



Orange River – 4 Day River Rafting Trail

This is an adventure suitable for the whole family. Experience the Richtersveld on an inflatable raft using the Orange River as your mode of transport. Floating safely and comfortably through the beautiful scenery of the Richtersveld. 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

* B- Breakfast, L- Lunch, D-Dinner included.

Day 1	Arrive at Base Camp before 18h00 pm. Briefing at Dinner.	D
Day 2, 3, 4	Rafting down the Orange River. Camping on the banks of the Orange River.	B. L. D.
Day 5	Orange River / Transfer Back to Base Camp. Camping and Dinner Included.	B. L. D.

Route Information

Time Frame:	3 nights and 4 days on the river. 2 nights at the Growcery Camp
Distance	45-65 km (depending on the water level)
Tour Starts:	08h30 / 09h00 am the morning of Day 2 on route plan
Location:	Start: The Growcery Camp Throughout: Chosen camp spots on the river Finish: The Growcery Camp (Transfer back to Base Camp with company vehicle from Takeout Point)

Rates	
Adults:	R4 095 per person
Children 16 - 17:	R3 735 per person
Children 12 - 15:	R3 285 per person
Children 5 - 11:	R3 015 per person
Children 5-0:	N/A

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The 4 Day Rafting Trail

This exciting adventure 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.

Take Out Procedures

Takeout: 1 pm Arrival at camp: 3-4 pm

**Times are subject to circumstances. Changes shall be communicated at pre-departure briefing.

Our Trail Includes:	Our Trail Exclude:
Park fees, entrance fees, transfer back to camp	Camping equipment (tent, cutlery, crockery etc)
Breakfast, lunch, dinner (as indicated)	Water (2l per person per day), juice & alcoholic beverages
Qualified river guides	Accommodation & food after your rafting trail
Two-man inflatable raft (Croc)	Snacks for in between meals
Paddles & flotation devices	Transfers to and from The Growcery Camp
60L Dry bag (for personal belongings)	Own Travel Insurance
45L Cooler Box per boat (Ice can be purchased at base camp)	
Suggested Packing List (Items available at Outdoor Warehouse)	
Valid Passport (Please have this checked before arrival)	Cash (No card facilities at base camp) and a good sense of adventure
Sleeping bag, roll mat/ blow up mattress, torch/ head lamp, matches	Personal medical kit, insect repellent (Stingose), toiletries, bio degradable soap, toilet paper

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Camera	Own drinks (no glass allowed), Rehydrate sachets
Small dry bag for camera & snacks	Tent, umbrella, camping chairs, cycling gloves for paddling
Sunglasses (with safety strap), lip balm, hat, sunscreen	Hiking boots
Water bottle, 6 bin liners	T -Shirts, Khikoi, shorts, strops, sweater, long pants, second skin, swimsuit, towel

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

Facilities at The Growcery include

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. Do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions!*

- **Pristine ablutions, hot and cold showers & flush toilets**
- **Grassed campsites and Shick 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 can



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Preferred Group Sizes

Minimum: 6 People

Maximum: 24 People

Tailor-made Trails

Umkulu Safari and Canoe trail 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 unique, please feel free to bring suitable foods to supplement your meals.

****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.

This portion can be added to meal and dietary requirements

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.

Directions to Umkulu Base Camp

Our river trails start and end at our base camp, 22km 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). Follow the road, over a small mountain pass and through Jacandal Farm. If you reach the gate to the Nababeep Reserve you have gone too far, backtrack 3km.

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

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