



## ZANNIER HOTELS: A NEW AND WONDERFUL ADVENTURE BEGINS IN NAMIBIA

Arnaud Zannier, the innovative creator of Zannier Hotels, is not resting on his laurels. His attention most recently drawn to Namibia where his newest creations will soon open their doors to guests. Zannier Hotels will open two resorts which perfectly embody the criteria of exceptional character: this July a brand new lodge (Omaanda) in the savannah and later in the year a camp composed of tents (Sonop) in the Namib desert. In Namibia, as elsewhere, Zannier Hotels is guided by the same philosophy: magnify the timeless quality of a location in discrete sophistication while maintaining the highest respect for the natural environment and local traditions. And all done to the greatest satisfaction of its guests...

### A collection of huts nestled in the savannah

Omaanda (meaning rhinoceros in Oshiwambo) owes its name to its exceptional location, in the



heart of a private animal reserve, the Zannier Reserve by N/a'an ku sê. Lying on some 9,000 hectares in the savannah near the capital city of Windhoek, this vast, soberly luxurious and yet completely unique site will offer guests an exquisitely peaceful sojourn surrounded by the natural beauty of the area. The lodge is composed of ten luxury huts inspired by traditional Ovambo architecture. This ethnic local majority is known for its secular and sober know-how inspired by and yet respectful of the environment that surrounds it.

Thanks to Omaanda, Zannier Hotels will offer, as from July 1<sup>st</sup>, a unique experience and comfort level in a country where the luxury hotel industry is still in its birthing phase.

Omaanda will invite its guests to return for a short while to the source of life and experience nature at its wildest. The tranquillity and the isolation, the fauna and flora, the pure and wild beauty of the landscape stretching as far as the eye can see, will make this destination unforgettable – a timeless break suspended in rich authenticity.

## An encounter leading from Cambodia to Namibia

The story of Omaanda, the fourth realisation of Zannier Hotels that will see the light of day in Summer 2018, reads like the newest sequel in an epic story of unbelievable journeys. It is the story of an encounter between Arnaud Zannier, an entrepreneur with a very unique and personal vision of luxury hospitality and Angelina Jolie, an internationally famous artist, loved for her engagement as well as her talent. When she came across Phum Baitang, she was blown away and recounted to its creator the existence of another place – more than 10,000 km away – lying in a glorious natural setting that should be preserved and cherished in the same way that had been done in the Cambodian resort.

This superb adventure imagined by Zannier Hotels goes also through Le Chalet in France and 1898 The Post in Belgium, and will soon write a new chapter in Vietnam. The landscapes follow on one from the other without ever being the same. And yet the master craftsmen of this exceptional collection are 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 values that are integral to the character of Zannier Hotels and lend the group that ‘je ne sais quoi’ of nobility.

## Zannier Reserve by N/a’an ku sê

Omaanda, the latest jewel from Zannier Hotels’ imagination, lies in the heart of an immense nature reserve bought by the Zannier family in 2016, in collaboration with the N/a’an ku sê foundation. Native of Namibia, Rudie van Vuuren and his wife Marlice have made it their life’s mission to preserve and protect the savage beauty that is intrinsic to this country. It was here that they decided to create their foundation. N/a’an ku sê strives to sustain the preservation of natural spaces – a conservation mission that is perfectly in line with the values of the Zannier Reserve. In the heart of this gigantic reserve can be found a gloriously rich sanctuary of fauna and flora. Rudie and Marlice have set up a hospital for injured or abandoned rhinoceroses and elephants, funded by the Jolie-Pitt Foundation. The aim of the hospital is to raise awareness and to educate the planet on the need to support and to preserve the wild world.

## Local traditions, timeless journey

The Omaanda lodge offers a 360-degree view over the African plains and savannah. The village has been naturally transformed into a luxurious wild retreat boasting contemporary comfort of the highest quality and the trademark of Zannier Hotels, and yet naturally blending into the décor inspired by the Ovambo traditions. This is how Zannier Hotels successfully manages to maintain and preserve this particular atmosphere, from the savannah to the city centre & from the mountain to the rice fields...



In an echo of Namibian traditions, the village is surrounded by a wooden fence called the 'kraal'. The 'boma' is the beating heart of Omaanda where guests can come together as did the local tribes, and is an ode to local tradition. The site was created with a profound sense of respect for ancestral architectural techniques: the rounded walls of each room are built using natural clay covering a basic sandbag structure. Each hut is covered with a roof of hand finished thatch. The decoration of each hut is composed of antique pieces coming from Namibia or neighbouring countries. The predominance of curves, straight and pure lines, the omnipresence of different shapes of wood, the warm colour schemes evoking earth and nature all give Omaanda a particularly welcoming and relaxing atmosphere.

### The unique experience of tremendous landscapes



To preserve its charm and peacefulness, and to help the site melt seamlessly into the surrounding background, the lodge is composed of ten huts (eight of 60 sqm with a double room and two of 120 sqm with two double rooms and a living room). All the huts are equipped in the greatest comfort. From their large private terrace, guests can enjoy the superb views stretching to the distant mountains. This breath-taking show lives like an ode to natural and timeless beauty.

Morning, midday and evening, the restaurant, set in a welcoming decor, offers a cuisine inspired by the best local products. An enormous open fire adds a particular charm to the atmosphere. Live cooking simply increases the impression of sharing. The cuisine on offer is substantial with wonderfully generous pieces of 'game meat'.

A bar can be found on the edge of the swimming pool. Guests can relax there and keep refreshed throughout the day. There is another refined and cosy bar that guests will enjoy as the ideal spot to begin or to end the evening. There is also a spa made up of two double rooms and offering several different treatments, a boutique and a heated pool overlooking the savannah and offering guests the opportunity to relax during the day in a calming atmosphere that will give free reign to the mind.

Numerous excursions and safaris included in the services offered at the resort make a change between adventure and rest. This is yet one more unique and incredible experience. The programmes are made to measure for guests, according to their taste for discovery and exploration. Each excursion becomes a unique, different and utterly magical experience.

Omaanda, the most recent zest in the offerings of Zannier Hotels, allows guests once more the opportunity to sink into the ultimate comfort, the authenticity and the charm of a country, its natural environment and its civilisation.

### Sonop, a resort in the Namibian desert

The Namibian adventure of Zannier Hotels has only just begun. Before the end of 2018, another lodge will see the light of day. Perched on top of a group of boulders, in the middle of the desert, some ten luxury tents will offer a stay that will ideally match the surroundings, in a spirit of British colonialism. Located one and a half hours by plane and a few hours by car from Omaanda, Sonop will prove itself to be a new haven of peace and rest, a contrast of surprising sophistication with the powerful surrounding environment offered by this new pearl in the Zannier Hotels' crown.

### Omaanda in brief

- **NAME:** Omaanda
- **LOCATION:** a village of ten exceptional huts in the African savannah and offering an amazing 360-degree view over the plains
- **ADDRESS:** Omaanda Lodge, Farm n° 78, Rest of Ondekaremba Farm, Kapps Farm, Windhoek East, Windhoek (Namibia)
- **FOOD & BEVERAGE:** a restaurant offering a pleasant range of locally inspired food and two bars
- **SPA:** a heated swimming pool and two double spa treatment rooms
- **ARCHITECTURE & INTERIOR DESIGN:** *“An architecture blending with the simplicity and vastness of the surrounding landscape, echoing the Namibian roots and in harmony with the nature, to inspire both tranquillity and serenity and create moments to remember.”*  
Géraldine Dohogne, Interior Designer
- **RATES:** from €650 per person per night full board
- **WEB:** [www.zannierhotels.com/omaanda](http://www.zannierhotels.com/omaanda)