



Orange River Rafting

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.

We offer 4 – 6 day river trails, exploring 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 Grocery signboard (just before Wild Things Camp).

Facilities at 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 have 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	Sun cream, hydrate satchels	T shirts, sarong, strops, Khikoi
Torch, matches, toilet paper	6 disposable bin liners	Sweater, long pants
Camera (water tight bag)	Own cutlery & crockery	Sun umbrella
Sunglasses, lip balm, sun hat	Insect repellent	Passport
Own drinks	Bio degradable soap, toiletries	Sense of Humour

TRAILS

4 Day/ 3 Night River Trail

45 – 85 km (depending on the water level)

Price: Adults: **R2 950** / children under 18: R2 650 / children under 12: R2 150

Arrive at base camp around 17h00 pm

Day of arrival at camp – briefing and dinner at camp

Following day your river rafting adventure departs

For example: 11 – 15 July

11 Jul: Arrival day at base camp – briefing and dinner provided

12 Jul: Day 1 Orange River (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 breakfast (B) you will be transferred back to our base camp where the trip will end (around 11h00 - depending on how busy the border post is)

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner

6 Day/5 Night River Trail

85 – 140 km (depending on the water level)

Price: Adults: **R3 350** / children under 18: R3 000 / children under 12: R2 750

For example: 11 – 17 July

11 Jul: Arrival day at base camp – briefing and dinner provided

12 Jul: Day 1 Orange River (B.L.D)

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

14 Jul: Day 3 Orange River – re supply (B.L.D)

15 Jul: Day 4 Orange River (B.L.D)

16 Jul: Day 5 Orange River (B.L.D)

17 Jul: Day 6 Depart after breakfast (B) you will be transferred back to our base camp where the trip will end (around 11h00 - depending on how busy the border post is)

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner

Inclusive of meals, camp fees, guides, equipment, transfer from the river back to base camp

Tailor-made Trails

We can tailor-made any trail for a group of 20 or more people on request. We are flexible with group bookings and will be able to offer groups individual departures and unique itineraries on request.

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.

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

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

Breakfasts: from fried breakfast to continental with cereals and fruits

Scheduled Departures for 2012

Code	Date	Description	Price
	January		
UM2061	02 – 06 (School Holiday)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2062	06 – 10 (School Holiday) full moon 9 January	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2063	12 – 18	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2064	20 – 24	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2065	26 – 30	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
	February		
UM2066	04 – 08 (full moon 7 February)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2067	11 – 15 (Valentine's Trail)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2068	11 - 17 (Valentine's Trail)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2069	18 – 22	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2070	18 – 24	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
	March		
UM2071	02 – 06	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2072	08 – 12 (full moon 8 March)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2073A	16 – 20	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2073B	16 - 22	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2074	21 – 25 (Human Rights Day)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2075	21 – 27 (Human Rights Day)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2076	28 – 01 (School Holiday)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2077	28 – 03 (School Holiday)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
	April		
UM2078	03 – 07 (Easter Weekend) Full moon 6 April	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2079	03 – 09 (Easter Weekend) Full moon 6 April	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2080	04 – 08 (Easter Weekend) Full moon 6 April	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2081	04 – 10 (Easter Weekend) Full moon 6 April	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2082	05 – 09 (Easter Weekend) Full moon 6 April	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2083	12 – 16	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2084	12 - 18	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2085	20 - 24	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UN2086	20 – 26	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2087	27 – 01 (Freedom & Workers Day)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2088	27 – 03 (Freedom & Workers Day)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2089	29 – 03 (Workers Day)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
	May		
UM2090	01 – 05 (Workers Day) full moon 6 May	4 Day River Trail	R2 950

UM2091	01 – 07 (Workers Day) full moon 6 May	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2092	12 – 16	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2093	18 – 22	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2094	26 – 30	4 Day River Trail	R3 350
	June		
UM2095	02 – 06 (full moon 4 June)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2096	08 – 12	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2097	16 – 20 (Youth Day)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2098	16 – 22 (Youth Day)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2099	24 – 28 (School Holiday)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM 2100	24 – 30 (School Holiday)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
	July		
UM2101	02 – 06 (School Holiday) full moon 3 July	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2102	02 – 08 (School Holiday) full moon 3 July	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2103	09 – 13 (School Holiday)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2104	20 – 24	4 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2105	27 – 31	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
	August		
UM2106	02 – 06 (full moon 2 August)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2107	09 – 13 (Women’s Day)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2108	09 – 15 (Women’s Day)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2109	18 – 22	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2110	26 – 30	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
	September		
UM2111	01 – 05	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2112	08 – 12	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2113	15 – 19	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2114	20 – 24 (Heritage Day)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2115	20 – 26 (Heritage Day)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2116	30 – 04 (School Holiday) full moon 30 September	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2117	30 – 06 (School Holiday) full moon 30 September	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
	October		
UM2118	01 – 05 (School Holiday)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2119	01 – 07 (School Holiday)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2120	12 – 16	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2121	20 – 24	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2122	26 – 30 (full moon 29 October)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
	November		
UM2123	03 – 07	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2124	10 – 14	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2125	10 – 16	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2126	18 – 22	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2127	24 – 28 (full moon 28 November)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
	December		
UM2128	01 – 05	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2129	06 – 10	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2130	12 – 16 (Day of Reconciliation)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2131	12 – 18 (Day of Reconciliation)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2132	18 – 22 (School Holiday)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2133	18 – 24 (School Holiday)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2134	26 – 01 (New Years’ Trail)	6 Day River Trail	R3 350
UM2135	27 – 01 (New Years’ Trail)	5 Day River Trail	R3 050
UM2136	28 – 01 (New Years’ Trail) full moon 28 December	4 Day River Trail	R2 950

	January 2013		
UM2137	02 – 06	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2138	06 - 10	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
	January		
UM2061	02 – 06 (School Holiday)	4 Day River Trail	R2 950
UM2062	06 – 10 (School Holiday) full moon 9 January	4 Day River Trail	R2 950

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 The Grocery 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 court 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