

Cross Border

Only if you do the Richtersveld section SA-NAM adventures/expedition (Aussenkehr/Sjambok).

Please be sure to read the following thoroughly in order to ensure that your border crossing is problem-free.

The only road back to the starting point on the South African side is on the **Namibian side** as it is impossible to travel back on the South African side through the Richtersveld mountains. It is, therefore, necessary to pass through the Customs & Immigration if you do the **Richtersveld section** from the South African side.

1. **Adult South African citizens** only need a **valid passport**. In addition to their **own passport**, **minors** need an **unabridged birth certificate** and an **affidavit** from any **absent parent** as per their unabridged birth certificate.
2. Passports must be valid for at least **6 months** after the intended date of departure (**this is only valid for non-African countries**).
3. Passports should also have at least **2 blank pages** for entry of stamps. The blank pages cannot include the "endorsement" page at the back of the book.

Foreign clients please be aware of the new **visa (VOA)** requirements to enter Namibia from **April 1st 2025**. Foreigners with permanent residence in South Africa unfortunately also need to apply for the visa. If you have a foreign and South African passport, you can enter Namibia without a visa using your South African passport (do not mention your foreign passport). **South African citizens do not need to apply**. The new visa requirements only apply to our **SA-NAM Adventures (Aussenkehr & Sjambok Adventures)**.

For a list of countries that require the new visa (VOA) and to apply, please click on the following link <https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na/visaonarrival>.

Vehicle Requirements:

Valid **driver's license** and please make sure that your **vehicle is licensed**.

These are only the most common points and clients should check with the **Department of Home Affairs** whether they have everything they need to cross the border by following the link below:
<http://www.dha.gov.za/>

Please follow these instructions when **arriving** at Vioolsdrift:

Upon arrival at Vioolsdrift **first** report to the customs officials at the border post (SA side), have your passports stamped to leave South Africa and then go for **police clearance**. **Proceed over the bridge to Namibia** where you will be required to fill in a form before your passport is stamped. When asked where you are staying, write "**Aussenkehr, Orange River**" and the duration of the stay. Once the Namibian authorities have stamped your passport, turn around and drive back over the bridge to South Africa (**do not pay any road fund taxes in Namibia – you are not going into Namibia with your vehicle**). At the **South African border post** explain that you are going to do a river adventure with **Orange River Rafters** and that you have come to have your passport stamped **out of South Africa and into Namibia**. **Please don't let them stamp you back into South Africa at this stage**. On the last day of your adventure, you will be picked up on the **Namibian side** of the river and then you will be stamped **out of Namibia and into South Africa**. **Please hand in your passport and all necessary border documentation to your lead guide after the trip briefing for safe keeping while on the river.**

Please follow these instructions when driving from the Namibian side:

Get your passport stamped out of Namibia and into South Africa, then out of South Africa and into Namibia. Explain to the officials that you are here for a trip with Orange River Rafters.

Then drive back to South Africa, but **do not get stamped back into South Africa** at this stage; simply explain again that you are doing a river trip with Orange River Rafters and will get stamped back in upon your return from the trip. On the last day of the trip, get stamped out of Namibia and into South Africa. On the day you return to Namibia, get stamped out of South Africa and into Namibia.