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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

**Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the **PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION** booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour.**

<https://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information-2020.pdf>

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#### **Tour departure point**

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

**07:00am** 40onBurg, 40 Burg Street,  
Cape Town, South Africa  
Tel: +27 (0)21 426 4338  
[www.40onburg.co.za](http://www.40onburg.co.za)

#### **Tour ending point**

Amanpuri, Corner of Moses Garoeb Street & Anton Lubowski Street,  
Swakopmund, Namibia  
Tel: +264 64 405587

#### **Maximum Number of Passengers**

24

#### **After hours emergency contact**

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

*If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199*

*If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199*

#### **Arrival / Departure**

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

#### **Pre and Post Tour Accommodation**

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

#### **What's included**

All meals which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

#### **What's excluded**

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs and optional activities.

#### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Namibia

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

The Cederberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. The Cedarberg region is known for its mountain fynbos and spectacular views of the rugged Cedarberg Mountains. A dinner at our overnight stop offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Marcuskraal Campsite <a href="http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html">http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Cape Town to Citrusdal
<b>Meals</b>	Lunch, Dinner

### Day 2 - Namaqualand – Gariep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, we travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this day's travel.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Fiddlers Creek Campsite <a href="http://www.bushwhacked.co.za">http://www.bushwhacked.co.za</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Citrusdal to Vioolsdrift
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Spring Wild Flowers (Seasonal July – September)

### Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch Royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means "river" in the indigenous Khoekhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Around midday (after lunch) we depart the Orange River and head inland, crossing the border into Namibia. We make a brief stop at the mineral hot springs for a dip in the pool before arriving at our camp in the late afternoon.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Hobas Campsite <a href="http://www.nwrnamibia.com/hobas.htm">http://www.nwrnamibia.com/hobas.htm</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Orange/Gariep River to Fish River Canyon
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Half-day canoe trip
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

### Day 4 – Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

We rise early this morning, pack up our camp, making our way to the rim of the Fish River Canyon. We arrive in time to catch the morning sunrays filter through the canyon. After stretching our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, we turn west and head for Keetmanshoop. Our afternoon will be spent meandering through the Quiver Tree Forest and The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Quiver Tree Forest <a href="https://www.quivertreeforest.com/home">https://www.quivertreeforest.com/home</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlights</b>	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

### Day 5 - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west, the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

<b>Accommodation</b>	NWR: Sesriem campsite <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/sesriem-camp">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/sesriem-camp</a>
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## DESERT EXPLORER 2020: 07 Days | NCS - Camping (North)



<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Sesriem Canyon

### Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

Watching the sunrise over the red dunes is an iconic highlight of any trip to Namibia and this morning we rise before the sun to capture this magnificent moment. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert sunrise. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land. This afternoon we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Boesman's Camp or similar. (No website)
<b>Facilities</b>	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Namib-Naukluft NP – Naukluft Area
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Sunrise hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei, Guided desert walk with local expert

### Day 7 - Swakopmund

Our final day in the desert continues as we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion. Reluctantly we leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, we continue to the Atlantic coastline. Today we continue west and make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, where we hope to catch a glimpse of the flamingo's that feed in the shallows. Arriving in Swakopmund your tour will come to an end. You will have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer, should you wish to spend additional nights in the town.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad
<b>Route</b>	Naukluft Area to Swakopmund
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast
<b>Included Activity</b>	Tropic of Capricorn, Walvis Bay Lagoon