



ZANNIER RESERVE

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*by N/a'an ku sê*

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Welcome to the *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê*, a haven of peace and a second chance for many animal species. More than just a 'run-of-the mill' game reserve, it is a vibrant, dynamic sanctuary that plays an active conservation role in Namibia.

Nestled on a 9,000-hectare family owned land, the *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê* is blessed with a great biodiversity of habitat and wildlife.

Numerous excursions and safaris are offered to experience the African Savannah, all supervised by local and experienced guides from the *N/a'an ku sê Foundation*. Programmes are designed according to your desires and your thirst for adventure. They can be customized upon request to make them totally unique.

Founded by Dr. Rudie van Vuuren and his wife Marlice, the *N/a'an ku sê Foundation* (meaning "God will Protect us" in the San language) aims to conserve the land, cultures and wildlife of Namibia, and rescue species threatened by an ever-shrinking habitat.

*"Maintaining and promoting the fragile ecosystems remains the primary concern for the conservation teams of Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê."*

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## OUR ETHICS & VALUES

*Share our conservation spirit*

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At *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê*, we have a clear policy that does not allow petting nor touching of any of the cheetahs or wildlife during walks. We also ask that any pictures taken features only the animals. Pictures or 'selfies' with the animals are extremely tempting, but detrimental to our ethics.

Images of humans together with wild animals – no matter how habituated those animals may be – encourages what the *N/a'an ku sê Foundation* strives to prohibit: exotic pet trade, exploitation of wild animals and the erroneous implication that a research-based sanctuary facility is little more than a petting zoo.

Thank you for your kind cooperation! Please note that failure to comply with this rule will result in the activity being immediately stopped!

Visit [naankuse.com](http://naankuse.com) to learn more about our conservancy projects.

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# **BEFORE GOING ON AN ADVENTURE**

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For any excursion, we advise you to bring bottled water, sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, good shoes, a camera, warm clothing as well as a rain jacket. And of course, some patience, full of curiosity and great smiles.

## **INFORMATION & BOOKINGS**

All activities are proposed daily, all year long, but are subject to animal, guide and vehicle availability. Indicated durations might slightly vary, notably according to weather forecasts and animal presence.

Prior booking is mandatory. Besides, please note that we operate a 'first come first served' policy.

Unfortunately, we cannot welcome children under 6 years old to our excursions. Kindly note also that most of on-foot activities are not suitable for children under 16 years old.

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**SUNSET — SUNRISE  
CONSERVATION DRIVE**

*Feel the pulse of the Namibian Savannah*



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## THE EXPERIENCE

Our experienced guides will take you with our well-equipped open vehicles around the pristine 9,000-hectare reserve, showcasing the life of our conservation reserve. Early drives at sunrise are ideal to observe the Namibian plains waking up, while evening drives reveal the elusive beauty of the nocturnal savannah. An experience that you will never forget.

- From 2 to 6 people
- Duration: 2,5 hours
- Mostly on game viewer
- Drinks and snacks provided
- Sunrise Times: 06h or 06h30
- Sunset Times: 17h or 17h30

*Depending on seasonality and availability*

## LEARN MORE

All our excursions are conducted in state-of-the-art Land Cruisers, each accommodating a maximum of six guests. During the conservation drive, you might see a variety of wildlife, including rhinos, elephants, giraffes, cheetahs, leopards, elands, impala ostriches, black-backed jackals, warthogs, various antelopes (kudu, red hartebeest, steenbok, waterbuck, oryx, springbok), and many types of birds.

## DID YOU KNOW

With approximately 2,4 million inhabitants, Namibia is the second least densely populated country in the world after Mongolia.

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## THE EXPERIENCE

Enjoy the luxury of a very personal experience & get close to the reserve's wildlife. The exceptional skills and knowledge of our guides will make this tour a unique experience. Drinks and snacks to your individual taste will further enhance the experience on a culinary level.

- Exclusive tour from 2 people
- Duration: 2,5 hours
- Mostly on game viewer
- Drinks and snacks provided
- Sunrise Times: 06h or 06h30
- Sunset Times: 17h or 17h30

*Depending on seasonality and availability*

## LEARN MORE

The *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê* is home to giraffes, warthogs, a wide variety of antelopes, ostriches, jackals and baboons who all live side by side. Rivers and water sources draw a large number of birds of all species. With a bit of luck, you might spot one of our leopards, rhinoceroses or elephants.

## DID YOU KNOW

The reserve was initially intended to be developed into an urban area. Thanks to the joint intervention of the Zannier family and Rudie & Marlice van Vuuren, the land has been converted into a pristine conservation area – a real and concrete conservation coup!

*Please note that as based on the occupancy, Sunset and Sunrise Private Savannah Watch have limited availability and need to be confirmed and arranged in advance.*

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# **(PRIVATE) RHINO TRACKING**

*Spot those awe-inspiring creatures in their natural habitat*



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## THE EXPERIENCE

Get on your walking shoes, grab your binoculars, and go out with our trackers in search of rhinos. Rhino tracking offers a great opportunity to learn about the habits and characteristics of this threatened species, the issue of rhino poaching, and on-going conservation efforts.

- From 2 to 7 people
  - Mostly on game viewer
  - Duration: 2,5 hours
- Drinks and snacks provided
  - Times: 10h or 15h

## LEARN MORE

Despite its cumbersome shape (2 tons and approximately 1,8 m tall), the South African rhino can reach speeds of up to 60 km per hour over short distances. Sadly, rhino poaching in South Africa and Namibia is driving the species closer and closer to extinction. The black rhino population is down 97,6% since 1960 according to the AWF. It is one of the ten most endangered mammals in the world. Fortunately, as rhino horns can no longer be legally traded, rhinos are steadily becoming less valuable – preventing farmers to sell their rhinos, and instead striving for their conservation.

The *N/a'an ku sê Foundation*, with the assistance of the *Jolie-Pitt Foundation*, has embarked on a program called “Rhino Retreats” and provide safe sanctuaries. Thanks to visitors like you, and carefully handled tourism, rhinos now got a new (harmless) value.

## DID YOU KNOW

Skin color is not the only difference between black and white rhinos (the latter are paler). They also vary in shape (white rhinos have a wider jaw). A linguistic confusion between “wide” and “white” could explain the current differentiation.

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# **(PRIVATE) ELEPHANT TRACKING**

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## THE EXPERIENCE

Spot elephants roaming playfully in their natural habitat. An encounter with these iconic African animals will teach you about how compassionate and intelligent they actually are. Besides being a magnificent opportunity to explore nature, you will also learn much about the issues surrounding elephants' conservation.

- From 2 to 7 people
  - Mostly on game viewer
  - Duration: 2,5 hours
- Drinks and snacks provided
  - Times: 10h or 15h

## LEARN MORE

This tour aims at tracking elephants, observing these magnificent creatures and giving you an overview of their conservation challenges. You will get the occasion to observe the genuine intelligence of elephants – animals that display altruism, compassion and self-awareness, like to play and have a sense for art and music! The *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê* is home to three African elephants. These elephants were part of a herd of 40 elephants originating from the far north-east of Namibia. This herd became too much for the finite area they were kept on. The *N/a'an ku sê Foundation* stepped in and offered to relocate two elephants within the incredible *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê*, and ensured that the integrity of the natural ecosystem balance was not affected. During your Elephant Tracking you might also encounter Apollo. Apollo is a desert elephant which escape twice to the coast after being lured back into the desert before being rescued and relocated to *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê*.

## DID YOU KNOW

Weighing from 3 to 6 tons and massively powerful, the African elephant is the planet's largest terrestrial mammal.

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# **(PRIVATE) CARNIVORE TRACKING**

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## THE EXPERIENCE

Whether they are hidden in the bush waiting for a prey or comfortably basking in the sun, African hunters are extraordinary wild animals. You will have the opportunity to track majestic felines on the *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê*, appreciate their wonder and gain true knowledge of their characteristics.

- From 2 to 7 people above 16 yo
- Mostly on game viewer
- Duration: 2,5 hours
- Drinks and snacks provided
- Times: 10h or 15h

## LEARN MORE

Contrary to lions, the leopard is a solitary animal mainly living in dense bush and riverine forest environments. Despite their remarkable adaptability, leopard populations are in steep decline across Africa and Asia. Like cheetahs, leopards very often come into conflict with human settlements in Namibia, as they prey on livestock. This sometimes results in them being brought to the safety of a sanctuary like the *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê*, where they no longer represent a threat for farmers. Take advantage of this tour to learn about the preventative measures implemented to prevent both livestock and carnivore deaths. With a bit of luck, you might spot some of our lions, leopards, cheetahs or African wild dogs

## DID YOU KNOW

Leopards have a life span of 14 to 19 years in the wild. They are good swimmers, and mainly nocturnal in habit.

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# CONSERVATION LEVY

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## LEARN MORE

A conservation levy could be added to support the vital and ongoing conservation work being done on the *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê*. Persecuted wild animals that caused human/wildlife conflicts find a second chance on our reserve. Flagship species like white rhinoceroses, elephants, lions, African wild dogs or cheetahs are continuously monitored and protected by dedicated teams of researchers and anti-poachers. Their research contributes to the understanding of territorial behaviour, carnivore hunting patterns, the risks associated therewith, ecology and so much more.

The conservation levy supports these costs and ensures the sustainability of the *Zannier Reserve* and ultimately ensures the survival of the species. Thank you in advance for your support.

Should you wish to donate to the *Zannier Reserve*:

<https://naankusefoundation.salsalabs.org/zannierreserve>

Please approach our reception team if you wish to participate in our Conservation Levy programme.

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## **BEHIND THE SCENES**

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This 5-hour excursion aims to show you the backstage of the *Zannier Reserve* by *N/a'an ku sê*. This Behind The Scenes excursion includes a tour of the *Shiloh Wildlife Sanctuary*, where you will discover the incredible work of passionate vets who are rescuing and taking care of endangered animals. A visit of the Research Center will get you the privilege of walking with cheetahs and with baboons. Your discovery of the actions undertaken by *N/a'an ku sê* will continue with the visit of the *Clever Cubs School*. The tour also features a visit to the anti-poaching unit, where you will get to meet special forces trained to protect the reserve and its natural resources.

- Non private tours up to 12 people
- Children welcomed
- On vehicle & on foot
- Duration: 5 hours
- Times: daily at 08h

### LEARN MORE

With the help of the *Jolie-Pitt Foundation* and in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, the *Shiloh Wildlife Sanctuary* became an internationally recognized model of animal conservation. It provides a safe haven for orphaned or injured rhinos or elephants and handles any kind of injury. These massive creatures can recuperate until they are strong enough to be returned to the wild. A 10-hectare soft release site within the reserve provides space for their rehabilitation, so they can adapt to their new surroundings before their release. As you can imagine, there should ideally be no animal in the facility. It might therefore happen that there will be no animal at the facility during your visit.

### DID YOU KNOW

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## **CARNIVORE FEEDING EXPERIENCE**

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## THE EXPERIENCE

During the course of this drive you will visit our senior baboons, caracals, lions, cheetahs, African wild dogs and leopards. Watch them being fed by our experienced guides and listen to their stories. The scenic route that takes you to our magnificent carnivores lends the opportunity of spotting some of the free-roaming reserve animals. This is not just a great way to learn about these amazing animals; it is also a unique up close photographic opportunity. A superb introduction to conservation and the work done by the *N/a'an ku sê Foundation*.

- Non private tours up to 12 people
- Exclusive tours from 1 to 6 people  
*Depending on availability*
- Children welcomed (3-12 years)
- Duration: 3 hours
- Times: daily at 10h or 15h
- Drinks and snacks provided
- On vehicle and on foot

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Each lion can devour up to around 25–43 kg of meat in a single meal per day. Much of this depends on a successful hunt, as well as the size of the lion and the killed prey. Contrary to popular belief, lions do not hunt every day, which means that they do not eat daily – if a troop of lions captures a huge prey, they will then no longer need to hunt or eat for the next few weeks.

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Habituated cheetahs have lost their fear of humans – a fear that is crucial in elevating their survival chances in the wild. For this reason, some of the magnificent spotted sprinters at *N/a'an ku sê* need to remain in captivity, having come to the sanctuary from various conflict situations at very young ages, requiring dedicated care to ensure their survival. The *N/a'an ku sê Foundation* aims to fully nurture and encourage their natural behaviour. Hence, the team is making sure that their captivity is resembling the life of their wild counterparts as closely as possible. Enjoy time with our habituated big cats, in the hands of an experienced and knowledgeable guide.

- Non private tours up to 12 people
  - Exclusive tours from 1 to 6 people  
*Depending on availability*
  - Children not allowed
- Duration: 1 hour
  - Times: daily at 08h
  - Mostly on foot

## LEARN MORE

Once the hunt has been successful, cheetahs are often exhausted. Therefore, they do not immediately sit down to eat as rest is a priority. As a result, cheetahs generally eat (only) 2.8 kg of meat per day. In fact, the prey they killed is often stolen by scavengers (hyenas, vultures, jackals...).

## DID YOU KNOW

25% of the wild cheetahs live in Namibia.  
90% of them live in the wild and are under threat.

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## **GUIDED NATURE WALK**

*Enjoy a guided walk experience through the bush*



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### THE EXPERIENCE

This 5 km guided walk is an excellent way to experience the veldt. Spot different bird species including African Hoopoe, Lilac Breasted Roller, Grey Go-Away-Bird, Kori Bustard and many more. You will most likely encounter warthogs, antelopes and black backed jackals along the way. Your experienced guide will share many stories and animal secrets.

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### DID YOU KNOW

At the *N/a'an ku sê Foundation*, each and every animal in need of a loving home is welcomed with open arms. You can support by adopting an animal — baboons, cheetahs, leopards, caracals, lions, wild dogs or sanctuary sweethearts. Adoption prices start at 1,550 NAD. The dedication of *N/A'an ku sê* staff ensures that the adopted animals live a life most suited to their natural behavior, while at the same time receiving the constant care and dedication that they deserve after their often tragic pasts.

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