



**RIVERMAN  
RAFTING**  
SOUTH AFRICA

## **DORING RIVER TRAINING TRIP FAQs**

**CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMnYcyoQnkU>

### **FIVE DAY TRAINING TRIP WITH SHARED COSTS**

**WHO IS THIS FOR?**

Trainee river guides and working guides who want to extend their scope to class 3-4 rapids.

**CAN ANYONE ELSE COME?**

Yes but they will pay higher fee as clients who need to be looked after. It won't be a commercial rate as this is a budget trip. But there are many guides! Just ask for a quote.

**IS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED?**

No. The river is commercially rafted. Ages 12 and over.

**WHAT RAFTS ARE USED?**

A mix of crocs, paddle rafts and oarboats. You may bring your own and some may opt to paddle their own kayak.

**HOW IS THE FOOD ORGANISED?**

When we know our final numbers we will buy the food and extras and charge per person.

**WHEN DO WE GO?**

Hold yourself in readiness for the weeks of

**# July 25-30 # August 1-6 # August 8-13 # August 16-20**

We call a GO! when the a big cold front hits the Western Cape and the river is most likely to rise to exciting levels.

**IS THERE NO FIXED DATE?**

No. The last thing we want is to turn up and find too little water. Usually about 5 days in advance we can call it.

**WHAT IF WE DON'T GET WATER?**

We will head for the Orange River Gorge instead, at short notice.

**WHAT ARE KEY FEATURES OF THE ROUTE?**

It's about 75 km from start to finish. Major rapids are Corner, Waterfall, House, Kranz and Surprise, all higher 3s or Class 4 at certain levels. Sleep in caves or on beaches.

**IS IT COLD THERE?**

It's winter but the Doring flows in a desert gorge, often sunny. The water is cold, and it can rain. You need a wetsuit and paddling jacket. We have some for hire.

**WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED?**

A tent, groundmat, sleeping bag, warm night clothes.

**IS THERE ACTUAL RIVER GUIDE TRAINING?**

Yes. We will do basics, refreshers and assessments.

**SO HOW DO WE BOOK?**

Let us know you want to book, and be serious about it - no chancers. A lot of organisation goes into planning and mounting an event like this. Not just that. It's one of the best river trips in the whole of South Africa.



**BRIEFING  
SENT  
WHEN  
YOU BOOK**



# DORING RIVER RAFTING

AUGUST 2016 - Don't miss an opportunity to raft the country's best desert river



WHEN IT RAINS  
IN THE CAPE

WE HIT THE RIVER



## MEET THE RIVERMAN – ROUTE PIONEER



### BOOK YOUR 5-DAY TRIP

BE READY TO PACK AND GO. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW ON A WEDNESDAY IF THERE'S A TRIP. IT ALL DEPENDS ON BIG RAINS IN THE CAPE MOUNTAINS. AUGUST IS THE MOST RELIABLE.

*Call or email us to book your place*

The spectacularly beautiful and exciting Doring River gorge in the Cape Cederberg provides the setting for our adventure expeditions. Under the leadership of "Ole Man River" Graeme Addison, come and raft the best whitewater in the Cape. No experience necessary, ages 8-75. Expect a wild ride and a great week far from towns and phones. We provide the equipment, safety, organisation and team of guides. Clear with us if you wish to use your own boat (eg kayakers). Trip fee on inquiry. Discounts for families and groups. Provide own tents & bedrolls, snacks, fizzy drinks and liquor. A kit list and full Briefing is sent on booking.



## DORING *The "Tugela" of the Cape*

Drive through CLANWILLIAM, 230km north of Cape Town. From there, over the Pakhuis Pass into the Doring Gorge at Doringbos. We run the full route on the Doring, taking 5 days on a highly exciting expedition. Rapids large and small – all walkable, but who would want to? There are stops at waterfalls and caves filled with Bushman paintings. The river water is clear and the days usually sunny. We paddle in wetsuits and take tents but much of the time they are not necessary. Getting out near Klawer, we drive back to Clanwilliam and you can be back in Cape Town that night. Trip limit is 12 guests. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## HOW TRIPS WORK

After three decades of experience and dozens of trips we consider August to be the only fairly reliable month on the Doring. Arrive at our base camp near Clanwilliam on SATURDAY LATE AFTERNOON for the briefing and getting-to-know-you evening braai. Trip starts Monday and ends Thursday late. You may stay over at the base.

The trip includes training for would-be guides but there are top professionals in charge of the whole group.



IF the rains are insufficient, we don't go. Set aside three weeks in August for the possible call from us. Fees will be fully refunded if no trip is run.

### CLIENT INFO AND BOOKINGS

**RIVERMAN – DANCES WITH WAVES**

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### TRAINEES BOOK WITH ASAFRICA

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## DORING RIVER

There are several great You Tube videos of the trips – go to our site and search on Doring.

[www.youtube.com/graemeaddi](http://www.youtube.com/graemeaddi)

**QUOTE:** 'It was mind-blowing...rafting on the guided boat in good hands was brilliant... The 2-seater Croc was a thrilling challenge: I never imagined I would run rapids like this, big, scary and satisfying! Great food, great company!'

## SCENES FROM THE TRIPS



## MAP OF THE ROUTE

