

9-day Northern Cape Ultimate Experience



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Experience the ultimate South African journey through this carefully curated boutique escape. From Cape Town's vibrant shores to the serene Winelands, along the stunning Garden Route, and into wildlife territory, this package combines luxury accommodations with diverse landscapes. Enjoy intimate boutique stays with personalized service while discovering South Africa's most cherished destinations.

Day	Brief Itinerary Summary	Hotel	Meal
Day 1	Arrive in Upington	African Vineyard Boutique Hotel & Spa	DBB
Day 2	Proceeding along the Green Kalahari Route – Self Drive	Khamkirri Lodge	DBB
Day 3	Full day guided experience including the Augrabies Falls and National Park	Khamkirri Lodge	DBB
Day 4	Full day Kakamas experience	Khamkirri Lodge	DBB
Day 5	Travel to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier National Park	!Xaus Lodge	FB+
Day 6	Walk through the dunes as you learn all about your natural surroundings	!Xaus Lodge	FB+
Day 7	Half Day Game Drive	!Xaus Lodge	FB+
Day 8	A walk to the recreated cultural village and see the Busman crafters at work	Molopo Kalahari Lodge	BB
Day 9	Travel back to Upington Airport for your departure flight		

FIT: Self-Drive

8 nights, 9 days

Starts and Ends in Upington

Nett Prices:

Valid until 29 February 2026 (Excluding peak season from 11 December – 04 January)

ZAR 40 500.00 per person sharing

ZAR 8 130.00 single supplement (minimum 2 pax)

Valid 01 March – 30 April 2026

ZAR 42 000.00 per person sharing

ZAR 8 640.00 single supplement (minimum 2 pax)

Valid 01 May – 31 October 2026

ZAR 41 000.00 per person sharing

ZAR 8 640.00 single supplement (minimum 2 pax)

Includes:

- 8 nights accommodation as per above, including breakfast daily
- 7 dinners and 5 lunches
- Nature paddle on the Orange River
- Use of stand-up paddles and fat bikes at Khamkirri
- 2 full day tours from Khamkirri – Augrabies Falls Experience and Kakamas Experience
- Kamqua Picnic Site transfer to and from Xaus Lodge
- All activities at Xaus Lodge
- Sand boarding experience

- 9-days car rental, Auto SUV (Toyota Corolla Cross or similar) – all inclusive – zero excess, unlimited kms, super insurances, tyre and windscreen waiver, additional drivers, GPS

Excludes:

- All Flights
- Additional meals and all drinks
- Optional/additional activities/entrances not listed as included
- National Park fees – to be paid directly on entry
- Personal items and gratuities
- Anything not mentioned as included above – please ask if anything is unclear.

Itinerary

Day 1 | Arrival in Upington

On arrival in Upington collect your rental car and head out to your guest house for the night.

We recommend a stop en-route at Bezalel Wine and Brandy Estate for a tasting and relaxed lunch in the beautiful gardens.

African Vineyard is situated on Kanoneiland (an island) amidst the serene waters of the Orange River, and offers a unique experience that combines the pleasures of slow living with the delights of indulging in delicious slow food

- **Overnight – African Vineyard Boutique & Spa**

Day 2 | Proceeding along the Green Kalahari Route – Self Drive (Dinner & Breakfast)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the guest house before proceeding along the Green Kalahari Route.

Spend the day exploring the area and wonderfully talented farmers and food artists. We recommend a stop at the Kalahari Cheese Making Company, on certain days of the week they offer a cheese tasting experience by local speciality cheesemaker Tiaan Visser. Experiences are offered in their kitchen on their farm, menu accompanied by fresh local produce, traditional biscuits, olives from the garden, locally made jams, chutneys, venison, droewors, biltong and local nuts are complimented with Wine or Beer.

On arrival at Khamkirri you will be met by your hosts and settle into your chalet located overlooking the mighty Orange River. Enjoy a gentle nature paddle on the River and take in the sights and sounds of the river, from the Malachite Kingfishers to the Bold Fish Eagles. There are also stand up paddles and fat bike mountain bikes to enjoy on the river and on the property.

This evening you will be treated to a Khamkirri Experience (as per Greg Wallace's experience on the Discovery TV series), this includes a sunset barge river cruise, hosted by Danie and Philippa. You can look forward to a personalised experience tasting local cuisine prepared on the fire next to the magical Orange River.

- **Overnight – Khamkirri Lodge**

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Day 3 | Full day guided experience of Augrabies Falls & National Park(Dinner & Breakfast)

Today you will be taken on a full day guided experience including the Augrabies Falls and National Park, with lunch included.

Head into the park to view the world-renowned falls and for some spectacular scenery, breathtaking viewpoints and glimpses of the many wildlife species. Stop at one of the viewpoints overlooking the massive gorge at Augrabies.

After a long day, dinner will be served on the deck back at camp, where you can relax and recount your day while enjoying another spectacular sunset over the river.

- **Overnight – Khamkirri Lodge**

Day 4 | Full day Kakamas experience

(Dinner & Breakfast)

Today you will enjoy a full day Kakamas experience, visiting iconic landmarks, covering the history of the Town and how it was established to its success with export table grapes and farming diversities to date. Local wine estates offering locally produced wines from the green Kalahari as well as locally produced gins and brandies. Experience local craftsmanship from precious stones to handmade knives and more. Experience includes lunch & tastings.

- **Overnight – Khamkirri Lodge**

Day 5 | Travel to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier National Park

(Full Board)

An early start to the day, travel to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier National Park. Enjoy a 2 hour game drive through the reserve viewing animals such as lions, gemsbok, springbok and a wide variety of different birds. At the meeting point you will be transferred onto a lodge open-vehicle and will be taken on a drive crossing over 90 red sand dunes to !Xaus Lodge. After check-in you will have some time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

- **Overnight - !Xaus Lodge, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park**

Day 6 | Walk through the dunes as you learn all about your natural surroundings (Full Board)

Set out at day-break with the guides and Bushman trackers to walk through the dunes as you learn all about your natural surroundings. You will be shown how to identify animal spoor, birds, trees and plants, and discuss their medicinal uses. You'll return to the Lodge in time for a hearty brunch made by the local Mier ladies. The length of the walk, and distance you cover, depends on the fitness and interest of the guests.

In the late afternoon enjoy a sunset pan drive and dune walk to 'listen' to the sun set over the Kalahari with an early evening game drive back to the lodge.

After-dinner night drive, with the accompanying sounds of barking geckos, insect shrills, and larger animal calls to break the silence.

- **Overnight - !Xaus Lodge, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park**

Day 7 | Half Day Game Drive**(Full Board)**

A bonus experience today is a half day (3-4 hour) game drive through the dunes and along the Auob River, with a packed breakfast.

- **Overnight - !Xaus Lodge, Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park**

Day 8 | A walk to the recreated cultural village & the Busman crafters at work (Breakfast)

This morning take a walk to the recreated cultural village and see the Busman crafters at work. You may join young Bushmen demonstrating their traditional games and purchase traditional crafts hanging from the branches of the tree under which the crafters sit at work. These crafters also sell their goods at the Lodge curio shop.

Mid morning you will embark on the drive back over the dunes to your vehicle for another game drive through the Park and to your accommodation for the night. Enjoy an early evening sand boarding activity before checking in at your accommodation for the night.

- **Overnight: Molopo Kalahari Lodge**

Day 9 | Departure Day

Travel back to Upington Airport for your departure flight.