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INTRODUCTION



Born out of a shared passion and love for the bush, **Zali** is a brand built by husband-and-wife team, Zaheer Ali and Asma Bava.

Jo'burg local, Zaheer, could be found with a camera in hand from a young age and, despite

his long-standing reputation as a wildlife photographer, it was the city streets where he honed his craft, snapping locals, buildings, lightning storms and whatever else he set his sights on.

Asma, by contrast, was enamored with the wilderness from childhood thanks to a legacy of weekends and holidays skipping back and forth between Polokwane and the world-renowned Kruger National Park. As such, when the couple met in 2015, it was Asma who first turned Zaheer's lens to the wilderness and they never looked back.

Five years later, two children richer and both brimming with field experience and a clutch of qualifications, they began **Zali**, intent on sharing the gift of Africa's wild and beautiful places with the world.

VISION

To be a leading Travel company in Africa offering countless tours and adventures to multiple destinations across the globe.

We have a passion for the evolving Safari and travel industry which has enabled us to in-turn offer our guests an **extraordinary travel experience**.

We aim to acquire our own Photographic Wildlife Reserve as well as a fully managed operation in The Kruger National Park.

INTEGRITY

We insist on open, honest, ethical, and valuable relationships with our customers and business partners. We believe this is integral to a successful business.



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ABOUT ZALI SAFARIS

If there is one thing that the COVID-19 lockdown has taught us, it's that, there is no time in life for routine. We are not built to be robots, so why live our lives day in and day out without experiencing all the **extraordinary**?

It was during this lockdown period that a dream turned into reality.

With us, here at **Zali**, rest assured you will be able to **experience extraordinary**.

From underground hides to the exquisite cuisine and up-close encounters with wildlife you can be assured that the people at **Zali** are far from the norm.

We pride ourselves with having a team of experienced, ethical, and dynamic individuals. We strive and commit to keeping our staff motivated and dedicated to offering our guests and extraordinary experience.

Our drive to keep evolving and keeping up with current times allows us to keep growing and moving in an upward direction.

Our team not only boasts a team of naturalists with a passion for nature, but also, pride themselves in wildlife education and conservation. We make every safari an educational one as our guides are qualified in the relevant fields and are all passionate for wildlife, nature, and photography.

Here at **Zali**, we believe in empowering the future generation and as such, our guides take a keen interest in imparting their knowledge with this future generation. We love taking families on Safari.

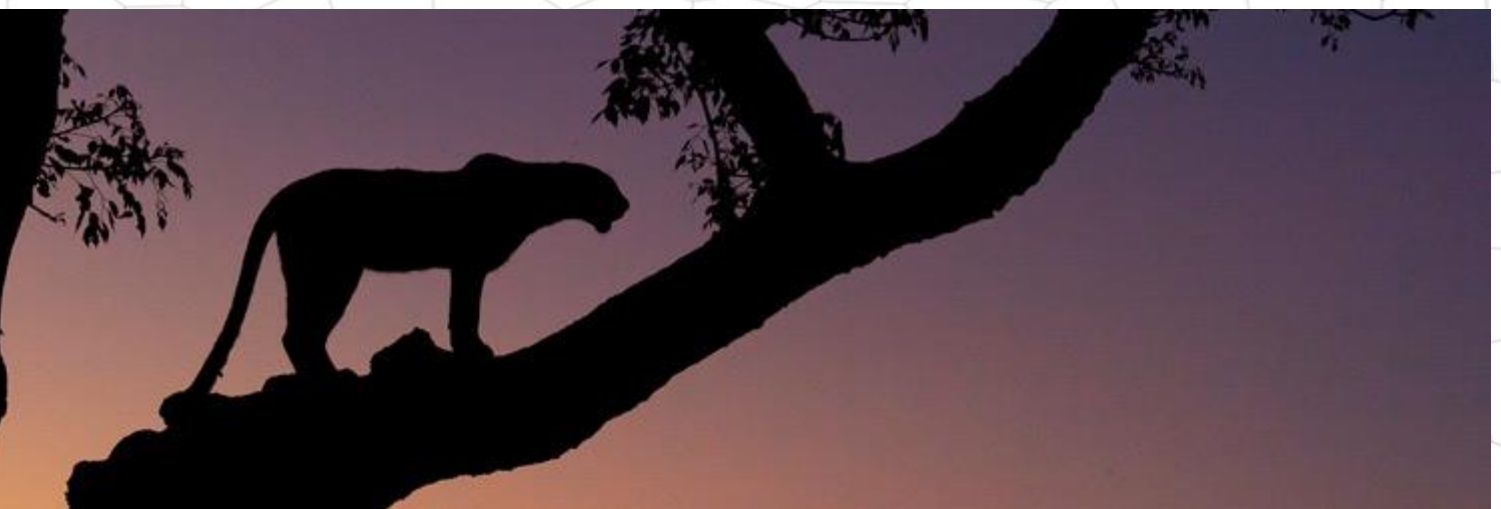
We are affiliated with several non-profit organisations and are always willing to give back or lend a helping hand when it comes to preserving our wildlife heritage.

We **offer accommodation and safari opportunities** to 90% of the Sabi Sands Game Reserve, to name just a few of these outstanding lodges – Arathusa, Nkorho Bush Lodge, Elephant Plains Game Lodge, Silvan Safari Lodge, Dulini, Idube, Inyati, Lion Sands, Londolozzi, Sabi Sabi, Savanna, Simbambili and Singita.

We offer **luxury accommodation options**, on a self-catering or all-inclusive basis in and around the Kruger National Park. We are affiliated with lodges near the various entrance gates into Kruger National Park such as Bucklers Africa Lodge, Elephant Point Estate, Kruger Shalati, and Leopard Sands.

Whilst the majority of our safaris are based on **photography experiences**, we also offer a range of **extraordinary experiences** from family safaris to full on wellness and detox safari's which can also be changed to a ladies only safari - the first of its kind in the industry.

The **Zali experience** is like no other. We pride ourselves with being different and hope that you will **Experience Extraordinary** with us.



A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a lion's face. The lion's fur is a mix of dark brown and golden-brown tones. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the fur and the intensity of the eyes. The left eye is a deep, vibrant blue, while the right eye is a bright, golden-yellow. The lion's expression is calm but powerful, looking directly at the viewer.

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WITH US

THE ZALI EXPERIENCE

Enthralling landscapes and captivating wildlife come to life with **Zali**. Enjoy itineraries hand-crafted by experts that introduce you to Africa's bounty of riches.

TAILOR-MADE ITINERARIES AND SAFARIS

There is no one-size-fits all solution to our safaris, they're truly bespoke.

Not sure where to start?

How about a Technology Detox Safari, to replace the chatter of social media with the hum of cicadas?

Or why not share the magic of the bush with your family on a Child Friendly Safari?

Ornithologists can snap birdlife from concealed hides, whilst photographers, from total amateurs to experienced professionals, will get more from their time with professional trained photography guides, ensuring those iconic moments and memories are captured on camera.



ETHICAL EXPERIENCES

Whilst other safari companies might promise to get you closer to the wildlife...

For us and in our experience, if you take a step back you **see a lot more.**

As native South Africans we have a pride and passion in the environments of our motherland and a deep respect for the wildlife; whilst, as a family, we want to ensure these precious natural habitats are preserved for our children and our children's children.

As such, we won't promise to get you right next to a leopard and her newborn cub or encourage you to clap or shout at dozing lion prides to get a better photo.

What we will do is share insightful stories and expert information about the habits and habitats of the animals we encounter, resulting in a richer and more rewarding experience than a few close-up photos will ever achieve.



A misty savanna landscape with three antelope silhouettes in the foreground and a large tree in the background. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, creating a hazy and atmospheric environment. The antelopes are silhouetted against the lighter background, and the tree's branches are delicate and intricate against the sky.

**RICHER AND REWARDING
EXPERIENCES**

OUR SERVICES

At **Zali**, we strive to provide services that exceed expectations and allow our guests to **experience extraordinary** whilst in the company of what truly makes Africa special, it's wildlife.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARIS

We can assist with photographic safaris to **extraordinary** destinations across Southern and East Africa, most notable MalaMala, Karongwe and Sabi Sands. We are the preferred photographic agents for the Karongwe Portfolio.

Our photographic safaris are hosted by our professional photographers, and we aim to give the very best experience to all photographers from enthusiast to professional.

FAMILY SAFARIS

We can assist with family safaris to **extraordinary** destinations across Southern and East Africa, most notable MalaMala, Karongwe and Sabi Sands. As a family of 4 ourselves, we know what it is like to travel with children. We take all the stress and hassle out of traveling with children. We love hosting private safaris for small families.

DETOX SAFARIS

We can assist with detox safaris to **extraordinary** destinations across Southern and East Africa, most notable MalaMala, Karongwe and Sabi Sands. The detox safari is our most bespoke safari that we offer, and it is done upon request.

The aim of the detox safari is to get you out into the bush and to feel in touch with nature again. Nothing beats the calm of nature when the hustle of life has worn you down. Allow us to assist in helping you ground yourself and find some tranquility before returning to the rat-race, fast paced nature of everyday life.

LADIES ONLY SAFARIS

We can assist with ladies only safaris to **extraordinary** destinations across Southern and East Africa, most notable MalaMala, Karongwe and Sabi Sands. A first of its kind in the industry, the ladies only safari is also booked upon request. As half woman owned, we understand the need for woman to have their time out, away from their children, households, and work. This safari is a perfect opportunity to switch off, unwind and relax.

OTHER BESPOKE SAFARIS

Golf safaris, team building, corporate safaris, yoga retreats and walking safaris are just a few other bespoke safaris that can be arranged upon request.

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING

We can assist with accommodation bookings to **extraordinary** destinations across Southern and East Africa. We are a member of the Legacy Group and can assist with bookings via the Legacy Group's extended range of hotels and resorts as well as a large range of private lodges who we have a relationship with.

CHARTER FLIGHTS / AIR SHUTTLE

We can assist with booking scheduled and chartered flights across Africa thanks to our relationship with Federal Air.

ROAD TRANSFERS

We can assist with booking your road transfers to and from the various lodges and airports we have access to.



WHY ZALI?

CORRESPONDENCE

We will be your gateway between yourself and the lodge. We will set up a meeting between our team and you and gather all the necessary information and cater the trip to suit your needs. Tell us everything! Whether its dietary requirements or specific wildlife encounters, we will arrange it all. We are familiar with the lodge and guides and we will ensure that you will get the best room and best guide to suit your needs. The correspondence doesn't end once the trip starts, one of our team members will be in touch right through your trip and whatever needs are during the trip can be arranged through us.

CHOOSING THE CORRECT LODGE

Our team has personally travelled to various lodges within South Africa and cross-border. With this experience we can advise you which lodge best suits your group or family. We are affiliated with various upmarket lodges who are familiar with us.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GUIDES

Take along a photographic guide and have the perfect holiday photos on demand! We offer a professional photographer (at an extra cost) to ensure that you get those perfect wildlife shots. From camera settings and Lightroom tuition, you will get those magic shots that you always dreamed of!

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We will ensure that all of your special dietary requirements are adhered to. Whether it is Halaal, Kosher, Vegan or Lactose free, we can arrange it all. Having a guide with you will ensure that we personally liaise with the chefs and check in on the kitchen that all the requirements are adhered to at all meals.

PRIVATE VEHICLE

Certain lodges offer a private vehicle for your group which makes the experience all the more enjoyable. Private vehicles can be arranged at an extra cost.

GIFTS

We pride ourselves in our brand. We love hosting you and to show how much you mean to us we give all our guests a gift on safari. Don't dwell, get in touch today and Experience the Extraordinary with us!

OUR PARTNERS

At **Zali**, we strive to partner with **extraordinary** individuals and business that exceed expectations and allow our guests to **experience extraordinary**.



Quench provides our range of 100% BPA free hot and cold re-useable **Zali** Branded bottles.



With a good relationship with Federal Airlines, **Zali** can organise charters and scheduled air shuttles to some of the wildest places across Africa.



Zali understands that good quality products make travel all that much easier, and with a range of quality bush ready clothing and accessories, Sapmok is our go to brand for all our requirements. **Zali** are brand ambassadors for Sapmok.



A Lens For Hire takes care of our rental gear requirements, making the addition of rental gear as simple as possible with the possibility of adding it to your accommodation or safari booking.

FEW OF THE INCREDIBLE LODGES WE WORK WITH:

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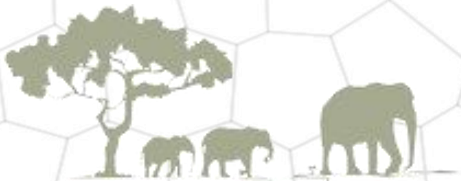
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Arathusa
SAFARI LODGE

Thornybush



NKORHO
BUSH LODGE



ELEPHANT
POINT

dulini

...AND SO MANY MORE!

OUR FOUNDERS

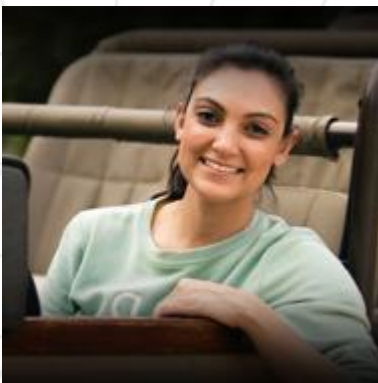
At **Zali**, our founders are **extraordinary** individuals who strive to provide guests with **experience extraordinary**.



FOUNDER

ZAHEER ALI

Zaheer was a prominent businessman in the security industry for over a decade. After leaving the company in 2017 he sought to pursue his passion for wildlife photography. In 2018 he completed his FGASA and began freelancing and hosting photographic safaris. Zaheer is the heart and soul of the Zali brand, and it is with his knowledge and insight of business and a passion for wildlife that has allowed him to be so successful in this highly competitive industry. As a prominent figure on social media, Zaheer has managed to capture the world with many of his images going viral. Zaheer's knowledge of photography is phenomenal and as such, he heads up our team of photographic guides. Zaheer will often go out of his way to assist with photographic knowledge on safaris and loves hosting amateurs to impart his knowledge that leaves a lasting impression. Zali, was created with a dream of Zaheer's to one day own his own photographic reserve.



CO-FOUNDER

ASMA BAVA ALI

Asma grew up in Polokwane, South Africa. The Kruger National Park became her second home away from home, as her and her family would visit the park at least twice a month. Photography was always part of her life, with her father being an avid photographer. Her father purchased a camera as a way to assist Asma to escape the mundane of everyday life and to capture moments in wildlife in her second home, the Kruger National Park. Asma and Zaheer met doing what they both loved, visiting the bush. Asma and Zaheer started Zali Safari's as a way to express their passion for the bush and its wildlife and as a way to teach South African's youth about, what is, the South Africa heritage, wildlife and nature. Asma focus is on child friendly, family based and educational safaris in which she aims to share and instil a passion in wildlife for future generations.

TESTIMONIALS

At **Zali**, we pride ourselves on providing the **extraordinary**.

A WISH LIST FULFILLED...



Before going on safari at Chitwa with Villiers Steyn for Zali Safaris, Zaheer called me asking what my wishes and expectations were. Having been fortunate to have seen many leopards on various safaris in the Sabi Sands I had always missed seeing leopards drinking and I mentioned this. Our 4 days at Chitwa were amazing and all was well organised. We had fantastic leopard sightings- 7 different leopards, lion and exciting wild dogs. The highlight was a sighting of Thandi fetching her son Maribye to a kill... and on the way my dream sighting happened- not one but two leopards drinking at Chitwa Dam!! A fantastic way to finish this special safari experience.

- Jane Smith -

THE WHOLE PHOTO EXPERIENCE WAS PHENOMENAL!

From Day 1, Zali was professional, attentive, reliable, prompt and sensitive. I've learned a lot about taking photos and how to post properly on Soc medias. Zali's interaction with the driver/guide was very harmonious and was a team. I will hire Zali again next year. Thank you for your direction to many issues, Zali.

- Cindy K -

AMAZING ARATHUSA

Fantastic half term adventure at Arathusa Lodge organised by the amazing Zali Safari team with wonderful efficiency and hands on kindness. We saw the most incredible sights and were so privileged to see the many beautiful wild animals in their home environments. Every part of our holiday has created so many fabulous family memories – thank you!

- Anna -

AMAZING CLIENT SERVICE

I have never booked a trip with an agent as understanding and accommodating as Zaheer. Due to covid and ill family members we were unable to make it to our booking a few times, but every time Zaheer said not to worry he will move the booking to a time more suitable to us. Eventually we made it to our Bucklers booking almost 10 months later, and we had an amazing time.

Well done Zali team, we really appreciate this amazing service. May you grow from strength to strength.

- Fatima -

ELEPHANT POINT STAY

We booked Elephant Point with Zali and stayed at Kambaku. Everything was on a point. We had a quick and smooth check in. The accommodation was to die for. Our stay was amazing. Zali called to check on how we were doing. Overall ten out of ten . Will definitely be using Zali again soon. Many thanks

- Aziza Wazar Arbee -

5 STARS – ONE FOR EACH LEOPARD

My wife and I went to Elephant Plains Game lodge in Sabi Sands at Zali's recommendation and we couldn't be happier. The lodge, the food, the staff, the ranger & tracker and the game viewing was great, but the number and quality of Leopard sightings was especially fantastic.

Zali arranged everything for us. Their service was straightforward and uncomplicated – in other words everything you could ask for.

We will definitely be contacting them again when we start planning our next safari.

- Victor Venner -

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