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RIVER ADVENTURES

Thank you for your interest in joining Amanzi Trails on a canoeing adventure. [Click here](#) to see a short video.

THE DESTINATION

- ★ Noordoewer, Namibia
- ★ ± 700 km from Cape Town, ± 800 km from Windhoek, ± 1350 km from Johannesburg

THE ROUTE

- ★ winds its way through the dramatic and rugged Richtersveld mountains
- ★ is a family-friendly stretch of the river for which no previous canoeing experience is required
- ★ can be paddled all year round
- ★ begins ± 16 km downstream of the South African/Namibian border post (Vioolsdrif/Noordoewer)
- ★ is a 3½ or 4-day trip from our base camp to Aussenkehr (65 km) or Grootpens (88 km) depending on water level
- ★ consists of 4 or 5 nights on the river banks (camping)
- ★ alternate length trips are also available (from 1-day trips to 7 days to the Fish River Mouth/Sendelingsdrif)

CATERING

- ★ all meals from dinner on night of arrival until breakfast on day of departure are provided
- ★ drinks and snacks at own cost (coffee and tea provided)
- ★ personal crockery & cutlery to be brought with you
- ★ inquire about self-catering packages if required

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

- ★ 2-person Indian mohawk fibreglass canoe or inflatable raft ("croc") (inflatables to be arranged in advance)
- ★ 4 x 25-litre buckets per canoe (2 per person) or 2 x 50-litre dry bags per inflatable raft (1 per person)
- ★ 1 cooler box (±45-litre) with ice per canoe / inflatable raft
- ★ life jacket and paddle

NATURAL INTEREST

- ★ over 100 bird species identified by Amanzi Trails guides to date
- ★ vervet monkey, baboon, Cape monitor ("likkewaan"), ground squirrel, Smith's red rock rabbit, Cape Clawless otter, black-backed jackal, steenbok and klipspringer can be seen
- ★ fascinating rock formations
- ★ San rock engravings (petroglyphs)
- ★ disused calcium fluoride (fluorspar) mine
- ★ fishing: catfish (record of Amanzi Trails clients 29 kg), yellowfish (record of Amanzi Trails clients 9.2 kg)

RESERVATIONS

A reservation will be made upon receipt of the following:

- ★ a completed booking form
- ★ 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.

BORDER POST REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-NAMIBIANS

Passports

- ★ Each non-Namibian participant must be in possession of a passport, valid for 6 months after exiting Namibia.
- ★ Application for a South African passport takes 3–6 weeks.
- ★ Emergency and temporary passports are no longer issued by the South African Department of Home Affairs.

Extra information for minors (u/18 years) departing from or entering into South Africa (see attachment)

- ★ Minors (under 18 years) must have their own passports.
- ★ Passports for minors are only valid for 5 years and not for 10 years as in the case of adults.
- ★ Minors must ALSO be in possession of an unabridged birth certificate.
- ★ Minors not travelling with both parents as per the unabridged birth certificate must ALSO be in possession of an affidavit from the absent parent(s)/legal guardian(s) signed and stamped by a commissioner of oaths giving a temporary guardian (for example a family member, friend or teacher with whom the child is travelling) permission to leave/enter South Africa with his/her child.
- ★ Where the name of a parent on his/her identity document differs from that on the unabridged birth certificate, certified copies of the document explaining the reason for the difference must be provided (for example a marriage certificate).
- ★ Application for a passport takes 3–6 weeks and an unabridged birth certificate takes 6–12 weeks.
- ★ If an unabridged birth certificate is not received in time, the Department of Home Affairs issues a letter in lieu of the certificate which is accepted at border posts.
- ★ If a minor who is applying for a passport is 16 years old or older s/he must be in possession of an identity document; an additional 6-12 weeks must therefore be factored in if applying for an identity document first.
- ★ When applying for a passport for a minor both parents must endorse the application and need to present their identity documents. In the case of one parent being unavailable or living in another city/town, one parent can make the passport application with the minor. The other parent can confirm the application at a different office, informing the official at which office the original application was made.
- ★ Certified copies of documents are accepted but may only be certified by a commissioner of oaths.
- ★ The date stamp on certified copies and affidavits must be within 3 months of the date of return to South Africa.
- ★ All copies must be on A4 paper; no blank paper may be cut off.

For inquiries regarding South African passports, identity documents or unabridged birth certificates contact Home Affairs on 0800 60 11 90 or contact a Department of Home Affairs regional office.

Visas for Namibia for non-South African citizens

- ★ Those traveling on non-South African passports must inquire at Namibia Tourism Board (NTB)* regarding visa requirements [tel: ++27 (0)21 422 3298; naminfo@saol.com].
- ★ Please ensure that your visa allows you to enter Namibia AND return to South Africa/other country.

Non-South Africans resident in South Africa and South Africans with dual citizenship

- ★ South Africans with dual citizenship and non-South Africans resident in South Africa must please ensure that all paperwork and documents are in order for both exit from and re-entry into South Africa; contact Home Affairs to determine what is required.
- ★ Those who have permanent residency in South Africa must leave South Africa on a valid South African passport OR must have a permanent residency stamp in their non-South African passport.

PLEASE NOTE THAT UNFORTUNATELY NO ASSISTANCE CAN BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH INCORRECT TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND NO REFUNDS WHATSOEVER WILL BE MADE IN THE CASE OF CONSEQUENT NON-ARRIVAL.

Non-Namibian vehicles

- ★ A vehicle and trailer permit is payable at the Namibian border (contact NTB* for current rates).
- ★ Although not often requested, officially the following vehicle documents are required:
 - certified copy of vehicle registration / licence papers;
 - confirmation by insurance company that they have been informed the vehicle is leaving South Africa;
 - for financed vehicles: a certified letter from the financier authorising the vehicle to go cross-border;
 - for non-owners of the vehicle: an affidavit from the owner signed by a commissioner of oaths giving permission for the vehicle to go cross-border;
 - for rental vehicles: a certified letter from the rental company authorizing the vehicle to go cross-border.
- ★ ZA stickers (available from the AA) are required.

For further information and photographs please look on our website www.amanzitrails.co.za. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the above numbers with any queries.