



HOW IT WORKS

On arrival, you will be allocated a dry barrel (approximately 60-liters) for your dry items as well as a cooler box (capacity of 52 cans) per two people sharing.

How to pack your barrel: First, you line the barrel with a garbage bag for waterproofing. Then you add both your sleeping bags (loose) into the bottom and above this your dry clothes. Normally, you wear the same clothes every night and only change your underwear. You will mostly wear your swimwear during the day to raft and swim with. Your wet clothes will almost dry overnight and be ready to wear the next day. **DO NOT BRING TOO MANY CLOTHES!** You can leave clean clothes to drive home with at the base camp. Any other items you wish to keep dry can be placed into the barrel if space allows for it. Be sure to close your barrel correctly to keep it waterproof.

Please ensure that you have a minimum of two liters of water per day. You can keep a 5-litre can of water outside your cooler box. Then you have a 1-litre bottle inside your cooler to be refilled however often you choose. Please note that if you decide to bring alcoholic drinks with you then it must be in cans, plastic, or box containers, as glass is not allowed on the river. Please check with the border regarding the allowed duty-exempt quantities.

Please note that ice is a commodity on the river. The colder your drinks are on arrival, the longer your drinks will stay cold. This is often difficult for people coming from far. We suggest that you freeze some of your drinks before you arrive at camp. Then place your frozen drinks in the cooler box.

Your camping gear, such as a tent and chairs, can be tightly fastened to your croc. Please keep in mind that the bigger the tent and chair the heavier the load on your croc. We recommend a small 2/3-man tent be brought along and only a chair, if necessary.

ORANGE RIVER – THINGS TO TAKE NOTE OF

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Bundi Office (SA): +27 (0) 21 975 9727

Bundi 24 hour (SA): +27 (0) 84 764 7400

PASSPORTS (travelling from outside Namibia)

SA passport holders don't need a visa when crossing the border and no one will be allowed across without a valid passport. Passport must be valid for at least six months after the date of exit and have 2 available pages. If from other countries than RSA, please always check with the Namibia High Commission +27 (012) 481 9100 or visit <https://www.visahq.co.uk/namibia/> and select your country of origin.

VERY IMPORTANT:

All children **under the age of 18** need an **Unabridged Birth Certificate** to cross the border. For more info regarding the unabridged birth certificate please see information on FAQ.

VEHICLE (travelling from outside Namibia)

Please check FAQ document or with border for requirements.

HEALTH

No vaccinations or malaria prophylactics are presently required.

WEATHER

If you want to keep an eye on the weather for your trip, please check your preferred weather forecaster for weather at Noordoewer or Aussenkehr in Namibia.

ORANGE RIVER –PACKING LIST/KIT LIST

Please use the below as a packing guideline.

- Your dietary needs replacement food (if you have a dietary need only)
- Anorak / Windbreaker
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Cap or wide brimmed hat (to keep the sun off) / woollen hat or beanie (winter nights)
- Tracksuit (winter nights)
- Long-sleeved shirt with collar (to keep the sun off)
- Wet and dry shoes (strops or floppies or sandals are the best, then you only need one pair)
- Closed shoes / booties for the river (Crocs works nicely)
- Sleeping bag & pillow
- Ground sheet / inflatable mattress
- Towel, Sarong & swim wear – costume.
- Tent - lightweight (not optional - due to possible wind/insects etc.)
- Folding Chairs (Optional)
- Ropes/Straps (to tie extras to boat)
- Beach Umbrella (Optional)
- Gloves (Optional)
- Cutlery & Crockery: plate, bowl, mug, knife, fork, spoon, teaspoon & dishcloth

ACCESSORIES

- Camera
- Binoculars
- Torch with batteries or headlamp (this works best)
- Sunscreen & lip-ice (Zinc works best)
- Sunglasses (must have a strap)
- Personal medication
- Insect repellent
- Toiletries – biodegradable soap, toilet paper
- Garbage bags / dry bags for waterproofing (optional)

**Certain times of the year the mosquitoes are very bothersome at camp, so please make necessary provision for this. (Peaceful Sleep spray works best)*

BEVERAGES & SNACKS

There is no drinkable water at the base camp or on the river. Please pack at least 2 litres of bottled water / non-alcoholic beverages per day. It is recommended that you freeze some of your water, so that it will be defrosted but still cold towards the end of your trip.

Snacks for the river: dried fruit, biltong, dry sausage, peanuts, bars of chocolate, super C, and jelly babies. Note that some meats are prohibited entry into Namibia at times – please check with border.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS FOR FUN

Fishing rod, games, cards, frisbee, bats and balls or cricket bat.

