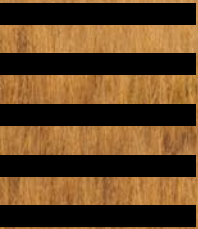




**RUN FOR RANGERS**  
ARE YOU AS TOUGH AS A RANGER?

# RUN FOR RANGERS BABANANGO 2024

26 - 29 JULY 2024



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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EXPERIENCE, FOR THE ANNUAL *RUN FOR RANGERS* EVENT. WE, ONCE AGAIN, AIM TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS TO SUPPORT AND HONOUR OUR DEDICATED PARK RANGERS.

**“A FOREVER LIFE-CHANGING & HUMBLING CHALLENGE”**

LISA THOMPSON (2023 participant)





# WHAT IS RUN FOR RANGERS?

Founded by *Harry Bailey*, who at 18 was *inspired* by our *African Rangers who risk their lives to protect our precious wildlife from being poached*.

Harry wanted to do more to support and *raise awareness and funds* for these incredible people. So, in 2022, he set himself the *challenge of running 100km over 2 days* to see if he was as *tough as a Ranger*. Having never run more than 5km in his life, he trained hard despite challenging health conditions and *completed the 100km challenge*. In 2023, the event grew (as did the terrain), and every participant expressed what a *life-changing and humbling experience* the event provided.

*This is more than a run*. This is a moment to *challenge yourself* to the limit. Running under the hot African sun, over rugged, steep terrain alongside wild animals in a world-class *Big 5 Game Reserve*.

Running with our Rangers gives participants an *authentic experience*, literally running in their footsteps and building relationships with these incredible people along the way.







## WHY IS IT NEEDED?

With funding for conservation being **drastically cut** across the continent, many of these rangers are **working weeks alone** in the bush on **low-income salaries**. With **minimal and, sometimes, inadequate equipment** that is required to perform their duties.

- **148 Rangers were killed worldwide in the line of duty in 2023.**
- **More than 80% have faced life-threatening situations.**
- **1 in 7 rangers are seriously injured and 50% have no life insurance.**
- **Rangers protect 15% of land services and 7% of all seas (450M km combined)**
- **Last year's funds raised from the event supported dehorning several rhinos and the much-needed running costs of Project Rhino's Zapwing aerial patrol and K9 dog unit who are main support systems for all member reserve anti-poaching teams / rangers on the ground.**

Our fund-raising target for 2024 is **R2Million (\$100k+)** to support our partners **Project Rhino** and the **Sport for Lives Movement**.

By participating, you will not only challenge yourself physically and mentally, but also contribute directly to the welfare and safety of our rangers on the front lines.





# OUR COMMITMENT

To create an **awe-inspiring** 100km route over two days (50km each day) that will **challenge and test your limits**.

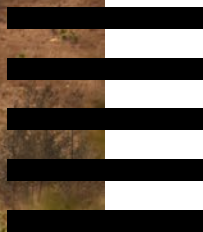
- All accommodation (3 x Nights in a luxury lodge).
- Energy fueled lunch, snacks and hydration during the run.
- Breakfast, lunch and evening meals for the 3 nights.
- Support vehicles (Hop on and off if needed).
- On-site medical care.
- On-site physio.
- Goody Bag packed with gifts from our awesome sponsors.
- Limited edition unique Run for Rangers Trophy for those runners who finish the 100 km.

The field is **limited to 20 runners** and on first committed / first fund-raised basis.

All funds less event costs, go directly to **Project Rhino** to support ranger initiatives in KwaZulu Natal. Participants have the option of paying for their own costs at R10 000 per person and all funds raised over and above this will go to the cause.







# YOUR COMMITMENT

- To highlight **Run for Rangers** and the **brave men and woman** on the front line, who **dedicate their lives to protect our wildlife**.
- To fund raise a **minimum of R40,000 (\$2k)** to secure a place and be part of this incredible event **by 10 May 2024**.
- The top fundraiser in 2023 raised R125k as your target for 2024!
- Aim to **complete 100 km** at an average pace of between **7-9min per km**.
- All transport arrangements to and from the event must be arranged by runners (but we can help co-ordinate lifts).
- Additional drinks outside the run are not included.
- Partners are welcome and extended stays can be arranged at a special discounted rate.

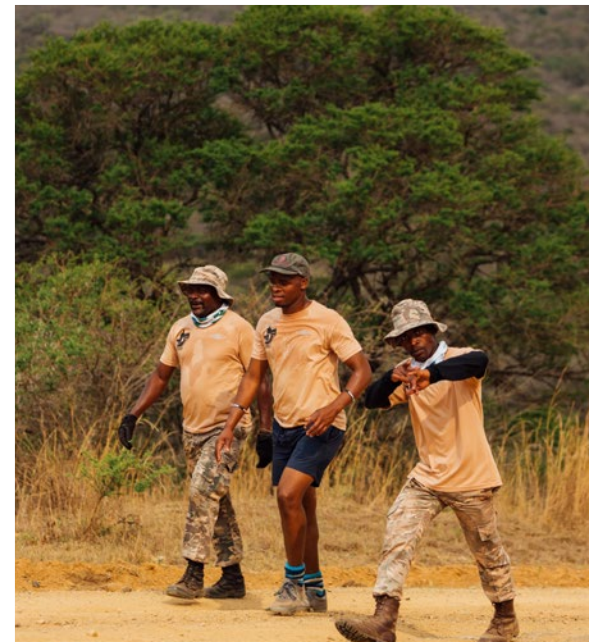
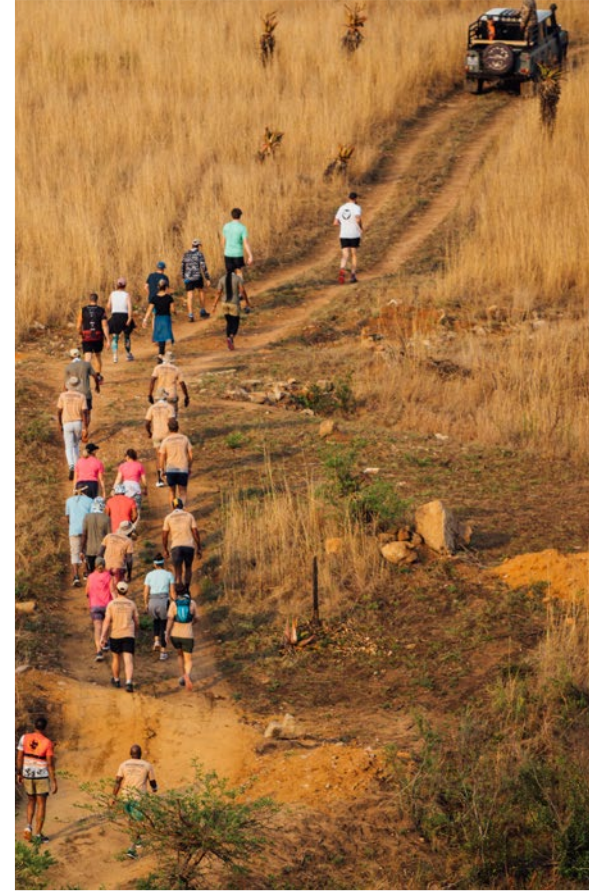
This is not your conventional run. It is **an experience of a lifetime**.

Through **showcasing our solidarity for these unsung heroes** and **our commitment to environmental conservation**, Run For Rangers 2024 welcomes participants who will **create a united front** as we run. Whether you are an experienced runner, or just starting your fitness journey, this run is for you.

Spread the word and invite your friends, family, and colleagues to join us. Together, we can amplify our impact and support the invaluable work of our park rangers.

**SIGN UP**







# A UNIQUE WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE

Babanango Game Reserve, located in the heart of Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal, is a showcase for one of the most ambitious rewilding projects in Southern Africa in recent years.

Set among the breathtaking topography of the upper White Umfolozi River Valley, the reserve occupies a vast wilderness area of over 20,000 hectares that is steeped in Zulu history and layered upon geological features that date back to the beginning of time.

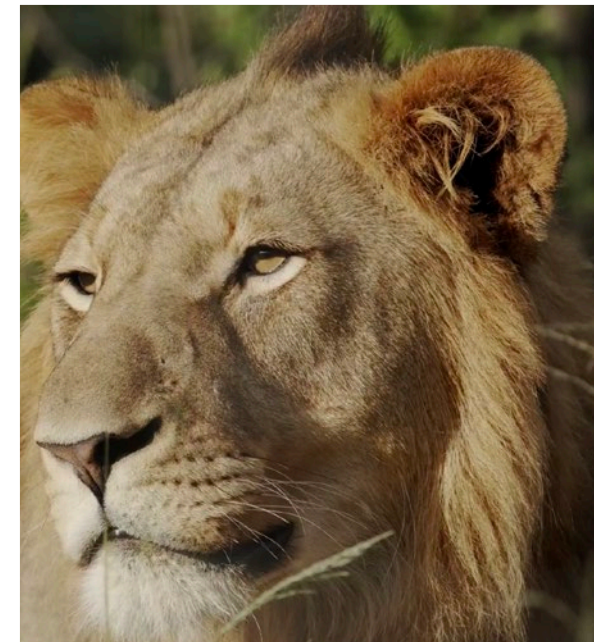
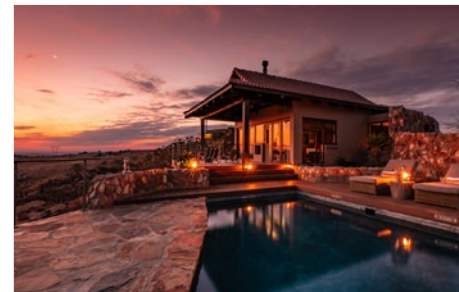
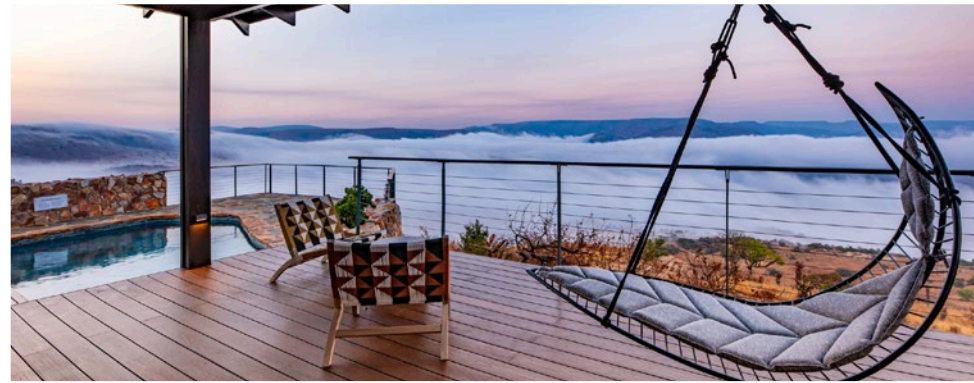
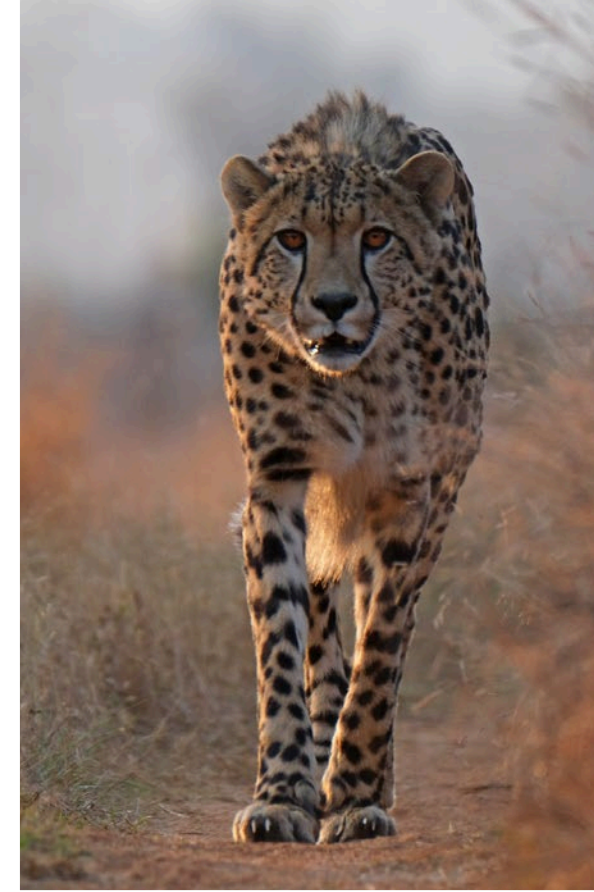
The rugged mountains and valleys provide refuge for an extraordinary diversity of birds, plants, insects, reptiles, and mammals, including the elusive armadillo and armadillo.

Visitors to Babanango Game Reserve can be assured of an unrivaled safari experience due to highly knowledgeable guides and a range of activities to choose from. Significant historical battle sites, such as Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift, are located close by (more information can be provided).

The recently renovated 5 star and 4 star lodges will be our home for the Run. We don't get to spend too much time in our rooms, so runners are welcome to stay on to relax, recover for a few more days if they wish\*.

*\*Babanango Game Reserve, a proud member of Project Rhino, have kindly offered reduced rates as a thank you for your commitment.*









# ACCOMMODATION

**Madwaleni River Lodge** is unfenced, allowing guests to **fully immerse themselves** in the surrounding **natural beauty**. The lodge hosts twelve **luxury tents** featuring a private heated plunge pool, outdoor lounge area, air-conditioning and cutting-edge technology, including iPads for seamless food and beverage **orders**. **The Lodge has received** award-winning distinction, offering unrivaled comfort and style.



**Valley Lodge**, nestled in the south of Babanango Game Reserve, hosts nine adjoining **luxury rooms** providing **splendid views** of indigenous gardens designed by horticulturalist Chris Dalzell. Unlike others, it is fenced off for safety, privacy, and exclusivity. Guests can enjoy **panoramic views** from infinity pools or relax by the fireplace. The library offers books on local history and bird species.







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