



KALAHARI OUTVENTURE CENTRE River and Desert Experiences

XSTREAM FLYFISHING Yellow Fish Bonanza

Four days and four nights, this trip covers a 30 km stretch of the Orange River. Your Fishing trip begins at Augrabies Falls National Park.

View the falls against the spectacular backdrop of the setting sun, turning desert and rock to fire. The next day you are introduced to the mighty Orange River and a Yellowfish paradise.

The river passes through some of the most unspoilt landscapes in South Africa with untouched waters teeming with wild and untamed Yellowfish, both Largemouth and Smallmouth are but a few of the species taken on fly. Groups are kept to a minimum size to keep it personal. You have the opportunity to have 1 on 1 instruction daily from our expert fishing guides. We guarantee you will get hooked. We catch Fish!!!!

DAY 1

Meet in the [Augrabies Falls National Park](#) campsite from 17:00 onwards. You'll recognise us. We are the guys with the trailer full of canoes!

We set up a communal camp for an evening braai. Take in the awesome Augrabies Falls for sundowners.

Meet your fishing guides and fellow fisherman. Enjoy an informal briefing.

DAY 2

Wake up to an early breakfast before we strike camp. We then drive you 50 km's through Northern Bushmanland to the start of the trail. A short paddle will take you to the most amazing series of rapids that continue for 4 km. Fish the morning away, lunch is prepared during an early afternoon break from the heat, and a minor rapid or two is encountered on the way to your first night at Island Style where you find your camp waiting with a blazing fire and snacks.

DAY 3

The day starts at sunrise, when the temperature is altogether more comfortable. Breakfast on fruit, breads, oats, coffee and teas before another hectic day of fishing. The feeling of isolation is all the more apparent as you weave through the magnificent gorges that echo forever downstream. Lunch is always in the shade of the riverbank during the hottest part of the day.

Fishing and paddling, you work your way downstream. There is lots of time for you to explore the river, chill in the shade, swim and relax before our guides blow you away with a feast fit for a hungry rafter.

Believe us when we say we pull the stops out with the cuisine. You wont go hungry, we promise!

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DAY 4

Test your new found fishing skills to the full as we explore channels and water mazes as the river slowly carves its way through a mass of reed banks, islands and small rapids. At this point you'll realise; why haven't you been here before?

Goliath Herons, with their 2 metre wingspans glide over the surface of the river catching fish, unperturbed by the human onlookers.

The night is spent on the Namibian side of the river opposite the hot springs.

In fact, at this point, you could walk North through the desert for three or four days before reaching a soul.

FINAL DAY

More fishing and relaxing before you hit the final rapid - we call it Graduation. Shortly afterwards we pull the canoes out of the river and transport awaits to return you to base, your vehicle, a blissfully hot shower and a complimentary farewell lunch.

Species: Small and Largemouth Yellowfish, Silvers, Mudfish, Carp, Barbel, Tilapia(Bream).

What to Bring

Fishing gear : Nothing less than a 5/6 weight rod, floating line, 4,5kg tippet, strike indicators and split shot. A good selection of flies are essential, colours range from red, orange, green to black. Sizes nothing smaller than a # 14 hook. We will send you list beforehand. Spinning or bait rods are welcome for when you are at the campsite.

Wet gear : Hat, sunglasses with ties, wading boots, costume, shorts, long sleeved shirts, waterproof windbreaker.

Dry gear : Tracksuit, shirts, underwear, dry shoes or boots, environment friendly toiletries, torch and camera.

Camping gear: Sleeping bag, camp chair and eating utensils (knife, fork, spoon, plate, mug). We supply tents and camp hands.

Drinks : Cans are best. No glass please except decent bottles of wine. It can get hot so be generous with your calculations. (i.e. times 2)

We supply ice on the first and second mornings but it will melt! By day 4 there won't be a cold anything and as you know, there is nothing like warm Coke!. The river is entirely drinkable but not to everyone's taste. Your liquid intake will be high. It is HOT out there.

