

Share in the spirit – N/a'an ku sê Lodge Activities 2018

Share in our ethics

Welcome to N/a'an ku sê Lodge and Wildlife Sanctuary – a place of peace and a second chance for so many animal species.

The N/a'an ku sê Foundation is home to several cheetahs and other magnificent carnivores that can never be released back into the wilds of Namibia, due to being human imprinted – a factor that would



significantly reduce their survival chances in the wild.

The reasons for them being human imprinted are manifold – many were kept as pets or came to N/a'an ku sê as cubs orphaned at birth.



At N/a'an ku sê we have a clear policy that does not allow the petting nor touching of any of the cheetahs or caracals during walks, and that any pictures taken should be of the animals ONLY. This of course also encompasses the taking of "selfies" with the animals – extremely tempting, but detrimental to the ethics of the N/a'an ku sê Foundation.

Images of humans together with wild animals, no matter how habituated those animals may be, promotes that which 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.

Failure to comply with our **NO HUMANS IN PHOTOGRAPHS WITH CHEETAHS OR OTHER CARNIVORES** policy WILL result in the activity being immediately stopped!

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Let us show you the best of N/a'an ku sê. Our professional guides are not only highly experienced, but love bringing the N/a'an ku sê story to life. Join them on an immersive activity and really get to grips with the N/a'an ku sê vision.

If you are staying at N/a'an ku sê Lodge, speak to the lodge reception to pre-book an activity. And if enjoying a day visit to N/a'an ku sê, please head to our vibrant Activity Centre (clearly sign posted) to join the tours:

Full Carnivore Feeding Tour:



During the course of this drive you will visit our senior baboons, caracals, lions, cheetahs, African wild dogs and leopards. Watch them being fed by our experienced guides and listen to their stories. The scenic route that takes you to our magnificent carnivores lends the opportunity of spotting some of the free-roaming reserve animals. This is not just a great way to learn about these amazing animals, it is also a unique up close photographic opportunity. A superb introduction to conservation and the work we do here at N/a'an ku sê.

When:

Daily at 10:00 or at 15:00

Where:

Departure from the Activity Centre (in-house lodge guests will depart from the lodge 15 minutes prior to tour begin)

Cost:

N\$590 per person, N\$295 per child older than 3, younger than 12, Child 0-3 free

Duration:

2 ½ - 3 hours

Minimum participants: 1



Ancient San Skills Academy:



This academy is a joint venture between the N/a'an ku sê Foundation and the Nyae Nyae Conservancy. It aims to serve as a reciprocal training venture where visiting San groups from the Nyae Nyae Conservancy stay at N/a'an ku sê to display their cultural heritage and skills to visitors.

Take 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.

- When: Daily at 10:00 and again at 15:00
Where: Departure from the Activity Centre (in-house lodge guests will depart from the lodge 15 minutes prior to tour begin)
Cost: N\$590 per adult, N\$295 per child older than 3, younger than 12
Duration: Minimum 1 hour
Minimum participants: 2 (Children welcome)



Guided Nature Walk:



This 5km guided walk is an excellent way to experience the veldt. Spot different bird species including African Hoopoe, Lilac Breasted Roller, Grey Go-Away-Bird, Kori Bustard and many more. You will most likely encounter warthogs, antelope and black backed jackal along the way.

- When: 16:00 or on arrangement
Where: **Departure from the lodge only**
Cost: N\$ 300.00 per adult, N\$150.00 per child older than 3, younger than 12
Duration: 1 – 1½ hours
Level of fitness: Average
Minimum participants: 1

Ancient San Stories under the Stars:

Join the traditional San Bushmen under Namibia's starry skies. Your guide will take you to the N/a'an ku se Ancient San Skills Academy, where you will join the San around their evening fire and listen to stories and tales about the stars, animals, galaxies and the universe. Traditional dancing and singing will add to the revelry. This is a great way to experience the Namibian bush at night and share in the San's traditions.



- When: 19h15
Where: **Departure from the lodge only**
Cost: N\$300.00 per person, N\$150.00 per child
Duration: min 1 – 2 hours
Minimum participants: 2 (Children welcome)

Caracal Walk:

Take a walk with our habituated caracal and our guides. During this walk you will get to see how these animals behave in the wild, stalking birds and small mammals as they regain their natural instincts and hone their hunting skills. You will also experience the serenity of the Namibian veld and no doubt be accompanied by a wide variety of bird species.



When: 08:00 Daily

Where: Departure from the Activity Centre (in-house lodge guests will depart from the lodge 15 minutes prior to tour begin)

Cost: N\$590 per person, NO CHILDREN

Duration: 1 – 1½ hours

Minimum participants: 1

Behind the Scenes with Marlice van Vuuren:



Follow in Marlice's footsteps and get an intimate view of the workings of a wildlife reserve and sanctuary. On this in-depth activity you will gain insight into the real N/a'an ku sê world and the inner workings of sanctuary life and the myriad of animal species currently being cared for. Enter the riveting world of research carried out at N/a'an ku sê, and gain intimate knowledge into the field of human-carnivore conflict mitigation. Become smitten with our gorgeous sanctuary orphans and bond with the baby baboons (there's nothing like it). Become fully immersed in Marlice's magical world!

When: 08h00

Where: Departure from the Activity Centre (in-house lodge guests will depart from the lodge 15 minutes prior to tour begin)

Cost: N\$1620 per adult, N\$810 per child older than 3, younger than 12

Duration: minimum 4 ½ hours

Minimum participants: 1

(Please book at least 2 weeks in advance, but do keep in mind that this depends on Marlice's availability. **A cancellation fee of 100% will apply if cancelled 24 hours or less prior to tour begin).**



Cheetah Experience:

Habituated cheetahs have lost their fear of humans – a fear that is crucial in elevating their survival chances in the wild. For this reason, some of the magnificent spotted sprinters at N/a'an ku sê need to remain in captivity, having come to the sanctuary from various conflict situations at very young ages, requiring dedicated care to ensure their survival. At N/a'an ku sê we fully nurture and encourage their natural behaviour, captivity resembling the life of their wild counterparts as closely as possible. Enjoy time with our habituated big cats, in the hands of an experienced and knowledgeable guide. Simply not to be missed!



<u>When:</u>	08:00 daily
<u>Where:</u>	Departure from the Activity Centre (in-house lodge guests will depart from the lodge 15 minutes prior to tour begin)
<u>Cost:</u>	N\$1250 per person
<u>Duration:</u>	1 - 1½ hours
<u>Minimum participants:</u>	2 (NO CHILDREN)
<u>Maximum participants:</u>	8 (to ensure our wonderful cheetahs enjoy an experience that is not overcrowded which could lead to undue stress)

Please book 1 day in advance. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CHEETAHS ONLY PERMITTED. NO IMAGES OF PEOPLE AND CHEETAHS IN THE SAME SHOT.



Night out with the San Bushmen:



Experience the magic of the Namibian nights on this once-in-a-lifetime activity. Join the San Bushmen at our Ancient San Skills Academy and spend the night immersed in their traditions. Become part of their world and witness the song and dance that echoes underneath a canopy of stars, listen to their mythical stories, and sink into slumber just as they do.

When:

You decide – please just book in advance!

Where:

Departure from the lodge only

Cost:

N\$590 per person, N\$295 per child

Duration:

From sundown to sunrise, and a little bit longer!

Minimum participants: 2 (Children welcome)



Hunting with the San Bushmen:



This wonderful activity lets you follow in the footsteps of San Bushman hunters! Learn about tracking and hunting, and of course, any meat obtained (if it's a lucky hunting day) goes back to the San Bushman community.

When: You decide, as long as you book in advance!

Where: **Departure from the lodge only**

Cost: N\$2370.00 per person

Duration: at least 5 hours

Minimum participants: 2 (Children Welcome)

Horse riding through our beautiful reserve:

Experience the wonders of our wildlife from a saddle! There's nothing quite like it. A horse ride through the bush will give intermediate and advanced riders the unique chance to observe our wild game closer than ever before – and you may even be lucky enough to ride amongst our gorgeous giraffe family. Our experienced coordinator will provide you with all of the necessary safety equipment and will guide you on a fabulous afternoon.



When: Daily at 3PM

Where: Departure from the Activity Centre (in-house lodge guests will depart from the lodge 15 minutes prior to tour begin)

Cost: N\$590 per person (no children allowed)

Duration: approx. 2 hours

Weight Limit: 85kg

Pre-booking essential.



Sunset and night drive:

The perfect way to end another fabulous day at N/a'an ku sê Lodge and Wildlife Sanctuary. Enjoy a bush drive with our experienced guides, before stopping off at a hidden sunset viewing spot where drinks will be served. Loose yourself in our incredible Namibian sunset, and then keep an eye out for our nocturnal animal friends on your leisurely drive back to the lodge.

When: 45 minutes before sunset (will be determined on day of booking)

Where: **Departure from the lodge only**

Cost: N\$300 per adult; N\$150 per child under the age of 12

Duration: 2 hours



Baboon walk:

Meet our playful primates and experience the joys of monkey fun on a not-to-be-missed baboon walk.



All of our baboons came to N/a'an ku sê either after losing their mums (Namibia's Chacma baboons are tragically persecuted on an almost daily basis), or having been rescued from situations of abuse. Our baboon buddies adore the interaction and bounding through the bush on their daily walks. Why not join in and get to know first hand just how incredible these animals are?

When: Every morning Monday to Saturday. Check with reception for departure time.

Where: Departure from the Activity Centre (in-house lodge guests will depart from the lodge 15 minutes prior to tour begin)

Cost: N\$590 per person (children not allowed)

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

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