



About N/a'an ku sê

The N/a'an ku sê Foundation is a not-for-profit organization owned and founded by Marlice and Rudie van Vuuren. The rapidly evolving charity organization believes in aiding and assisting all elements of Namibian culture, from its abundant wildlife to its ancient San people. N/a'an ku sê is responsible for multiple carnivore conservation research sites across the country as well as the only registered charity lodge in Namibia.

The heart of N/a'an ku sê's operations, the wildlife sanctuary located just outside Windhoek, is a refuge for orphaned and injured wildlife including carnivores such as wild dogs, lions, leopard, cheetah and caracal; primates such as baboons and vervet monkeys; birds such as peacocks and vultures; antelope such as oryx (gemsbok), springbok, duiker and kudu; small mammals such as meerkats, rock dassies, polecats, genets and warthogs as well as a host of other species and farm animals.

N/a'an ku sê is thrilled to announce the introduction of its ten-day Wildlife Rehabilitation Experience specifically designed for students in the zoology and wildlife fields - or for anyone with a keen interest in expanding their knowledge of various species of African wildlife.



Wildlife Rehabilitation Experience

This experience is offered twice a year, in February and October. It runs for 10 days, Monday through Friday with a weekend off in between and then Monday through Friday the following week. You should plan your arrival for the Sunday prior to the start date and your departure for the Saturday or Sunday at the end of the experience. You are however also more than welcome to combine your stay with some wildlife or research volunteering at our sanctuary or research sites, in which case we would recommend you extend your stay after the experience.

Theory Sessions

The theory sessions entail discussions about the various species of wildlife in Namibia, diseases and parasites affecting them, enrichment, conflict management, and feeding ecology. Participants will learn the ins and outs of species specific behaviour, gaining an in-depth understanding of everything from wild dog pack mentality to captive cheetah behaviour. The theory portion of the Experience is integral to understanding the basis of these animal's activity and behaviour. These sessions will also include discussions about human-wildlife conflict and the role conservation organizations play in Namibia. Participants will learn about the role of N/a'an ku sê's wildlife sanctuary in particular as well as the circumstances of the animals that come into our care from the day of arrival until the day of release. Here participants will have the rare opportunity to gain a better understanding of "how it is in reality" versus "how we wish it could be." During these sessions, our veteran wildlife coordinators along with Marlice van Vuuren will share their own experiences and relay their detailed knowledge of animals in captivity and in the wild.





Practical Sessions

Practical sessions will cover health, condition, behaviour, social structure, feeding habits and gender differences will be examined using our on-site animals as a visual aid. Here participants will have the opportunity to visit our big cats and wild dogs, to walk with baboons in the veldt and to observe our other various conservation ambassadors in order to gain a better understanding of their behaviour. Watching the way lions interact over food or the way baboons build a complex social hierarchy will better enable participants to draw conclusions about the various species and learn what contributing factors stand in the way of successful rehabilitation.



Accommodation and Food

We have two options of accommodation at the Wildlife Sanctuary; volunteer rooms with up to four people (same gender) sharing each room, or large tents with a living and bedroom area to be shared by up to two people (same gender or a couple). The rooms are basic but our single beds are comfortable with bedding provided (duvets and pillows). Showers and toilet facilities are communal and hot water is supplied by solar energy and therefore sometimes restricted. [Power sockets](#) for electrical items are available in communal areas.



Three balanced meals a day with an additional mid-morning tea break will be provided at our beautiful lapa. Any dietary restrictions should be communicated upon booking so that we can accommodate as best as possible.

Sound like a great way to visit Africa? Then book your trip now!

N/a'an ku sê is one of those places where some people grow in mind, heart and soul and just plain find themselves. They find their family, their friends, their home and their future here. Many staff members were once volunteers who couldn't quite bring themselves to leave. Many volunteers come back time after time to be together with the animals and people they fell in love with. We'd love to add you to that legacy.

- Visit our Facebook page and talk to past and future volunteers at www.facebook.com/naankuse
- Watch videos of our work on our YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0yhR-y0ixMr9_Y-gkCfXGg
- Visit our webpage at www.naankuse.com
- Book your trip of a lifetime or find out more information by e-mailing bookings@naankuse.com

We look forward to welcoming you to N/a'an ku sê!