



Intra-provincial Orange River Rafting Pre-Trip Briefing 4 Day & 5 Night

THE DRIVE & THE CAMPSITE “FIDDLERS CREEK CAMPSITE” – is situated on a small farm on the South African Bank of the Orange River, just 10 km from the Vioolsdrift border post on the gravel road. The camp is equipped with clean ablutions, hot and cold running water, flushing toilets, electricity and bar facilities. Your vehicle will be left at the campsite for the duration of the trip and we have a safe for your valuables.

THE TRIP

Please meet us at Fiddler’s Creek campsite by no later than 5 o’clock (17h00) on the evening prior to the trip departure date. Here you will be met by your guides and given a pre-trip briefing on what to expect during the trip and a packing demonstration, followed by a delicious meal. After dinner, you will have to pack your dry bags, park your car in the parking lot, hand in your valuables and get ready for the next day!

DAY 1

Breakfast will be served at camp. After breakfast we will load all the equipment and we are ready to leave camp. We will take you to the Henkries launch point where the river trip will start (more or less a 120km drive). Once we get to the point, your guide team will assist you with packing your boats. Lunch will be served and your lead guide will do a safety speech. Once settled, it is time to hit the water! A slow paddle to our camping spot for the 1st night to see that everyone gets used to paddling and controlling the boats. We will set up camp out in the open, under the stars on the bank of the river. On the river there are no showers, toilets or power points.

DAY 2 & 3

Both full days of paddling, swimming and walks – each night camping under the stars at different sites further down the stream.

DAY 4

An early start after breakfast takes us to our last lunch spot on the water. In the afternoon we will arrive at our take-out point where vehicles will be waiting for us to take us back to the campsite again. The take-out point is about 20km away from camp. We will spend the last night at the camp again.

DAY 5

After coffee and a light breakfast, you set out on your journey home.





What to pack?

The following is a guideline list of items to pack for the trip. Since everything must be carried on the canoes, it's best to pack as lightly as possible. We also recommend bringing older clothing, as your clothes are likely to get quite dirty during the journey.

- Warm sleeping bag with inner liner.
- Foam roll mat (available at most camping outlets).
- Small ground sheet or tarpaulin.
- Lightweight tent (optional – generally the weather is such that a tent is not required and one sleeps outside under the stars).
- Eating utensils – plate, bowl, mug, (preferably plastic or tin). Knife, fork and spoon
- Toiletry bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving kit, hairbrush or comb, deodorant, biodegradable shampoo and soap.
- Strong black plastic bags (at least 4 per person) for waterproofing your personal belongings.
- Small personal first aid kit – a couple of plasters and pain pills.
- Insect repellent.
- Sun tan oil and sun block.
- Lip Ice.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- Hat or cap.
- Sunglasses with straps.
- Warm jacket, jersey or windbreaker.
- Long pants and warm top (for wearing in the evenings).
- Walking shoes.
- 2 x pairs of socks.
- Strops or flip-flops (to be worn on the river).
- 2 x shorts.
- 4 x T-shirts.
- Underwear.
- Towel.
- Fishing gear. *
- Small fold up chair. *
- Camera.
- Binoculars. *
- Gloves. * (to paddle with, e.g. cycling or climbing gloves)
- Sweets, chocolates, soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
(please ensure that all refreshments are either in cans or decanted into plastic bottles, as broken glass tends to be hazardous in the river environment).

*Optional