ORANGE RIVER
— 5 DAY RAFTING TRIP —



Itinerary

WELCOME & ARRIVAL DAY
Arrive at our base camp just a few minutes across the Vioolsdrift/Noordoewer border and meet the team. After your journey, take some time to unwind, cool off with a swim or enjoy a relaxed game before dinner at 7 PM. Around 8PM, we'll gather around for a packing briefing for your river adventure ahead and answer any questions you may have.

DAY 1: *The journey begins*
After an early breakfast, your guide will run through the safety and equipment briefing and teach you what you need to know before the boats hit the water, including the proper way to row, how to tackle the rapids and what to do if you capsize. Before heading onto the water, you'll have time to pack your personal gear into your dry barrel and stock your cooler with ice and beverages.

Then it's time to head onto the water and enjoy a relaxed morning on the river. We'll stop for lunch along the riverbank before continuing to our overnight campsite under the stars.

DAY 2, 3 & 4
Wake up each day surrounded by desert scenery and enjoy a relaxed day on the river. Drift with the current, swim, play frisbee, or simply take in the landscape. Each night, we'll camp at a spot of our choosing along the riverbanks.

On day three, we'll stop at Sjambok to resupply before continuing our journey. There's also the option to stretch your legs on a hike to an abandoned fluorspar mine with great views of the Richtersveld and Orange River.

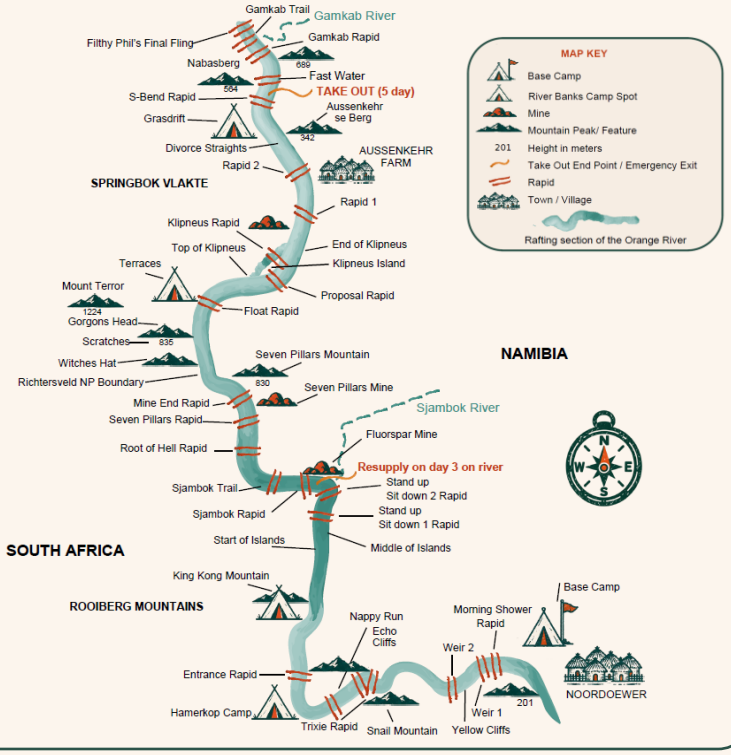
DAY 5: *The final stretch*
Enjoy a relaxed final morning on the river as we raft our way towards the collection point at S-bend.

Pickup is between 2 PM and 4 PM, after covering around 75 km – *Congratulations!!* We'll then head back to base camp through the desert, where you can cool off with a swim, enjoy some sundowners and relax while dinner is prepared, followed by an overnight stay at camp.

DEPARTURE & FAREWELL DAY
After five wonderful days on the river, enjoy a final breakfast before saying goodbye and making your way home.

Until Next time!

Orange River Map



Trip Menu

All main meals from arrival evening to departure morning are catered for and are prepared by your river guides. Snacks, water and any other beverages are not provided so be sure to bring your own.

Arrival	Braai (chops and sausage), Greek salad and garlic bread
DAY 1 On river	**Breakfast:** Cereal, coffee, tea, rusks, yoghurt & fruit **Lunch:** Hot dogs, cheese, tomato and onions **Dinner:** Chicken potjie and rice
DAY 2 On river	**Breakfast:** Scrambled eggs, bacon, toast, and tomato **Lunch:** Chicken mayo sandwiches **Dinner:** Roast leg of lamb, pork, chicken, baby potatoes & butternut
DAY 3 On river	**Breakfast:** Muesli and yoghurt **Lunch:** Spread of cheeses, avo, onions, tomatoes, and bread **Dinner:** Spaghetti Bolognaise
DAY 4 On river	**Breakfast:** Hash (tomato and onion), russians **Lunch:** Hamburgers **Dinner:** Fish potjie and rice
DAY 5 On river	**Breakfast:** Muesli and yoghurt **Lunch:** Tuna salad **Dinner:** Steak braai, potatoes, butternut, & apple crumble
Departure	Cereal, coffee, tea, rusks, yoghurt, and fruit

NB: Menu may change anytime depending on products availability.

Packing List Guide

The list below is a guide to help you with packing for your trip. Space is limited, so avoiding unnecessary items. Prioritise lightweight, practical clothing, essential camping equipment, sufficient drinking water, sun protection and any other personal necessities.

Clothing & Footwear:

- ☑ **Swimwear:** Swimming costume, towel and sarong.
- ☑ **Warm layers:** An anorak or windbreaker is recommended for summer, while a tracksuit is useful for cooler winter evenings.
- ☑ **Hats:** A cap or wide-brimmed hat for daytime sun protection. During winter, a woollen hat or beanie is recommended for evenings.
- ☑ **Sun-protective clothing:** A long-sleeved collared shirt is recommended and a Buff to cover your neck.
- ☑ **River footwear:** Closed shoes or booties are suitable for the river. Aqua shoes or Crocs are particularly practical.
- ☑ **Evening footwear:** Sandals or flip-flops is sufficient. There is no need to bring multiple pairs of shoes.
- ☑ **Gloves:** Useful for additional protection from the sun.

Snacks, Water & Drinks:

- ☑ **Drinking water:** There is no drinking water available at either base camp or along the river. Please **pack at least 2 litres of water or non-alcoholic drinks per person, per day**. Freezing some of your water beforehand is recommended to help keep it cold during the trip.
- ☑ **Snacks:** Options include dried fruit, peanuts, chocolate bars, Super C sweets and Jelly Babies.
- ☑ **Drinks:** No glass allowed. Drinks should be in cans or plastic bottles.
- ☑ **Dietary requirements:** If you have specific dietary needs, please bring suitable replacement food with you.
- ☑ **Alcohol:** Customs regulations impose strict limits on the quantities of alcohol allowed across the border. Any quantities exceeding the permitted limits may be confiscated. Guests are strongly advised to confirm the current regulations before travelling.
- ☒ **Meat and dairy:** Meat and milk products are **not allowed** across the border.

Camping Equipment:

Camping gear is not provided (unless you upgraded to the Camp & Chalet package). You will need the following equipment for your rafting trip:

- ☑ **Eating utensils:** Plate, bowl, mug, knife, fork, spoon, teaspoon and a dishcloth.
- ☑ **Tent:** A 2-man tent for protection against wind and insects. Tent pegs are not necessary on sandy areas, as rocks can be used to secure the tent corners.
- ☑ **Sleeping setup:** Ground sheet, yoga mat or inflatable mattress (bring a hand pump, as there is no electricity available), sleeping bag and pillow.
- ☑ **Folding chair:** Optional, but useful for relaxing.

Useful Extras/ Accessories:

- ☑ **Toiletries:** Biodegradable soap and toilet paper.
- ☑ **Recreation:** Fishing rod, playing cards, board or other games, frisbee, bats, balls or a cricket bat.
- ☑ **Sunscreen and lip balm:** Zinc-based sun protection is particularly effective.
- ☑ **Personal medication you may need:** Please consult border regulations for specific requirements.
- ☑ **Power Bank:** to charge your phone
- ☑ **Lighting:** Torch or headlamp with spare batteries.
- ☑ **Beach umbrella:** If bringing one, ensure it has suitable tie-downs.
- ☑ **Camera or GoPro**
- ☑ **Binoculars**
- ☑ **Sunglasses:** Please bring sunglasses with a strap.
- ☑ **Insect repellent:** Particularly important during peak mosquito season. E.g. Peaceful Sleep spray
- ☑ **Storage and waterproofing:** Garbage bags or dry bags are useful for waterproofing extra items.
- ☑ **Extra Rope/Tie downs:** Optional but may be useful to tie down extra items on the raft.

Important Info to note

Base Camp: Plot 424, Noordoewer, Namibia. Google Maps Link

We operate from the Bundi Orange River Camp

Passport Requirements:

All travellers entering Namibia from another country must carry a valid passport. Your passport should:

- ✓ Have a minimum of two blank pages available for immigration stamps.
- ✓ Remain valid for at least six months beyond your intended departure date from Namibia.

Travelling with Children U/18:

Travellers under the age of 18 are required to present an **Unabridged Birth Certificate** when entering Namibia.

Visa Information:

- If your nationality requires a visa to enter Namibia, obtain the appropriate visa before travelling. **South African passport holders currently do not require a visa**.
- Entry and visa requirements can change, so it is important to confirm the latest information before your trip.
- For current visa requirements, contact the Namibia High Commission on Tel: +27 (012) 481 9100 or visit https://visitnamibia.com.na/visainformation/
- Visa applications can be submitted online through the MHAISS portal: https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na

Border Contact Info

As regulations can change anytime, please contact the relevant border post directly before travelling to confirm the latest customs requirements.

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