



ORANGE RIVER RAFTING

Wilderness Camp

Itinerary:

Day 1: Late Arrival

Day 2: 1st full day on river

Day 3: 2nd full day on river

Day 4: 3rd day on river + camp at base camp

Day 5: Early Departure

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Xama Africa will be your host and facilitator for the 4-night camping experience. With over 25 years of safari and camping experience you will have the opportunity to learn some camping hacks and learn about the importance of nature conservation, fireside cooking and the beauty of nature.

As a wilderness operator we are dedicated to ensuring your safety with the knowledge of professional wilderness crew and registered paramedic.

Destination: Richtersveld, Orange River + Oewerbos River Camp

Description:

The section of Orange River that we paddle is near Vioolsdrift in the Richtersveld. This trail offers a fantastic opportunity to escape city life for a true wilderness adventure and a top tour for most Western Cape schools. The Orange River is the longest river in South Africa. Dependent on season, the river has moderate rapids and long stretches of flatwater paddling. Sleeping in the wilderness with the stars above you is an experience not to be missed. Base camp, Oewerbos is a private camp that has lush green banks overlooking the Orange River. Here we will spend two of our evenings.



Detailed Itinerary:

Day 1: Upon arrival, you are greeted by the river crew and shown around the camp, after which you get the chance to relax around the fire until dinner is served. A short debrief and then stories around the campfire. An early evening as tomorrow is an early start. You will be camping on the grass over-looking the river. Those that wish to bring a small one-man tent can do so.

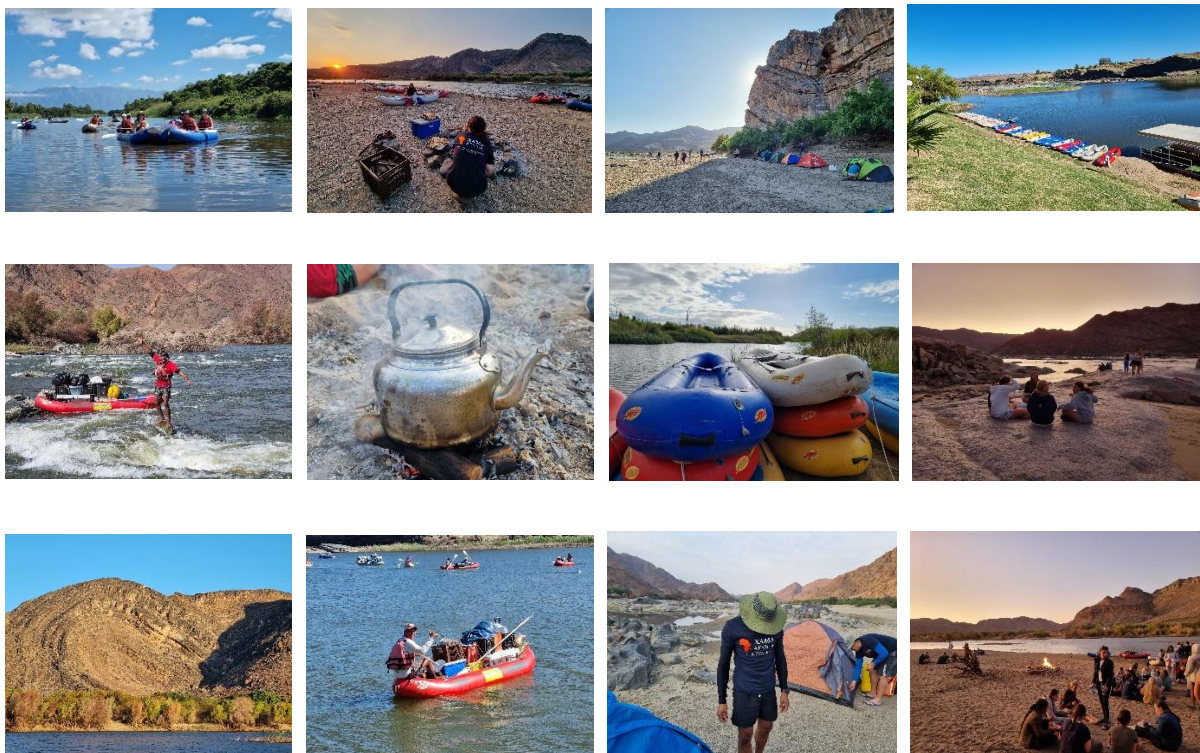
Day 2: After a coffee + freshen up, a hearty breakfast is served. Guide crew prepare equipment and allocate safety gear to each student. A dry bag (30 litres per person) is provided so that clothing, personals + refreshments can be kept safe from getting wet. After your safety speech & demonstration we begin our journey down the mighty Orange River. Please take note that there is no designated campsite whilst on river, your guides will ensure a safe spot for a good night's rest. Approximately 6 hours are spent on river with loads of stops to revitalise and rehydrate.

Once a camp has been marked, we set up, get acquainted with our sleeping spot enjoy a beautiful dinner out in the true wilderness.

Day 3: Wake up at sunrise to the still sounds of nature and enjoy a fresh breakfast. Equip with rafting gear and continue further down the river. At this section of the river we will experience Grade 2 rapids, large pools of water which is great for swimming, water play and fishing. As we meander further down the river, we seek a secluded river beach where we can enjoy a picnic style lunch whereby, we continue heading into the mountains as the river carves its way through this pristine mountain dessert. The night is spent again on the banks of the river, under starlit skies in a safe camp spot. Dinner is prepared and served around the campfires.

Day 4: On day 4 we take a shorter paddle to our takeout point (about 3 hours) just below "baby shambok", our last exciting rapid of the river trip. Before we get there, we will enjoy the open river pools and time dependent, a short hike up the old fluorspar mine to enjoy breath taking views. On arrival at the takeout point we will be met by take out crew and make our way back to camp where we will enjoy our very last night together. Dinner served around the campfires where final stories of the trip are shared.

Day 5: Its departure day.



What to bring: Sleeping bag, cutlery and crockery, torch, camera (optional), comfortable walking shoes/hiking shoes, costume, towel, clothes, warm jacket, hat, SPF50, toiletries, personal medication, binoculars (optional), one-man tent + pillow (optional), 5l water sac, snacks (there is no tuckshop whilst on river)

This tour can be booked as a 4 night (2 nights on river) or a 5 night (3 nights on river).

Please note:

Passports are required for the lower section exiting from the Namibia banks. Parent's consent and signed affidavits for cross border travel for minors. Unabridged birth certificate for all minors. International travellers to have all documentation to participate in tour. Group travel border documents to be completed for border crossings and transport supplier. Personal travel insurance.

