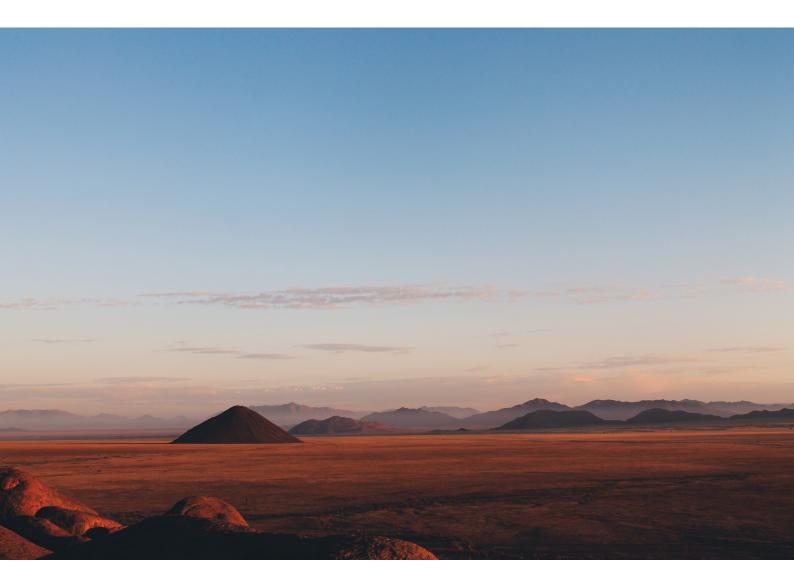




NAMIBIA PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR WITH ZANNIER HOTELS & LEICA AKADEMIE

18 NOVEMBER 2019 – 27 NOVEMBER 2019



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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Come explore and discover some of the most spectacular and untouched parts of Africa through an unforgettable journey through Namibia, led by professional Leica photographers and Zannier Hotels.

This adventure focused Namibian photo safari affords you the chance to experience this magnificent and memorable country in a very personal way. Accompanied by Tibo & Sebastien (Leica ambassadors) as well as experienced safari guides – they will enhance your enjoyment of this unique country by making it a fascinating and stress-free journey of discovery, photography and adventure, amidst very dramatic scenery.

From incredible landscapes, personal meetings with wildlife and conservation experts, and engaging with local ethnicities, this special trip is a unique opportunity to discover incredible Namibia all the while receiving personalized coaching from two expert photographers.

This is a very privileged immersion within the intimacy of two exclusive private reserves (owned by Zannier Hotels), that will allow you to return with the photographic reportage of your life.

Furthermore, Leica will allow you to embark on this trip with the Leica camera of your choice. In addition to this, the entire Leica range of cameras and sport optics (long lenses, binoculars) will be at your disposal during this trip.

- An intimate photography experience with a maximum of 10 people.
- Two professional Leica photographers at your entire disposal, alongside the Leica photographic equipment of your choice.
- Dedicated photography lessons, from shoot techniques all the way to photo editing.
- 9 nights all-inclusive luxury accommodation at the award-winning Zannier Hotels lodges,
 Omaanda and Sonop
- Discover sunrise and sunset at the world's tallest dunes for an exceptional photo experience, in complete luxury.
- Behind the scenes tour of a wildlife sanctuary + private tour of the research centre + meeting with wild life animals rescuers
- Unique stargazing in one of the world's rare international dark skies reserves
- Visit an authentic San tribe settlement and learn more about their culture, fire making, making bows and arrows, and tracking wildlife in the traditional way.
- Private game drives in private animal reserve
- A wide variety of complimentary activities, from horseback riding to nature walking tours
- All-inclusive fine dining fresh and local
- Two complimentary massage treatments at our spas



TRIP OVERVIEW

Together with Leica Akademie and two of their ambassadors, Zannier Hotels have crafted a unique 10-day trip that will take you across their two award-winning lodges in Namibia: Omaanda and Sonop.

Omaanda is a lodge at the heart of an exceptional animal conservancy reserve. Here, in addition to daily game drives where you will spot a large variety of animals, a full immersion into the inner workings of our animal conservancy will occur. This will allow you to be up close to some of the most impressive animals on the continent, such as leopards, elephants, rhino's and many more, as well as learn from numerous wildlife experts at a world-renowned reserve.

Furthermore, during your stay at Omaanda you will also have the opportunity to visit the San Bushmen in their traditional village and witness their ancient culture and traditions first hand. The San will show you plants they use for medicinal purposes, how they make fire and set traps, tell you how they hunt and regale you with stories, song and dance.

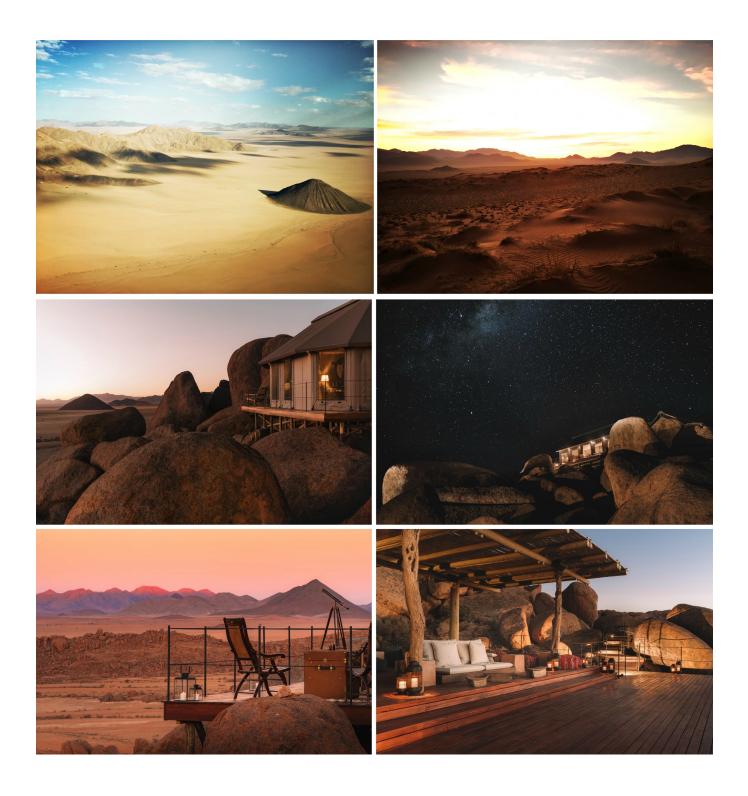
After Omaanda, you will travel South to the Namib desert, an extraordinary place that plays host to the most incredible sights you have ever seen. Here, you will stay at Sonop, a luxurious tented camp constructed on top of boulders, with 360 degree views of the surrounding desert landscape. During your stay, you'll explore the reserve on horseback, go on breath-taking nature walks, and depart on incredible adventures.

The highlight will be a sunrise visit to the dunes of Sossusvlei, the world's tallest. An extraordinary custom-made experience will await you there. Back at the lodge, you'll also witness and learn to photograph the milky way like never before. Sonop sits in one of the world's 11 dark sky reserves, meaning the sky is so clear you can see virtually all of the stars in the sky.

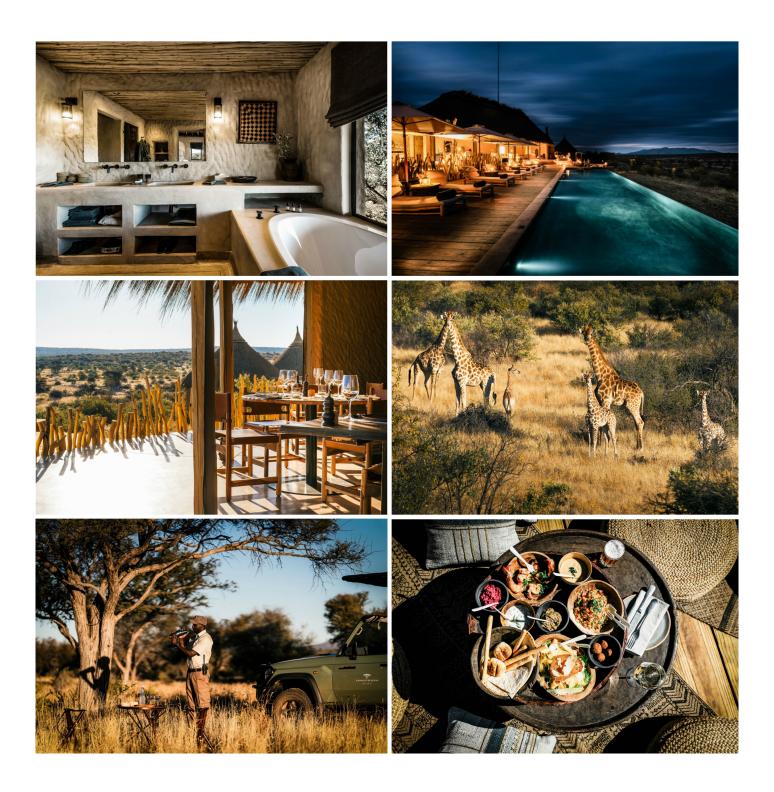
Beyond these experiences, Zannier Hotels have crafted a stay where every detail has been considered, from fresh and local cuisine to personalised massage treatments. No request is too great for our teams who will be happy to arrange any special requests.

The retreat takes a maximum of 10 guests for the perfect group experience, welcoming both beginners to advanced photographers.











DETAILED ITINERARY

— **Day 1:** Arrive in Windhoek International Airport anytime where a short car transfer (45mins) will take you to Omaanda, your accommodation for the next 4 nights.

This first part of the day will be spent at leisure. You can unwind from your travels by our infinity pool, or re-energise at our spa, where a complementary massage awaits you.

Come early evening, a game drive will be organised within our private reserve, 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, it is blessed with a great biodiversity of habitat and wildlife.

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. The evening drive will reveal the elusive beauty of the nocturnal savannah.

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

Back at the lodge, a fine dining experience will await you at our restaurant, Ambo Delights. This will be the case every other night as well.

— **Day 2:** After a refreshing first night in your luxurious traditional huts at Omaanda, we will embark on a behind the scenes discovery of the neighbouring wildlife sanctuary.

Led by Marlice van Vuuren (founder of the sanctuary), this full-day 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 priviledge 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 Shiloh Wildlife Sanctuary has become an internationally recognized model of animal conservation. It provides a safe haven for orphaned or injured animals. 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. We will also visit this space and come close to many animals.



— Day 3: Back in the reserve, 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.

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, we very often find a way to re-wild them and form colonies that can be released back in the wonderful countryside. A great illustration of the tireless conservation efforts and of successful wildlife reintroduction.

After returning to the lodge for some rest and relaxation, towards late afternoon we will embark on a special visit to a San Bushmen village visit. Here, you will witness their ancient culture and traditions first hand. The San will show you plants they use for medicinal purposes, how they make fire and set traps, take you along on one of their huts and regale you with stories, song and dance. This is a magical opportunity to connect with an ancient community who will show you their ancestral way of life.

Come evening, you will join the San Bushmen around their evening fire and listen to their traditional stories about the stars, animals, galaxies and the universe.

— **Day 4:** We will start the morning with a sunrise game drive. 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.

After a beautiful breakfast, the afternoon will then be spent at leisure for those who desire. For the more active, a guided walk will be organised within the reserve where we are likely to track a few animals.

Whether these are rhinos, elephants or carnivores, it will be an exhilarating afternoon where expert trackers will share insights into these animals' routines, behaviours, and or conservation efforts as well as the poaching issues we are fighting.

— **Day 5:** On day 5 we will embark on a morning transfer to Sonop lodge, a 5-hour scenic drive from Omaanda. The drive truly is special, and will allow you to witness the incredible breadth of landscape this country has to offer. The regions the drive will traverse are also some of the most isolated and least populated on earth, making it a truly unique experience.



There is also the option to fly to Sonop's private airstrip, however, at an extra cost. The afternoon at Sonop lodge will then be spent resting and relaxing, whether in our spa, by the pool, or through a leisurely activity such as a walk, or 4x4 reserve tour.

Come evening, a special meal under the stars and atop the Sonop dune will await you. Carefully chosen to allow for complete discretion and privacy, so that apart from the lanterns hanging from the ancient branches of the Acacia Eriloba to the side of you and the candelabra on the table, no other human-created light can be observed. The immense Galaxy above you sets the dramatic stage in its incredible intensity, from which your grand style safari table takes its lead. Your private Chef then takes you on an epicurean journey: four courses, inspired by the menu one would expect on an aristocratic African safari.

— **Day 6:** After a sunrise photo session from the lodges viewpoints, morning starts with a horseback ride across the reserve, with horses carefully selected from our very own stables. Guests who prefer can also follow along on electric fat-tire bikes.

As you embark on this unique riding experience at the breaking of the day, you soon realise that you are at one with the desert, interwoven intricately within the network of living and non-living elements that make up this vast landscape. Your horse, expertly led by your horse guide, takes you on one of our bespoke trails. Ascend the ridge of a red sand dune and walk its ridge, feeling the cool breeze in your face whilst you become one within the grand desert vista. Pause in wonder as the light and sun changes the patterns and colours of the plain below. Disembark your horse as your guide prepares and hands you a steaming cup of freshly-filtered single-origin aromatic African coffee, which helps you find your centre within this place, the most ancient desert in the World. Having refreshed both body and soul remount and follow your guide descending the dune, homeward bound into the ancient river course, interspersed with desert hardened ancient Acacia Erilobas, some festooned with the World's largest avian dwellings – the communal nests of the sociable weavers.

In the late afternoon / early evening, you will embark on a nature drive. Our sunset nature drive has been created to perfectly immerse you in the reawakening of infinite micro (and some macro) lifeforms, after their midday siesta. Our expert guides will demonstrate examples of careful yet ingenious energy-saving methods employed by some desert-dwelling perfectly-adapted inhabitants, leaving you with a glimpse into the colourful layer of understanding which makes a fragile ecosystem such as this so special and expertly evolved. Pausing often, alighting from your macro view seat onto the desert floor, you will experience a beetle-eye-view, enabling your full faculty of senses to create within you the deep understanding of what it means to successfully survive in a harsh environment such as this.

Stopping the vehicle at a carefully selected point as the shadows extend and envelope the watercolour-patchwork of the desert plains, you celebrate another passing day as it enters the night, rewarded by sipping on a dew-cold glass of Sauvignon Blanc or maybe a masterfully curated gin and tonic, whilst you eagerly await for the sun to kiss the horizon and the first of the celestial stars to appear.



Come night-time, a special astronomy discovery and photography session will take place. Tibo and Sebastien will teach you the difficult skill of mastering night photography in arguable the darkest sky on our planet, while Brian, Sonop's General Manager and passionate astronomer, will share his in depth knowledge of our wider universe. Sonop is situated within one of the world's only 11 dark sky associations, where the sky is so clear that the stars and the milky way is more defined than anywhere else. A truly unique and life-changing experience.

— **Day 7:** Today is the day we explore the beautiful Namib Desert area, including the largest dunes in the world at Sossusvlei, with a champagne breakfast!

Departing camp at dawn, to arrive at the oldest and largest sand dunes on earth within the "golden time" just after sunrise, makes the inconvenience of the early start a distant memory.

After a short and seamless transition, you enter the Namib Naukluft Park, home to both Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Your breath is sure to catch as you become immersed in the beauty and enormity of the rich-red dunes, with the younger and lighter taupe-yellow coloured sand merging from their base on either side of the road. Your eyes are unable to savor the sights quickly enough, as your mind attempts to satisfy your insatiable thirst for this incomparable beauty. After a short while, your guide will come to a stop and invite you out of your comfortable vehicle and you are able to stand in awe, as you face an enormous languishing ochre sand dune.

Walking with your guide you begin your pilgrimage up the snaking razorback. Slow steady small strides are the order of the day. This is not a race but a journey of discovery, a life-enriching passage. The photos you take here will last a lifetime.

Upon return to the base and after a short journey your guide will stop in a carefully chosen spot, allowing for rest, recuperation and the natural beauty of your surrounds to continue to wash over you. A shaded shelter, table, safari chairs, linens and all the table adornments synonymous with the superior standard and level you have become accustomed to at Sonop, appear from the luxury full-size 4WD almost miraculously. A feast awaits you!

You will then make your way to Deadvlei and the 'Big Daddy' dune, the other highlight of the day. Deadvlei is a clay pan characterized by dark, dead camel thorn trees contrasted against the white pan floor. The pan was formed when the Tsauchab River flooded and the abundance of water allowed camel thorn trees to grow. However, the climate changed and the sand dunes encroached on the pan, blocking the river from reaching the area. The trees are estimated to be approximately 900 years old, however they have not decomposed due to the dry climate.

Deadvlei is a paradise for photographers as the contrast between the pitch-black trees and bleached-white pans, and the rusty-red dunes and deep blue sky make for incredible images.



Upon return to Sonop and after dinner and some rest, the day will then be concluded by an outdoor cinema experience by our infinity pool.

— **Day 8:** The day will start with a special breakfast atop the Sonop dunes where you will enjoy a delightful meal.

After a leisurely wake-up, you'll depart camp with your guide on an informative journey following a desert track, hemmed between an ancient riverbed on the left and a long red-sand yellow-grass dune on your right. After watching the microlife shake themselves awake with the warming sun, your guide will stop the vehicle and show you the way as you ascend the dune to the top. Turn a full sweep at the apex of the dune in awe, as you drink in an elevated and unimpeded 360° panoramic view of the desert plains, dune and mountains beyond.

Amble a little while further, being exposed to and immersed in the dune ecosystem, which differs from that of the plains... and then, perfectly yet discretely placed with crisply starched linens, napery, silverware and crystal glassware under the bough of an age-gnarled desert Camelthorn Acacia, your breakfast setting awaits you. Your personal Chef awaits to prepare a range of fare, 'à la minute', that would befit an aristocratic luxury 1920 safari. No breakfast of this nature would be complete without freshly squeezed orange juice and a bottle of desert-dry Brut champagne. A uniquely desert gastronomic experience.

The rest of the day will then be spent at leisure, most likely poolside enjoying the beautiful summer weather. For the more adventurous, a hike, bike/horse ride, or a nature drive will be organised.

— Day 9: To prepare for the transfer back to Omaanda lodge later in the morning, a group yoga activity is organised to soak up the desert vibes. Gather before the breaking of the new day and follow the lead of our specialised Sonop yoga instructor. Routines are designed with the novice in mind, to ensure broad base participation and appeal. Connect with your inner-state as you move through several poses, feeling the light, warmth and freedom of the desert become synonymous with your being

After a hearty breakfast, we then embark on a 5-hour scenic drive from Sonop. There is also the option to fly to back to Windhoek at extra cost.

The afternoon is then spent at leisure at Omaanda, although guests will have the opportunity to embark on a late afternoon/evening game drive should they wish to.

We will then celebrate this wonderful trip, the memories forged and the unique photographs created through an authentic Namibian dinner at our restaurant, Ambo delights.

— **Day 10:** At your best convenience, private transfer to the airport from Omaanda (45mins) will be organised.



NOTE: Trip can easily be extended prior/after the retreat upon request.

MAP



ZANNIER HOTELS EXPERIENCE

Zannier Hotels are at one with nature and the local environment, offering guests a completely immersive experience all the while indulging in ultimate relaxation.

Both lodges you will stay at are the finest in the country. Both offer infinity pools, a spa with treatment rooms, as well as a bar and fine dining restaurant.

Our aim is to offer total comfort, in discretion and elegance, while preserving the purity of the space.



OMAANDA LODGE







Omaanda is a five-star lodge set within the Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku se, an incredible private animal conservation reserve of 9000 hectares near Windhoek. Overlooking the boundless savannah, the camp offers 10 comfortable round thatched huts, paying tribute to the traditional architecture of Owambo. It also features a restaurant and a cozy bar, overlooking an infinity pool. A spa and a boma complete the camp facilities, offering relaxation and a typically local place to meet and mingle by the fire.

Experience a wild luxury retreat at Omaanda and savour an unforgettable journey with an all-inclusive package.

- **LOCATION:** A village of ten exceptional huts in the African savannah and offering an amazing 360-degree view over the plains
- **ACCOMODATION:** 60sqm interior, 20sqm private terrace with seating area. All huts offer a bathroom with separate toilet, walk in shower, double sink and a large bathtub with a view. The bedroom has a king-size bed and a walk-in dressing room, an open fire place and a private terrace. Every hut at Omaanda has a flat screen television, free Wi-Fi, an integrated sound system, a safe, a minibar, and is equipped with an air conditioning system.
- FOOD & BEVERAGE: Our aim is to promote the use of local and sustainable produce. For breakfast, expect fresh juices and fruit, home-made breads, health bowls, eggs, vegetables and much more. Lunch is mezze-style sharing plates and copious salads.

Every evening, a refined 4-course menu is offered, including an amuse bouche, and the option of meat, fish or vegetarian/vegan dishes.

Our team of passionate chefs will be happy to arrange anything you'd like, and, of course, can accommodate any particular diets or nutritional requirements.

- SPA: A heated swimming pool and two double spa treatment rooms.
- WEBSITE: www.omaanda.com
- VIDEO: https://youtu.be/AAwk0V7 bMk



SONOP LODGE







Sonop is a luxurious tented camp nestled at the Southern extremity of the Namib desert, in the Karas region (Namibia). This out-of-the-ordinary lodge offers a perfect retreat in a stunning panoramic desert landscape. Constructed on top of boulders, the ten spacious tents offer exceptional views of the surrounding desert.

At Sonop everything is orientated towards the desert's richness: all views are awe-inspiring and a large list of adventures will allow you to admire the desert's genuine beauty at leisure. Flawless service and attention to detail characterize all facilities of the camp. Sonop also offers a spa, a fitness centre and heated outdoor infinity pool with jaw-dropping unimpeded views over the desert and the tents in the distance. A vast selection of complimentary activities will be on offer, as well as an exceptional visit to the world's tallest dunes at Sossusvlei, a short drive away.

- LOCATION: A unit of ten tents set onto rocks, in the middle of the Namibian desert
- ACCOMODATION: 42sqm interior, All tents offer several roll-up canvas openings with panoramic views, a large bedroom and a separate bathroom with double sink and a large bathtub combined with a rain shower. The bedroom features a four-poster bed with king-size mattress, a distinct living area with comfortable armchairs, a desk and a telescope to view the distant surroundings. Every tent at Sonop is equipped with free Wi-Fi, a Nespresso machine, kettle, safe, air conditioning system, heating and a docking station. The lodge's energy supply relies entirely on solar panels.
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- SPA: Heated outdoor infinity pool, gym and spa with two double treatment rooms
- WEBSITE: www.sonop.com



YOUR INSTRUCTORS - TIBO & SEBASTIEN

"We will be sharing everything we know about photography and offering participants the chance to learn first-hand from us while exploring this fairy-tale destination. We are extremely excited to guide this intimate group of people in what may be the most idyllic photography destination on this planet. Being such a small group will allow us to connect on a deep level with each and every one of you. On top of this, Zannier Hotels are the ideal place to create a deep connection with nature and the local environment so as to come back with the photographic reportage of your life". — Tibo & Sébastien.

After 15 years of award-winning photography work around the world for prestigious publications such as National Geographic, Grand Reportage and Geo, Tibo Dhermy has been supporting numerous brands in their storytelling and photographic identity for the past ten years. A Leica ambassador since 2015, Tibo organizes masterclasses limited to 7 people to transmit his knowledge and share his countless experiences. Tibo has a lot of fun helping photography enthusiasts discover and express their talents. During this trip, he will share his extensive knowledge of travel, landscape and nature photography.

Sébastien Tavares Gomes is a professional photographer to whom many brands and international institutions regularly resort to for photo shoots. However, passing on his knowledge and experience of photography to amateurs who are keen to change and develop their photographic practice is his main passion. His approach is very concrete and touches all aspects of photography, from shooting techniques all the way to image processing and editing. An excellent teacher, he confronts the essential theoretical bases of photography with a practice essentially focused on the field work.

Both Tibo and Sebastien speak fluent English and French.

Find out more about Tibo on his website http://tibo.org/ and Sébastien on https://www.tavaresgomes.com/
For any questions, you can contact them at tibo@dhermy.org and tavaresgomes@me.com



RATES

€7,750 per person sharing a room.

€8,900 for single person rate.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Everything you may need or expect (and more) during your stay is included. However, a very select number of items, such as additional massage treatments and air transfers (in place of the included road transfers) will be at an extra cost and are not included.

- Luxury accommodation (incl. VAT, Tourism Levy) at Omaanda and Sonop, Zannier Hotels as described above, for a total of 9 nights.
- Full board: All food and beverages included, (except premium liquors and champagne). The cuisine is refined, fresh, and where possible organic and local. Many have described our restaurants as some of the best in the country!
- All transfers (1) Transfers to and from Windhoek (WDH) International Airport and (2)
 Transfers by road between both lodges (air transfers at extra cost) in luxury 4x4's.
- Two professional Leica photographers at your entire disposal, alongside the Leica photographic equipment of your choice. In addition to this, the entire Leica range of cameras and sport optics (long lenses, binoculars) will be at your disposal during this trip.
- Two complimentary 60-minute spa treatments per adult per stay
- At Omaanda, twice daily non- private excursions on a game viewer to admire the beauty of a Namibian sunrise and sunset, as well as group walking tours as outlined above.
- Behind the scenes tour of wildlife sanctuary with founder and get up close to animals such as cheetahs
- A special visit to a San Bushmen village visit. Here, you will witness their ancient culture and traditions first hand.
- At Sonop, experiences include twice daily Nature Drives, Electric Biking, Walking Trails, Horse Riding, Outdoor Cinema, and the Astronomy Experience
- A special meal under the stars atop the Sonop dunes, a breakfast atop the dunes.
- Private Sossusvlei dunes experience at sunrise, with private chef.
- 3 pieces of laundry per person per day
- A surprise welcome package with many gifts!



WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- International flights to Namibia and related airport taxes.
- Personal travel insurance
- Premium liquors and champagne
- Visa fees (if needed)
- Optional Air transfer between both lodges
- Optional activities not included in the above

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please arrive anytime on November 18th at the latest. We can also easily arrange for longer stays, both before and after stated days. Departure on November 27th is at your best convenience.

Guests must be a minimum of 18 years old to participate.

Guests are free to engage in leisurely activities within the hotel grounds instead of those prescribed above should they wish to, however they will not be entitled for 're-imbursements' should they decide not to attend one or more activities as described in this document.

The outlined schedule is subject to slight changes. It is likely that one or two activities will occur at a different time, however all activities outlined above will occur.

A 30% deposit of the total booking amount is required at the time of booking. The remaining 70% is due 2 months prior to arrival.

Cancellation and full reimbursement is possible up until 89 days prior to arrival, as per our standard policy.

A maximum of 10 guests, with all photography skill levels welcome.

For more info about the trip or to book, contact adevaucleroy@zannier.com / +32493964288.