



ORANGE RIVER – NEW YEAR'S BASH 4-DAY TRIP ITINERARY

ARRIVAL DAY – (31 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.

The DJ then starts getting things warmed up and the PARTY starts! From 21h00 you will enjoy dinner which will be a tasty braai. Those who still have space can enjoy our scrumptious apple crumble for dessert.

The music normally ends around 1am, to accommodate the groups departing onto the river early that morning, but we assure you will have a fantastic welcome to the New Year by then!

(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 – (1 JANUARY):

After an early breakfast, your guide will give you a safety talk, packing speech and equipment demonstration. Here we teach and show you how to pack your luggage, liquid refreshments, and personal belongings. They will also teach and show you how to paddle, what to do if you capsize and how to be safe when in a rapid. This is a suitable 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!

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 – (2 AND 3 JANUARY):

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.

DAY 4 – (4 JANUARY):

On this, the last day, you will be picked up at the end point at Aussenkehr between 2 pm and 4 pm. Well done, you have rafted approximately 60km 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.

DEPARTURE DAY – (5 JANUARY):

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

