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## RIEMVASMAAK / AUGRABIES FALLS GUIDED TOUR

CLIENT: AIFS (UK) / 20+ PERSONS

04 days – 03 nights

*Malaria free area!!*

THETA accredited guide (N. Cape)

Green = Parks & Reserves Blue = Places of interest Red = Optional activities

This tour cover 01 Trans Frontier Park, 01 National Park & 02 Reserves/conservation areas

### DAY 01: Upington - Riemvasmaak

Arrive at Upington Airport on morning flight from Cape Town.

Depart to **Riemvasmaak**. En route visit to **Tierberg Nature Reserve** in **Keimoes**, from where one has a beautiful view of the lush green Orange River Valley. Proceed to **Kakamas** on the **Rockery Route**, a scenic gravel road south of the Orange River, passing through a large **quiver tree forest**. Continue to Kakamas. The route passes the **Persian Water Wheels** at Kakamas. Stop at **Die Pienk Padstal** (The Pink Road Stall) which stocks a variety of dried fruit products and local delicacies.

Lunch at Vergelegen Guest House and Restaurant

Continue to **Riemvasmaak**. This spectacular mountain desert wilderness, with its towering granite canyons, covers 75 000 ha and is owned and run by the community of Riemvasmakers. It was one of the first land restitution projects in South Africa. The rugged rocky scenery seems as if it is from another planet. It is a wilderness born from volcanic activity millions of years ago, but with a beauty that takes on spiritual proportions. Accommodation is near the **hot spring** where one can relax in the baths, with the water temperature a constant 32 Celcius, dwarfed by 80 m high cliff walls.

Afternoon guided hike with local guide. Enjoy the hot spring baths after hours.

Dinner is a traditional South African Braai (BBQ) at crew chalet

**Overnight:** Rustic 4-bed & 8-bed chalets at Riemvasmaak (No single accommodation)

**Meals:** B, L & D (Full board on all days)

### DAY 02: Riemvasmaak – Augrabies Falls National Park

Breakfast at crew chalet

Continue on dirt road through the Riemvasmaak desert landscape to **Vredesvallei** village. Cross the Orange River to Blouputs irrigation scheme and proceed to **Augrabies Falls National Park**, which covers 60 000 ha.

Visit the **Augrabies Falls**, which is the **sixth largest waterfall in the world** when South Africa's largest river, the **Orange is in flood**. The word Augrabies derives from the Khoi meaning "Place of great noise". Although Augrabies is essentially a scenic park, game such as giraffe, springbok, gemsbok, eland, kudu red hartebeest, Hartman's zebra and klipspringer survive in this unique riverine ecosystem. Fish eagles and black eagles are common residents and the Rest Camp is home to a variety of bird species.

### Lunch at Augrabies Restaurant

Do a scenic game drive in this moon landscape-like land to awesome viewpoints such as [Ararat](#), [Oranjekom](#) on the Orange River Gorge and the "[Swartrante](#)" ([Black Hills](#)) from where one has a great view of this arid rocky desert landscape.

The fall is illuminated until 22:00. Clients can re-visit the fall at their own time and pace.

### Dinner at Augrabies Restaurant

**Overnight:** 2-Bed chalets at Augrabies (singles available for a supplement 1200R per person)

**Meals:** B, L & D

### **DAY 03: Augrabies Falls National Park**

Do a relaxed 2km morning walk to a beautiful viewpoint on the Augrabies gorge, [Arrow Point](#).

### Breakfast at Augrabies Restaurant

Depart on a scenic game drive to the western section of the park. The chances are good to see Hartmann's mountain zebra and eland as well as the more common species on this drive.

### Picnic lunch at picnic area on game drive route

Return scenic game drive to Rest Camp. Afternoon at leisure.

### Dinner at Augrabies Restaurant

**Overnight:** 2-Bed chalets at Augrabies (singles available for a supplement 1200R per person)

**Meals:** B, L & D

### **DAY 04: Augrabies Falls National Park - Upington**

#### Breakfast packs en route

Early departure to Upington to be in time for flight departing to Cape Town.

Accommodation can vary from the itinerary depending on availability.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be in 3 minibuses which seat 8-10 people each. Vehicles are air conditioned and contain luggage trailers and driver/guides. All transportation including game drives will be in these vehicles.

## MEALS

Meals are provided in restaurants where available or prepared by the guide or crew members. Coffee/tea and a light breakfast are provided before early morning departures on game drives, followed by a brunch at a picnic area. On a normal schedule breakfast and light lunches are provided in restaurants or by guide/crew member. Dinners are in restaurants or catered for by guide/crew member and on some occasions it will be a typical South African Braai (BBQ). Coffee/tea, juice, soft drinks & bottled water are included with all meals.

AIFS will inform Kalahari tours and Travel in advance of any special dietary requirements we are made aware of.

## ALSO INCLUDED

All entrance fees and conservation fees to National Parks and Nature Reserves are included, as well as all activities listed in the itinerary. Clients will also receive guidebooks about flora, fauna, area, etc. in the vehicle.

## CLIENTS NEED:

Binoculars, sun block, hat, closed shoes or boots for evenings (scorpions), insect repellent, torch light or head light, passports when crossing international borders