



Orange River Trail

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 Richtersveldt desert reserve and is now part of the Transfrontier transformation parks in Africa.

On our trails, we 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 our base camp head to our adventure with just the bare necessities prepared for days of wild camping to follow. Our camps will be along the river edge and we will follow the ethics of eco tourism along the river.

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 Richtersveldt 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.

Our base camp is on the banks of the Orange River from where we conduct all our river trails through the Richtersveldt Reserve. Our base camp acts as the meeting and departure point for all our river trails and offer a level of professionalism and comfort to all our fellow adventure travelers.

Base Camp & Facilities

Our River Trails start & end at our Base Camp. Base Camp is 20km down the road from Vioolsdrift, on the right hand side - look out for the Umkulu signboard (just before Wild Things Camp).

Facilities at our Base Camp include showers, campsites, bar facilities, friendly staff, safe parking, safe keeping of valuables and incredible views of the Orange River. Our guides will meet and greet our clients and inform them of the preparations of the trails that follow.

Preparations for Trails

All trails are lead by qualified river guides and we do offer a back up system from our Base Camp. You will receive a full briefing on the safety procedures and basic ethics of exploring the trail. Our 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

We make use of the best equipment available in South Africa and all has been SABS approved for rafting and canoe trails. Our two man inflatable rafts are suitable for all terrains and can comfortably handle any river graded 1-3. Every boat has 2 paddles, 2 buoyancy aids, dry bags and a cooler box with ice for drinks.

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

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

Explore the Ultimate Desert River Trail!

Basic Personal Kit

Sleeping Bag & Roll Mat or blow up mat	Own drinks	Sun umbrella
Torch, matches, toilet paper	Own cutlery and crockery	Sweater, long pants
Camera (water tight bag)	T shirts, sarong, strops, Khikoi	Bio degradable soap, toiletries
Sunglasses, lip balm, sun hat, sun cream	Insect repellent	Sense of Humour

Orange River Trails

1 Day Trail

R 350 excluding lunch; **R 380** including lunch (R250 for children under 12)

This trail will be arranged from our base camp and depending on the level of water will be between 3 – 5 hours.

Overnight Trail

R850 including lunch, dinner and breakfast (R550 for children under 12)

Arrive at base camp the previous day – around 17h00 pm

Day of arrival at camp – briefing

Following day your river rafting adventure departs

Clients to provide their own dinner on the first night and breakfast the following morning at camp

NO PASSPORTS NEEDED FOR OUR DAY AND OVERNIGHT TRAILS!! FROM SOUTH AFRICA, JUST DRIVE STRAIGHT TO OUR BASE CAMP!

Meals

All meals are prepared on open fires and will consist of quality and healthy food and we do cater for all special diets, i.e. vegetarians, vegans etc. Our delicious bush cooking on open fires creates and campfire ambiance on the banks of the Orange River.

Directions to our Base Camp

Take N7 past Springbok to Vioolsdrift border of South Africa and Namibia. Take first road on left before border and follow the gravel road parallel with the Orange River for 20 km towards our base camp. Follow the signs to Umkulu Base Camp (just before Wild Things' Camp). Confirm arrival time at base camp and please ensure that you have received the detailed map.

Terms and Conditions

1. How to Book

Complete the Booking form, accepting on behalf of all your party the terms of these booking conditions and pay a non-refundable deposit of 30% per person of the total tour fare. If the booking is through an agent, all communication will be addressed to that agent who acts as an agent for the client. (The Company here is referred to as Traveller's Mate Marketing cc). No contract shall exist between the company and the client until the prescribed deposit has been paid, and the Company has confirmed their signed booking form.

2. Payment

The full payment of the tour fare due by the client to the Company, must be paid by no later than 4 weeks prior to date of departure of all tours, otherwise the Company may treat the booking as been cancelled by the client. Late applicants may however join the tour on an availability basis.

3. Cancellation by Client

Cancellation of a booking must be made in writing, by the person signing the booking form, and is not effective until the Company receives such cancellation. The deposit is non-refundable. In the event of cancellation 30 days prior to departure the following charge will apply: 15 to 30 days = 50 % total fare; 7 to 14 days = 75 % total fare; 0 to 7 days =100 % total fare. If the client fails to join a tour, or joins after departure, or leaves it prior to its completion, no tour fare shall be refunded.

4. Cancellation by the Company

The Company reserves the right to cancel the tour, in any circumstances, and all tours shall operate subject to a minimum participant on the tour. In the instance where the company cannot provide the tour booked, the Company will return to the client all monies paid, which shall constitute the full extent of the Companies liability to the client, or the Company may offer the client an alternative holiday of comparable standard.

5. Alterations to Itineraries

Although every effort is made to adhere to itineraries printed in the brochure, the company reserves the right to occasionally change routes and accommodation as brought about by changing conditions. When a major change becomes necessary, notification of such alterations will be sent to the client's agent or to the client's last known addresses soon as the company becomes aware. The company reserves the right to alter an itinerary after a departure if it is in the client's interest to do so. The Company will not be held responsible for any compensation to the client if the Company have to cancel or in a way change the tour or cancel the tour due to force majeure, namely war, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions or other external circumstance beyond the Company's control.

6. Authority on Tour / Exclusion of Tour

The decision of the driver guide of the Company will be final in all matters likely to endanger the safety of the clients of the group. The Company shall not be held responsible for or liable to any client who commits an illegal or unlawful act in the country visited. The client may be excluded from the tour without any refund of the tour fare. If the Company considers the client as unsuitable for a tour, it may in its absolute discretion, cancel such a clients booking to carry the client further if that client causes inconvenience or annoyance to other passengers.

7. Alterations

No employee or representative of the Company has the right neither to alter, vary, waive the right of these conditions, nor to undertake any liability whatsoever on behalf of the Company, unless such be in writing and signed by the director of the Company.

8. Health

The client acknowledges being aware of the proposed itinerary and hereby confirms that he or she is medically fit, in good health, and is able to embark upon the tour. Any client with a pre-existing medical condition or illness must declare the true nature of such condition at the time of the booking and make arrangements for the provision of any drugs or other cause of treatment may be required during the tour. Such a client would be required to provide medical statement from a GP to confirm that they are fit to travel. The Company and its representatives will treat all information in the strictest confidence.

9. Baggage

All baggage and personal effects are at all times at the clients own risk and the Company

cannot accept liability for any loss or damage to baggage or personal effects.

10. Travel Documentation

It is the responsibility of the client to be in possession of a valid passport, visa requirements, vaccinations and other medical certificates and all other travel documents and or payments where applicable, local payments in foreign currencies. The Company does not accept any responsibility in changes in regulations for visas or any particular requirements for visas. The Company cannot be held responsible for the failure of the client to obtain the necessary travel documents. Should the client be refused entry to any country due to incorrect or incomplete documentation, the Company is not liable for any cost of such delays or repatriation costs for the clients. No refunds will be paid out due to clients not having the right documentation.

12. Insurance

Travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for all clients... Before a client commences a tour, he or she must arrange his her own insurance with a reputable insurer, with protection for the full duration of the tour .To cover injury, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, lost luggage, and the expenses associated with the cancellation curtailment of a tour. The Company shall not refund the client in the case of illness, death or loss of body parts. Make sure of fully covered travel and medical insurance.

13. Liabilities

Client’s bookings are accepted on the understanding that they appreciate the possible risks inherent in Adventure Travel and that they undertake the tours, safaris, river trips and expeditions at their own risk. While every precaution is taken to enhance the safety of the clients participating on the tour, the Company does not hold it self-responsible for death, or any injury or loss that might be sustained on tour. The client and his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators AR assigns, hereby indemnify and hold blameless the Company, its members, employees, representatives, organizers, helpers and agents from any claims of whatsoever nature and from any liability or delay, loss, damage, injury, illness, or death, arising from any cause whatsoever out of events related to or occurring during the tour.

14. Information

The Company reserves the right to change prices due to unforeseen increases or exchange rate fluctuations to which it maybe subjected. The Company also reserves the right to change any of the facilities or vehicles described in the brochure, without becoming liable for compensation or refund. The Company may take films or and photographs of our clients while on any tour, and reserves the right to publish, or use the material in advertising, without obtaining the consent or payment to the client.

15. Jurisdictions and Law

This Contract shall be interpreted under the laws of South Africa.

16. Severability

If any part, term or provision of this contract is held to be illegal or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity of enforceability of the remainder of the contract. Furthermore, if any covenants are held illegal or unforeseeable by virtue of its scale, extent or duration, it shall remain valid and enforceable in such reduced scale, extent or duration as any count may decide as being the maximum scale, extent or duration permissible.

17. Cost of making changes to the holiday

If any client wishes to transfer from one tour to another, within 30 days of departure, and the Company agrees on, an administration cost at R 50, 00 per client will be charged. Nominal cancellation fees apply within 30 days of departure.

18. Surcharges on Credit Card Payments

If the Company accepts payment by Credit Card from a Client or Booking Agent, a 5% handling fee is charged with credit card payments and will be added to the tour fare for which payment is being made.

I have read and understood the Terms & Conditions

Name & Surname of all in party

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..... Signed