



HIGH AFRICA ADVENTURES RIVER RAFTING EXCURSION

High Africa Adventures offers students the opportunity to learn the basics of river rafting techniques during a fun filled 2-3 hour excursion on the Breede River, commencing at High Africa Adventure's premises on the Breede River. The excursion is designed to ensure students utmost safety at all times and is therefore adapted based on environmental conditions at the time of the excursion. A river safety assessment is done prior to any excursion and should any circumstances prevail that could negatively affect the safety of students, the excursion will not proceed.

High Africa Adventures only makes use of the services of an exceptionally specialised and experienced APA Certified River Rafting Operator with more than 35 years of experience across Africa. The trip is not considered to be very demanding and the specific route followed on the Breede River, allows for a safe and relaxed excursion. A detailed safety briefing is conducted with all participants prior to any river excursion and the Educational Institution's Educators are also invited to participate where possible.

Great care is taken to ensure the safety of all participants at all times during any river rafting activity. We have an impeccable safety record which we are extremely proud of.

Parents/Guardians are most welcome to make contact with the owner of High Africa Adventures and/or the River Rafting Operator if they have any questions.

We take pleasure in providing you with more information about our APA Registered River Rafting Operator and the safety precautions we strictly adhere and comply to at High Africa Adventures.

Best Wishes

Owners: High Africa Adventures

RIVER RAFTING OPERATOR BACKGROUND

Wouter Groenewald is the owner and founding member of WildOne River Adventures & Logistics (formally known as Wildthing Adventures Est 1989). He is an Advance River Guide, Tour Operator and Tourist Guide # WC1032.

He has more than 35 years' experience in the outdoor adventure industry, which includes white water river rafting as well as canoeing adventures (Orange River, Doring River and Breede River); Overland safari's (South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique); Bridge Jumping, Adventure bike trips (various), soft adventures (Corporate and social Team building)

HIGH LEVEL COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY PROTOCOL OVERVIEW

- All guides have specialized Guide certification and are trained **African Paddle Association (APA) Swift Water River Guides**.
- All Trip leaders are qualified **APA REGISTERED GUIDES** with many years of experience on SA Rivers accompanied with the necessary First Aid training, equipped with comprehensive first aid kits, safety equipment and have the required Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) in place.
- Our Trip Leaders and Lead Guides are passionate guides with extensive knowledge off offshore & inland waters, related water activities and the surrounding environment. Guides take special pride in what they offer our clients, students or learners.
- All Trip Leaders have **Level 3 Advance First Aid certification**.
- **Our guide to client ratio is 1:10** on the river, with a minimum of 3 guides on river and as per industry norms stipulated in our APA Operating Membership conditions, with special reference to our signed APA Code of Conduct & Code of Safety.
- An extensive safety briefing is done for river specific conditions prior to any trip departure and personal floating devices (PFD's /Life Jackets) has to be worn at all time when on or near water or on a river trip.
- PFD'S to be worn by clients/learners during full duration of the river trip or any other water based activity

RIVER EQUIPMENT USE & SPECIFICATIONS

BOATS

- We use 2 and 3 person inflatable boats, Model "Crocs" 395 & 365 manufactured by ARK Inflatable and as per **South African Maritime Standards (SAMSA)** Issued with ARK Buoyancy Declarations and 3 separate floatable pontoons or compartments.
- All our boats are surveyed annually by SAMSA and registered with special **Department of Transport (DTC)** number allocations. Serial/DTC numbers is clearly visible on each craft.
- Our SAMSA & DTC Inflatable Boat Registration numbers are: DTC 15995 R/1-21 and DTC 15996 R/1-4.

- Propulsion mechanisms for rowing boats is a floatable double plastic bladed paddle with lightweight 22mm Aluminium shafts.
- All boats are equipped with double action hand-foot pumps.

PERSONAL FLOATING DEVICE “Life Jackets” (PFD’S)

- Our Personal Floating Device “Life Jackets” (PFD’S) are SAMSA approved SANS 12402- 5/6:2007/ISO 12402-5/6:2006.
- PFD JACKET Model “Hunter” RSA NRCS/8032/ 0043 and manufactured by Xtreme Equipment.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT ON RIVER (Determined based on extent of trip)

- Specialized Xtreme Guide Life Jackets/PFD’s with towing device, carabiners clips and knife.
- Safety throw bags with 15m floatable lines.
- Helmets where necessary – River grading specific Class 3 and above.
- Waterproof containers or Dry bags for personal kit or clients’ personal medication needed on trip.
- Wrap Kit- Ropes, Carabiners and slings needed in case of river rescues.
- The First Aid Kits used on river is stored and transported in waterproof Pelican Cases.
- A second comprehensive First Aid Kit is always available with the Base camp staff or transport support crew.
- This First Aid Kit includes a 2Lt Oxygen tank & regulator-mask unit, Mobile blood Oximeter & Heart Rate monitor device and Blood Pressure Cuff and various other medical support gear.
- Back up Two Way Radios is used on river (or to communicate from river to base) in case of no cell phone coverage.

CREW/RIVER GUIDES FOR SCHOOL TRIPS

- All river guides are APA registered
- All guides have first aid qualifications
- Our lead guides have worked with us for years and are well respected in the outdoor industry, with many years of experience with clients.
- **APA Business Operating Membership active.**

RIVER RAFTING OPERATOR'S PUBLIC LIABILITY COVER

- Insured name: Wild One River Adventures
- Status: In force
- SATIB, Policy Ref: B1262BW0217122-GPL10/2023/ 13421

CONTACT DETAILS

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