



OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE

JOIN US FOR A GREAT CANOE ADVENTURE

An amazing adventure
on a famous African river!



WELCOME TO OUR WORLD!

JOIN US FOR YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!

Adventure! We take you out of your comfort zone and into a place where you will connect with nature, your friends, and most importantly, with yourself...

If it's one of your life's ambitions to complete a canoeing trip in SA, an Orange River trip is a life-changing experience that will leave you feeling restored and revitalised and with a sense of achievement.

Picture it – a full day of paddling along the serene Orange River, between Duin in die Weg and Uizip, near Upington. You can sleep next to the fire in a tent or in the open air. One of the few places left where this can be done. Our team will assist you with preparing meals while you relax and enjoy the peaceful surrounds.

Your only responsibility when with us, is to have fun and experience as much of the beautiful Green Kalahari landscape as possible.



KALAHARI OUTVENTURES

We partner with Craig Eksteen of KALAHARI OUTVENTURES to assist us. They are a professional Adventure Safari company specialising in personalised wilderness trips on the Orange River or into the Green Kalahari Desert. They pride themselves in creating amazing wilderness experiences in the Northern Cape. Conservation minded.... Kalahari Outventures follow the strictest of ethical practices in sustainable tourism.

With 20 years of on hand experience in the area, they know how to satisfy your tastebuds for a lifetime experience in the outdoors. Being an accredited training centre, they offer full River Guide Training, Swiftwater Rescue courses, kayak schools and recreational paddling courses. All their guides are trained and experienced with qualifications (APA, CATHSETA, SAMSA), delivering the very best guided adventures for your enjoyment. They offer full Client and Passenger Liability Insurances with a full Case Evac facility and a 24-hour Crisis Call Centre with SATIB.



<https://www.kalahari-adventures.co.za/>

SCHEDULE

We will be here to welcome you! You may want to take a refreshing swim or just chill.

Later we will give a “packing speech”- an introduction to your river crew and a final briefing on the adventure that awaits us. This is a good time to ask all those questions that have been building about what to expect on river. Your friendly guide will be more than happy to put all your nerves to rest! Afterwards we have lunch, relax and have a great time together.

Before we depart, the tour leader will give you a safety talk and equipment demo. He will show you how to paddle, what to do if you capsize and how to be safe when in a rapid.



	Friday	
16:00	Students arrive from Uizip, welcoming, unpack in dorms, chill...	An/SJ
17:30	Packing speech / Info-session (Cano)	Craig
18:00	Lunch	An
18:30	Info-session (part 2)	AB/SJ/An
DAY 1	Saturday	
05:30	Early start; leave camp neatly.	Groups
06:00	Breakfast; receive lunch pack	An
06:30	Walk down to river	SJ
07:00	Pack boats, safety briefing; depart downriver	K / SJ
	Full day on the river (20 km)	K / SJ
13:00	Lunch along the way	Groups
17:00	Dinner (braai)	Groups
	Sleep out on the banks of the river	Groups
DAY 2	Sunday	
06:30	Early start; pack /leave camp neatly	Groups
	Breakfast; receive lunch pack	Groups
08:00	Pack boats, safety briefing; depart downriver	K / SJ
	Full day on the river (17 km)	K / SJ
13:00	Lunch along the way	Groups
17:00	Dinner (braai)	Groups
	Sleep out on the banks of the river	Groups
DAY 3	Monday	
06:30	Early start; pack /leave camp neatly	Groups
	Breakfast; receive lunch pack	Groups
08:00	Pack boats, safety briefing; depart downriver	K / SJ
	Short paddle in the morning (8 km)	K / SJ
11:00	Hero's Welcome at AEL!!	AEL staff
12:00	Light lunch at AEL .. rest	AEL staff
18:00	Supper at AEL-campus the evening	An

K	Kalahari Outventures	SJ	With DIDW staff
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GENERAL INFO

The two-man inflatable expedition Arks are very stable and easy to navigate down the river. You will have ample space for two people and your personal gear. The boat is light and durable as well as easy to repair should you get any punctures.

You will be in charge of all your personal gear as well as certain camping gear which we provide. We will work in your 4 groups again. You will pack your own rafts and be responsible for managing your own drinks throughout the trip.

Our guides are responsible for guiding and directing you down the river, choosing the camp, help setting up the campsite, assist to make fire, braai, boil kettles and set up the toilets daily. We will do our best to help provide a comfortable camp.



THE ORANGE RIVER

Situated in the Green Kalahari of the Northern Cape, South Africa, we are blessed with a life on the banks of the Orange River.

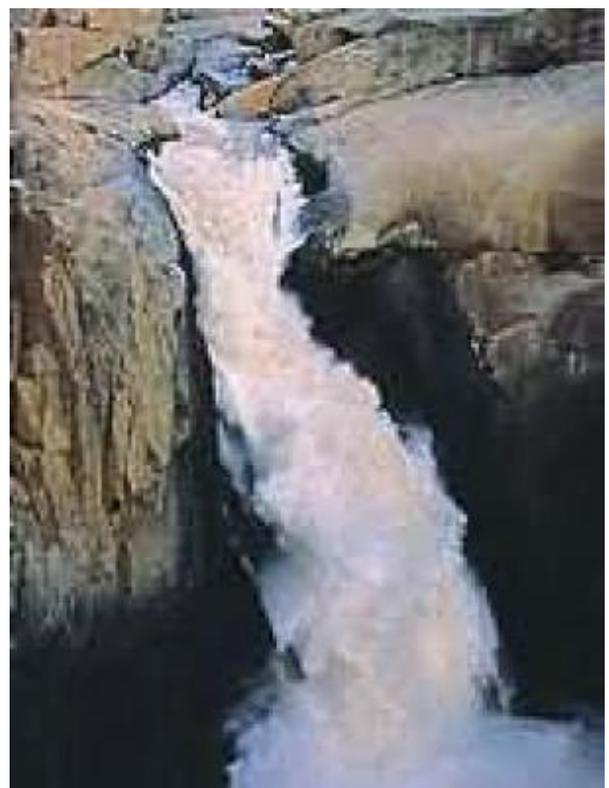
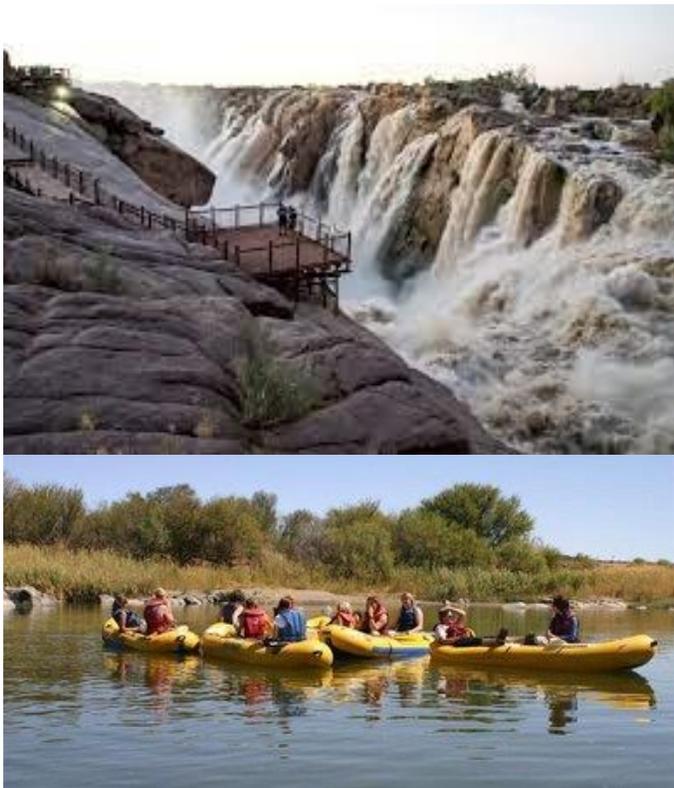
The Orange River rises on the western slopes of the Drakensberg in Lesotho and courses westward for over 2250 km to the Atlantic Ocean at Oranjemund. For most of this distance it flows through arid semi-desert landscapes, forming the natural border between South Africa and Namibia for the last 450km.

Two South African national parks are located along its course: the Augrabies Falls National Park, site of the Augrabies Falls, one of the largest cataract-type falls in the world and the Richterveld National Park, a mountainous desert. The name Augrabies is derived from a Bushman phrase meaning 'place of great noise'. The river was named in honour of the Prince of Orange in 1779 by a Scots officer in the service of the Dutch East India Company.

It is South Africa's longest river, and because of its isolation, unique scenery, predictable climate and absence of malaria, the Northern Cape section is a tremendous holiday destination for those people looking for something out of the ordinary.

At Augrabies the Gariep or Orange River stops its meandering and plunges over the Augrabies Falls, the eighth largest falls in the world, and into the gorge, a valley of stark desert rock koppies.

It is in this pristine wilderness region that we operate professionally guided river trails and desert adventures, and the opportunity to experience a unique adventure of a lifetime.



EQUIPMENT

We provide:

- Qualified tour leader (4 staff)
- Rafting equipment
- Good First Aid kit and emergency details
- Food; extra water
- You receive a bucket or dry bag before the trip for your stuff. Less is more!
- 45-litre cooler boxes (2) per group



The following is what you need to bring along:

- Light sleeping bag & ground sheet (mat or pillow optional)
- Small / compact tent (in case of dust storm / rain) or sleep under the stars
- Torch / head lamp
- Eating utensils, plate & mug (no glass)
- Heavy-duty black bag/s
- T-shirts and shorts / swimming costume
- Old running shoes / crocs / aqua shoes (incl good socks)
- Long-sleeved shirts – very important!
- Hat (preferably wide-brimmed for full sun protection). Must be able to tie around head. Cap does not work.
- Sunglasses (with ties)
- Towel (sarong)
- Windbreaker & warmer clothes for evenings
- Toiletries (biodegradable pls), incl. toilet paper
- Sunblock and Lip-ice (minimum SPF 50)
- Vaseline / prep / fissan paste (for chafing); After-sun cream
- Insect / mosquito repellent. No malaria medication needed.
- Plasters (for the hands) and personal medication
- Water bottle (5 – 8 l) for the trip
- Rope (to tie your stuff on boat if needed)
- Drinks – beverages (game power)
- Snacks (power bars, peanuts, provita, super C's, rehydrate sachets – not chips, canned fruit, jelly sweets)
- Paddle gloves (biking gloves works good) – for those with soft hands...
- Own medical (incl plasters, ...)



Optional items:

- Camera (please bring along a waterproof “dry bag”)
- Dry / Zip lock bags (small / medium) to put snacks in
- Pocket knife
- Fold-up camping chair or umbrella

NO CELL PHONE / RADIO / MUSIC