



ZANNIER RESERVE

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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 caracals 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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## THE EXPERIENCE

Our experienced guides will take you with our well-equipped open vehicles around the pristine 9,600-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
  - Price: N\$ 1,400 per person
- Mostly on game viewer
  - Drinks and snacks provided

## 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, ostriches, black-backed jackals, warthogs, various antelopes (kudu, red hartebeest, steenbok, waterbuck, oryx, springbok), and many types of birds.

## DID YOU KNOW

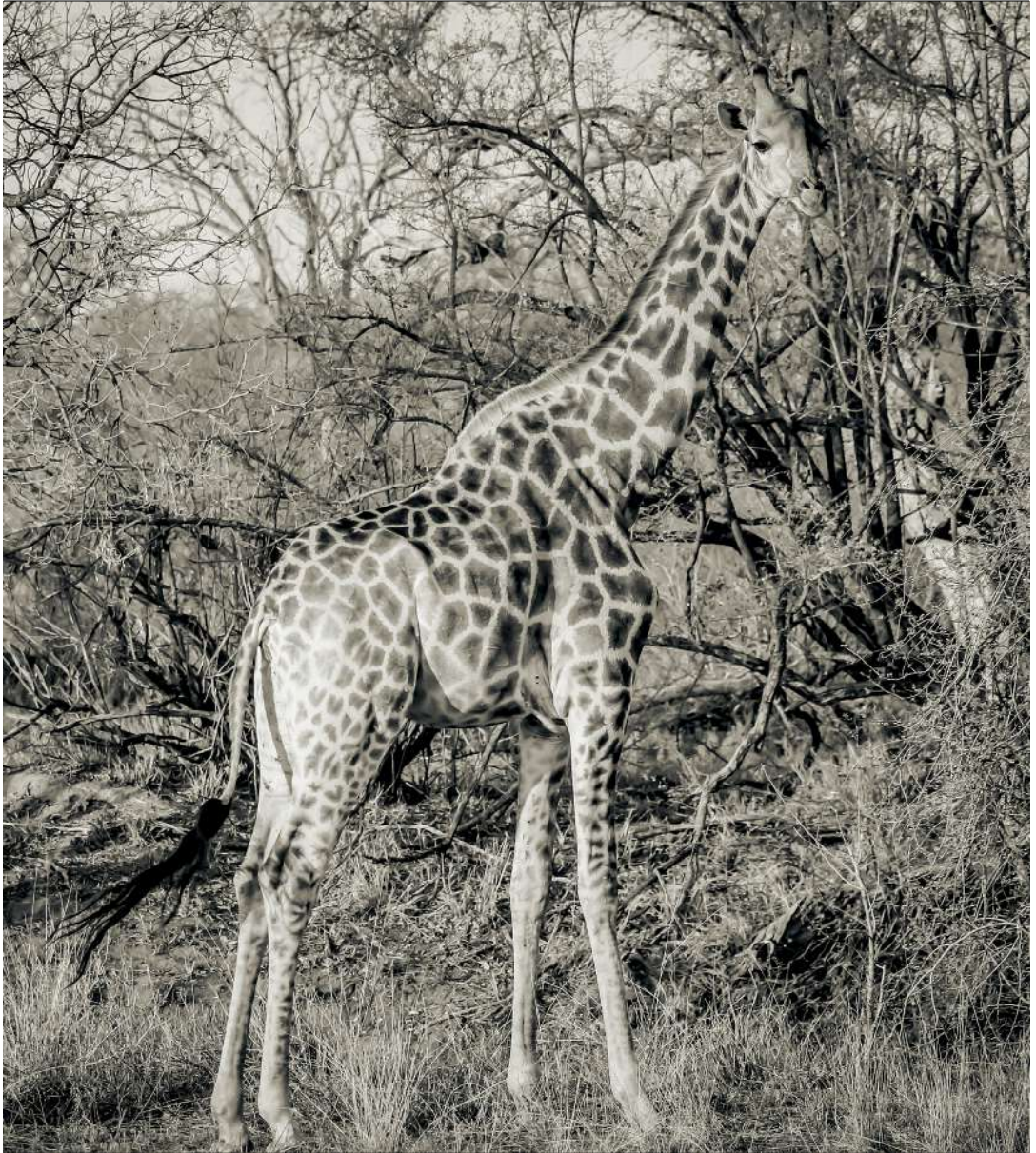
With approximately 2,4 million inhabitants, Namibia is the second least densely populated country in the world (after Mongolia).

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# PRIVATE SAVANNAH WATCH

*Experience the Savannah in a private vehicle*



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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 1 to 6 people
- Duration: 2,5 hours
- Price: N\$ 10,500 per vehicle
- Mostly on game viewer
- Drinks and snacks provided

## 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!

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## **RHINO TRACKING**

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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 6 people
- Mostly on game viewer
- Duration: 2,5 hours
- Drinks and snacks provided
- Price: N\$ 1,600 per person
- Times : daily upon prior booking

## 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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## **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 intelligent and compassionate 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 6 people
- Mostly on game viewer
- Duration: 2,5 hours
- Drinks and snacks provided
- Price: N\$ 1,600 per person
- Times : daily upon prior booking

## LEARN MORE

This tour aims at tracking elephants, observing these magnificent creatures and giving you an overview of its 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 two 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.

## 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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# 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 6 people above 16 yo
- Mostly on game viewer
- Duration: 2,5 hours
- Drinks and snacks provided
- Price: N\$ 1,600 per person
- Times : daily upon prior booking

## 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.

## 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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## **MEERKAT MANNERS**

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## THE EXPERIENCE

Spend the sunrise with meerkats, such incredible early-risers creatures, and witness how they go about their morning routine – basking in the sun and foraging for food. You will be amazed by the cuteness and ingenuity of these extremely social animals. Living in clans, these omnivore mammals follow a well-organized matriarchal structure. Meerkats hunt together, and regularly rotate duties (such as babysitting) to different members of the colony.

- From 2 to 6 people
  - Mostly on foot
  - Duration: 2,5 hours
- Price: N\$ 1,400 per person
  - Times : early morning
  - Drinks and snacks provided

## LEARN MORE

The *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê* is home to various meerkat colonies. Meerkats (also known as suricate) mainly live in deserts and grasslands' environments, across South Africa. Seriously cute, many of these wonderful creatures are raised by people as pets. Once they start biting the owners or their children, people usually want to get rid of them. At the *N/a'an ku sê Foundation*, Marlice van Vuuren very often finds a way to re-wild them and forms colonies that can be released back in the wonderful countryside. A great illustration of the tireless conservation efforts outputs and of successful wildlife reintroduction.

## DID YOU KNOW

Meerkats live underground in burrows to remain safe from hungry predators and out of the harsh African heat.

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## **BEHIND THE SCENES**

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### THE EXPERIENCE

Lead by Marlice van Vuuren, 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 persons
- Exclusive tours from 1 to 6 people
- Children welcomed
- On vehicle & on foot
- Non private: N\$ 2,000 per person
- Private: N\$ 14,000 per vehicle
- Duration: 5 hours
- Times: daily at 07h30

### 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

120 carnivores have been rescued and released in the wild by *N/a'an ku sê* in 10 years.

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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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