



# *A Victorian Safari*

*Step back in time to discover the dramatic landscape of the Namib with the opening of Zannier Hotels Sonop Lodge.*

With spectacular views of the endless desert landscape, rugged mountain horizon and antelope that wander nearby, the elegant Zannier Hotels Sonop Lodge is the perfect setting to experience the stunning wilderness of the ancient Namib Desert. Nestled in the heart of the desert, 120 km from iconic Deadvlei, the Victorian-safari inspired lodge sits perched on a hill of monolithic boulders, spread out amongst the rocks and cradled between rocky mountain outcrops.

This distinctive property is the newest addition to Zannier Hotels, a group of exceptional establishments in unique locations in France, Cambodia, Belgium and Vietnam. With a dedicated spa, modern amenities, magnificent attention to detail and interesting Victorian antiques scattered throughout the lodge, the group's second Namibian property offers a truly luxurious experience, yet is characterised by its immersion in the natural environment.

All of the ten tents are designed to complement the property's serene setting and breathtaking mountain views, best enjoyed at the heated pool overlooking the golden grassland or from the elegant cigar lounge in the warm glow of sunset. Horseback rides, e-mountain biking, two scenic drives, an astronomy experience, group yoga and an open-air

cinema are activities included in the stay. Spend a luxurious day at iconic Sossusvlei or float above the desert dunes in a hot-air balloon. Scenic drives to secluded spots reveal the endless unblemished environment, with no man-made structures in sight. Enjoy your breakfast in the company of a quiver tree far from the lodge, watching the first rays of the day dapple the hilltops.

Guests who prefer a little indulgence can try signature treatments at the tranquil spa, inspired by the desert and using the luxurious local Myrrh oil, Mbiri, harvested by Namibia's nomadic Himba people. Or simply enjoy a glass of wine from the excellent biodynamic wine list made up of labels from well-known South African wine regions, as well as from Domaines Roger Zannier. Sit down to a decadent silver service dinner, sipping from delicate crystal glassware with glowing chandeliers overhead.

A stay at the Zannier Hotels Sonop Lodge isn't just an experience of yesteryear's luxury, but an ode to the opulent beauty of the Namib Desert. **TNN**

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