



ORANGE RIVER – NEW YEAR’S 5-DAY TRIP ITINERARY

ARRIVAL DAY – (27 DECEMBER):

Arrive at our base camp, just across the Namibian border. Our camp manager will be there to welcome you. You may want to take a refreshing swim or play a game of volleyball after your day of travelling.

Supper is served at 7pm. We start getting to know each other around the campfire and 8pm we give a “packing speech”. Here we teach and show you how to pack your luggage, liquid refreshments, and personal belongings. This is a good time to ask all those questions that has been building about what to expect on river. Your friendly guide will be more than happy to put all your nerves to rest!

(Please note as there are many people crossing the border this time of the year, expect delays of up to 2 hours in the afternoons, after 2pm.)

DAY 1 – (28 DECEMBER):

After an early 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 capsize and how to be safe when in a rapid. Before you go onto the river, you can fill your cooler box with ice. You will spend most of the morning drifting and getting the hang of paddling! Your first lunch break on the banks of the river, with the majestic surrounding mountains will astound you. We continue downstream until we find a campsite where we can camp for the night. Sleep under the star-lit heavens above.

DAYS 2 + 3 + 4 – (29 AND 31 DECEMBER):

Discover what it is like to wake up in the desert. Later, you may climb up to an abandoned fluorspar mine, where you will be rewarded with a huge panorama of the Richtersveldt and Orange River as it winds its way through the desert. Each day follows a pattern - languid drifting with the current; hopping in for a swim when you wish; tossing a frisbee; or just lying back and taking it easy. We spend each night at a site of our choice on the banks. On day 3 you will resupply at Sjambok.

You will spend the last evening of the year next to the river peacefully taking in all Namibia has to offer with starry skies welcoming in a brand new year.

DAY 5 – (1 JANUARY):

On this, the last day, you will be picked up at the end point at S-bend between 2 pm and 4 pm. Well done, you have rafted approximately 75km on your trip. A drive through the semi-desert will return us all to the Base camp.

After a refreshing swim, you can enjoy a few sundowners, while the guides prepare supper. You overnight with us in the camp.

*The end point might change due to water speed and level.

DEPARTURE DAY – (2 JANUARY):

After an unforgettable journey on the river, you are free to depart for home after breakfast.

