

ZANNIER HOTELS PRESENTS ZANNIER RESERVE BY N/A'AN KU SÊ: A NATURE RESERVE OF OVER 9,000 HECTARES RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE NAMIBIAN SAVANNAH

In 2016, Zannier Hotels partnered with the Namibian N/a'an ku sê Foundation to create an immense nature reserve. Today, the Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê ensures the preservation of the local natural wealth and the durability of the wild life. The Omaanda lodge is a collection of traditional but prestigious round thatched huts lying in the middle of the 9,000-hectare nature reserve, thus giving guests the matchless opportunity of experiencing the majestic beauty of this site in discrete and exceptional luxury.



A providential encounter

The story of the Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê can be read like a novel. It is the story of an unexpected encounter between the founder of Zannier Hotels, Arnaud Zannier, with his very unique and personal vision of the luxury hospitality, and an international celebrity, globally recognized and appreciated, not only for her talent but also for her commitment to worthy causes. When in 2015 Angelina Jolie discovers Phum Baitang, the Cambodian resort of Zannier Hotels, she did not hesitate to share with Arnaud Zannier the initiative, some 10,000 km away in the Namibian savannah, begun by her close friends, doctor Rudie Van Vuuren and his wife Marlice. Some years



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location.

before, the couple had become involved in the reintroduction and protection of wild life in an enormous domain that had previously been set aside for cattle breeding. Rudie and Marlice founded on it a wildlife sanctuary where injured or abandoned wild animals could be cared for and protected. Zannier Hotels was enchanted by the unexpected and unique challenge presented by this project: contributing to the regeneration of this exceptional natural environment in a 9,000-hectare reserve and making it a habitable

A multi-faceted nature reserve

The *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê* lies on the Khomas Hochland plateau, with a magnificent mountain range as a backdrop. It is characterised by its vast diversity of landscapes: hills and valleys, vast plains and an enormous lake surrounded by vegetation and African bush.

The reserve owes its creation to the incredible determination and vision of its creators: to actively contribute to the conservation of the flora and fauna, to protect biodiversity and to fight the extinction of threatened species. Lead by a research of authenticity and a genuine dedication for preserving and sharing natural beauty, *Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê* aims to be the custodian of a fragile environment at the gates of the expending capital.

The relocation and reintroduction of endemic species such as rhinos, elephants or caracals are great examples of this vast reserve's missions. The aim is to create an environment where native flora and fauna are regulated, to ensure the preservation of the reserve's natural life cycle and to provide refuge for endangered animals.

Indeed, the natural configuration of the reserve provides all the necessary elements to regenerate an ideal ecosystem and ensure the survival of endemic flora and fauna. In the *Shiloh Wildlife Sanctuary*, wild animals such as rhinos or elephants are treated under optimal conditions. Within the walls of the tenhectare sanctuary, the animals can convalesce in a way





that will enable most of them to be reintegrated back into the nature reserve. It is equipped with the most up-to-date technology and can offer effective protection against poaching; thus providing protection to endangered species. This gloriously rich sanctuary of fauna and flora is also an ideal environment for research, particularly those focussed on human vs wildlife conflict resolution.

Excursions and unique experiences

The Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê is home to the most emblematic wildlife of Africa: giraffes, warthogs, a wide variety of antelopes, ostriches, jackals... all live side by side. Rivers and water sources draw a large number of birds of all species, making it an ornithological paradise. Besides, leopards, baboons, rhinoceroses, elephants and cheetahs are also an integral part of the wild local environment.

To really offer a complete immersive experience of the reserve to visitors, including guests staying at the Omaanda lodge, various excursions and safaris are organised. Yet again, the overriding feeling is one of absolute unique and matchless wonder.



Besides traditional game drives, some of the outings on offer are:



- the Full Carnivore Feeding Tour led by experienced guides,
- the encounter with a San tribe and the discovery of the Ancient San Skills Academy,
- the Caracal Walk, following the tracks of this superb animal in its natural environment,
- the Pedestrian Rhino Tracking, to seek out this iconic creature,
- the guided visit of the awe-inspiring animal clinic,
- and numerous other personalised excursions, safaris and spectacular walks.

Programmes are personalised according to the guests' thirst for adventure, always maintaining a deep respect for the natural environment and local traditions, so each expedition becomes an unforgettable, individual and magical experience.

Omaanda



Nestled in this glorious reserve, the <u>Omaanda lodge</u> melds into the background while offering a spectacular 360-degree view over the African savannah. Guests can stay right in the heart of this reserve in luxurious yet wild retreat. The village is equipped in the highest quality, a contemporary comfort that is unique to the Zannier Hotels' mind-set. It genuinely integrates into the majestic natural décor inspired by the Owambo traditions.



From the savannah to the desert, from the mountains to the rice fields, Zannier Hotels suceeds like no other to conserve and enhance the special atmosphere of a place. Each jewel of this exceptional hotel collection is bound by immutable values that they burn into each new creation: purity of the site, untainted and authentic charm, discrete elegance, deep respect for tradition, search for timelessness, quality of service that is both homely and flawless – all these are the qualities that give the stamp of nobility to the Zannier Hotels' collection.

Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê - In brief

- 9,000-hectares nature reserve in the heart of the Namibian savannah
- All the most typical flora and fauna of Namibia in one reserve
- A wildlife sanctuary for injured and abandoned wild animals
- Ultra-modern technology to fight poaching and protect endangered species
- Numerous excursions, safaris and unforgettable outings
- Omaanda, a quiet, luxurious and authentic retreat with 360° views