



**An amazing adventure
on a famous African river!**



***JOIN US FOR AN ORANGE
RIVER CANOE ADVENTURE!***

JOIN US FOR YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!

An unforgettable experience! Come, join us on an adventure, leave only footprints and take away lasting memories...

WELCOME!

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

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

Your Orange River canoeing adventure begins at our beautiful Camp at Duin in die Weg. The camp boasts various accommodation options and beautiful views. Your vehicle will be at the Camp. At the end point, a vehicle awaits to transport you back to the base camp.

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. The team will provide delicious meals while you relax and enjoy the peaceful surrounds. They will ensure that your trip is completely safe.

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

ABOUT US

DUIN IN DIE WEG is a well-established Outdoor Education & Sport Centre, as well as a Guest farm, in the Northern Cape, near Upington, South Africa. It is located along the Orange River, about 70 kms from Upington on the N10 main road to Groblershoop. We run environmental, outdoor, educational, adventure, leadership, sport and team building programmes for schools, churches, sports, youth, educational groups and teams.

The name is derived from our particular environment, being one of the few places where the Kalahari dunes and the Orange River meet. In the early years, after windy conditions, sand was blown over and covered the roads in the area, hence the dune in the road. The farm encapsulates all the contrasts of the beautiful Northern Cape – from the Kalahari dunes to the great green belt along the Orange River. This is a truly unique place where different ecosystems come together.

Our facilities include: Secured access; reception / offices; convenient accommodation (chalets, self-catering units, overnight rooms, tents - with bathrooms, hot & cold water, airconditioning); recreational & dining hall; lapa, swimming pool, braai areas, parking, sports fields; meals (groups) and manager on campus.

RIVER CANOEING INFORMATION

GENERAL INFO

These 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. Your trip is fully catered. You will be in charge of all your personal gear as well as certain camping gear which we provide. 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, setting up the campsite, make fire, braai, boil kettles and set up the toilets daily. We do our best to provide a comfortable camp, set up by our trained camp crew.

This is a trip of a lifetime. Young or old, schools, corporate groups and families are all welcome!

TYPICAL SCHEDULE

Arrival: Please notify us of any late arrivals. We will be there to welcome you! Check in. You may want to take a refreshing swim or hike or rest after your day of travelling.

We start getting to know each other around the campfire during the evening. We will also 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! We braai , relax and have a great time together.

Day 1: After breakfast, your guide will give you a safety talk and equipment demonstration. Here they will teach and show you how to paddle, what to do if you capsizes and how to be safe when in a rapid.

We leave our vehicles safely at the camp and start our adventure about 08:00 in the morning. Your first lunch break on the banks of the river, with the beautiful soundings, will take your breath away. We continue downstream until the campsite where we will camp, braai and sleep for the night.

River day/s: Each day starts at sunrise with coffee & snacks / breakfast and a campfire. Discover what it is like to wake up next to a river under the open Kalahari sky. We spend each night at a site of our choice on the banks.

After an unforgettable journey on the river, we return to Base camp. You are then free to depart back home when you wish. Please don't make any fixed arrangements to depart earlier than 14:00 from Duin in die Weg.

For those who are staying over: After a refreshing swim you can enjoy a few sundowners, while we prepare supper. You can overnight with us in the camp.

CANOE PACKAGES

Trips are from half-days – 5 days and all start from Duin in die Weg Guest farm. The route are suitable for beginners and the whole family, and can be paddled throughout the year. You do about 2.5 km - 3 km / hour. We have designated camp sites on route with entry roads. No cross border permits are needed. Dates can be scheduled or pre-determined by group. **We have different canoe packages available:**

HALF DAY

Schedule	Arrive at our office; enjoy nice breakfast / brunch
	4/6 km short hike, about 2 hour on the river (incl. snack)
	Pick-up later the day, lunch pack, departs
Distance	2.5 km / 4 km

FULL DAY

Schedule	Arrive at our office; enjoy nice breakfast at 08:00
	We start at 09:00 - full day on the river (incl. snacks, lunch pack)
	Pick-up late afternoon, return to camp; shower, depart @ 18:00
Distance	10 km / 20 km

2 NIGHTS / WEEKENDER

Schedule	Day 1: Arrive and overnight at Duin in die Weg camp; relax, nice braai
	Day 2: Full day on the river (20 km), sleep outside (all meals, snacks)
	Day 3: Pick-up (coffee & rusks) , return to camp; shower, nice brunch; depart during afternoon
Distance	20 km

3 NIGHTS

Schedule	Day 1: Arrive and overnight at DIDW camp; relax, nice braai
	Day 2: Full day on the river, sleep under stars (all meals, snacks)
	Day 3: Full day on the river, sleep under stars (all meals, snacks)
	Day 4: Pick-up in the morning, return to camp; shower, nice brunch; depart @ 12:00
Distance	45 km

4 NIGHTS

Schedule	Day 1: Arrive, supper and overnight at Duin in die Weg camp
	Day 2: Full day on the river, sleep under stars (all meals, snacks)
	Day 3: Full day on the river, sleep under stars (all meals, snacks)
	Day 4: Breakfast. Row until lunch; return to base camp; relax, nice braai. Breakfast & snacks included.
	Day 5: Breakfast. Depart @ 10:00
Distance	45 km

SCHOOL GROUPS (Weekender / 2 nights)

Schedule	Day 1: Arrive and overnight at Duin in die Weg camp; Outdoor activities; nice braai
	Day 2: Full day on the river, sleep outside (all meals, snacks)
	Day 3: Pick-up in the morning (coffee / rusks) , return to camp; short hike or activity; shower, nice brunch; depart @ 12:00
Distance	20 km
Note	Extra activities / extra days at Camp / river can be arranged

STUDENT GROUPS (4 nights)

Schedule	Day 1: Arrive and overnight at Duin in die Weg camp. Nice supper.
	Day 2: Full day on the river, sleep under stars (all meals, snacks)
	Day 3: Full day on the river, sleep under stars (all meals, snacks)
	Day 4: Coffee & rusks. Row until lunch; return to base camp; lunch, relax, nice braai, sleep over
	Day 5: Lazy Brunch... home sweet home!!
Distance	45 km
Note	Valid student card (age <23y). Extra activities or extra days at the Camp can be arranged

SPECIAL TRIPS

We also have special trips during: Jan; April (longer weekend); Aug (Woman's Day) Sept (Braai trip); Dec.

NOTE

Please note that schedules and camps may vary as guides like to customize trips to needs and wants of the clients.

We normally work on a minimum group size of 8 – 12 people. Costs depend on total group size, duration, ext. Pls. contact us for a detailed quote.

EQUIPMENT

WE PROVIDE:

We will supply equipment (paddles, life jackets), first aid kit, all meals, tea /coffees, 45 l cooler boxes, waterproof packing space for your stuff (25-litre buckets or dry bags) and portable chemical toilet (loo with a view). We also provide transfer to and back to Duin in die Weg.

YOU PROVIDE:

- 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 glas)
- Heavy-duty black bag/s
- T-shirts and shorts / swim wear
- 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 (incl. plasters)
- Water bottle (2l / day) – or more
- Rope (to tie your stuff on boat if needed)
- Drinks – beverages (game power) – no alcohol
- 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 on longer trips
- **Less is more!**

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

WHY DREAM WHEN YOU CAN DO – BOOK NOW!

LOVE IT? NEXT STEPS...

A reservation will be made upon receipt of the following:

- A completed **booking form** (online or manual)
- A completed **indemnity form** per person
- **Proof of payment** of deposit

Please see booking form (issued upon request) for explanation of the booking procedure and cancellation policy.

TARIFFS

We guarantee a reasonable tariff and affordable service to every group without compromising on quality and safety.

- **Prices include:** Camp site or dormitory on the first or last night at the base camp and meals as indicated
- **Prices exclude:** Beverages on the river
- **Accommodation:** You can upgrade your first and/or last night into other types. See the accommodation table.
- **Discount:** May apply for kids, bigger groups and schools.

COME AND HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!

We also have a variety of programmes, that includes camping, tractor trips, fishing and hikes. Extra activities and days at the Camp can be arranged.

We really hope you will depart home with a sense of achievement and well-being. New friendships will have been established and existing friendships and family relationships will have been renewed.

I hope we will have the privilege of spending time in the Kalahari with you!

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