to our camp.

Directions to Vioolsdrift

From Cape Town: Travel along the N7 towards Springbok and on to the Vioolsdrift (South African) and Noordoewer (Namibian) borders. 670km.

From Upington: Take the N14 to Springbok and from Springbok the N7 to Vioolsdrift. From Upington to Springbok is 387km. From Springbok to Vioolsdrift is approximately 115km.

From Johannesburg: Take the N14 to Springbok (1274km) and from Springbok the N7 to Vioolsdrift (115km).

From Durban: Take the N3 to Bethlehem, from there take the N5, and then N1 to Bloemfontein. Then drive to Kimberly, and Upington. From Durban to Upington it is 1195 km. From Upington to Springbok is 387 km. From Springbok take the N7 north to Vioolsdrift – 115 km.

From Bloemfontein: Take the N8 to Kimberley. From Kimberley take the R64, and then N10 to Upington (565 km). From Upington to Springbok is 387 km. From Springbok take the N7 north to Vioolsdrift – 115 km.

GPS co-ordinates: *Latitude: -28.698041; Longitude: 17.49843*

Umkulu RAFTING MAP

NAMIBIA

Sendelingsdrif
Fish River Canyon
Orange River
Ai-Ais Nature Reserve
GRUNAU →
B1
Noordoewer BORDER POST

RICHTERSVELD NATIONAL PARK

Sanddrift
Kudoes
Orange River

RICHTERSVELD COMMUNITY CONSERVANCY

Oranjemund
Alexander Bay
BASE CAMP
Roimier Winkel
Kotzeshoop turnoff
N7
SPRINGBOK
VIOLSDRIF BORDER POST

SOUTH AFRICA

Eksteenfontein
Lekkersing
N14
UPINGTON →

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Port Nolloth

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★ HOW TO GET THERE

DIRECTIONS TO UMKULU RAFTING BASECAMP

As you exit the Vioolsdrif (SA) border post back into South Africa, take the Kotzeshoop turnoff to your right. Drive 50 metres to a T junction - turn right again and follow this dirt road for 20 km's - all along the SA side of the Orange River until you get to Umkulu Basecamp.

DISTANCE:
CAPE TOWN ± 700 km (8 hours drive)
GAUTENG AREA ± 1350 km (12 hours drive)
BLOEMFONTEIN ± 1000 km (10 hours drive)

— Dirt Road 20km