

Singita

Community & Conservation
Experiences

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South Africa



Singita Community Culinary School

SINGITA KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

The Singita Community Culinary School is a unique programme that serves to fulfil a real need in the community, as well as for the South African hospitality industry. Graduates of this school emerge with highly sought-after skills and strong employment prospects, while kitchens at Singita lodges and those further afield benefit from a pool of expertly-trained young chefs.

The school's demonstration studio offers a unique experience for guests to participate in a cooking class led by an expertly trained chef. All proceeds from these classes contribute to the Singita Community Culinary School Student Scholarship Fund.

Guests may choose to cook a popular, traditional South African dish on offer.

Classes should be booked at least 24 hours in advance to allow the chefs enough time to prepare. Classes may be scheduled 7 days a week, subject to availability.

Bookings may be made through Singita Reservations or booked on-site at Singita Lebombo and Sweni Lodges.

ZAR 2,500 donation per person, per class.



Anti-Poaching Canine Unit

SINGITA SABI SAND

Guests have the opportunity to meet with the canine unit based in Sabi Sand and engage with one of the senior dog handlers.

The dogs are highly trained and able to perform multiple functions, from pursuing intruders to sniffing out rhino horn and ammunition from vehicles and bags.

Watch the dogs use their skills to track through the bush as part of routine exercises.

This experience is always subject to live operations and training schedules and may change at any time.

ZAR 2,500 donation per person.

Tanzania

Community/Cultural Experience

Visit the **RISE Centre (Research & Innovation for the Serengeti Ecosystem)** with a mission to create innovative tools and solutions to combat the most pressing conservation issues and challenges of our time. RISE aims to develop and support research initiatives that provide tangible and resilient solutions to benefit the people and wildlife of the Serengeti ecosystem and beyond.

Guests can also visit the **Grumeti Fund Environmental Education Centre**, where local secondary school students and their teachers learn about the critical role each individual plays in minimizing his or her impact on the earth's limited resources. If it is during term time and a class is in session, there may be an opportunity to engage with the students.

Guests will experience various projects pioneered by the Grumeti Fund in the surrounding community such as **GHOMACOS** (Grumeti Horticultural & Marketing Cooperative Society). GHOMACOS is the agricultural co-operative which the Grumeti Fund helped local farmers to establish. It supplies the Singita lodge kitchens and staff canteens with a constant flow of high-quality, locally grown, organic vegetables, fruits and herbs.

USD 75 donation per person.



Canine Unit

Visit the Canine Unit to interact with the handlers and learn more about anti-poaching and how the Grumeti Fund is committed to preventing poaching.

USD 500 donation per person.

Guided Hikes to OP7

Guests can experience guided hikes to one of Singita Grumeti's Observation Points (OPs), where the Grumeti Fund's Anti-Poaching Scouts are based. Each Observation Post features spectacular views of the sweeping Serengeti plains and makes for a perfect setting to enjoy a picnic.

Serengeti Girls Run

Traversing the pristine wilderness of Singita Grumeti's private concession in the Serengeti – home to an abundance of wildlife and a unique ecosystem – this exclusive event is part of Singita and Grumeti Fund's 'Safaris with a Purpose' and raises funds for empowerment programmes for girls in rural Tanzania.

The run involves a flexible, multi-stage distance of 21km per day. Whether on foot or supporting the runners in the shadow vehicle, participants will also be able to engage with local girls and learn more about Grumeti Fund's work in the region.

Read all the information here >

Zimbabwe

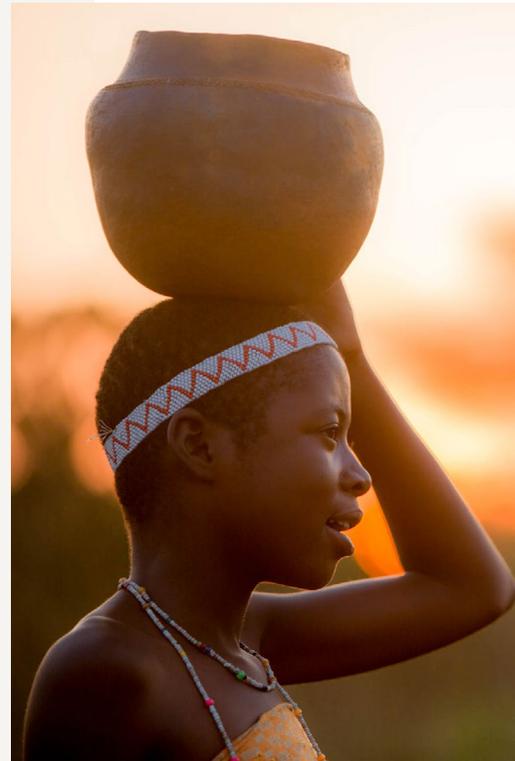
Kambako

Kambako is an interactive, traditional Shangaan village situated one hour's game drive away from Singita Malilangwe.

It is an education of the traditional way of life - learn how to make fire using sticks, participate in shooting traditional bow and arrows, cracking whips, watch basket weaving, taste porridge which you have helped grind.

Guests can purchase local crafts while visiting Kambako.

USD 30 donation per person.



Community Visit

The community visit entails visiting projects administered by The Malilangwe Trust e.g. schools, clinic, irrigation scheme, nutritional garden, village and feeding scheme.

The community visit is an authentic and genuine visit to several small villages and not a typical rural village.

The visit is guided by a Malilangwe employee of the Neighbourhood Outreach Programme (NOP) and can take 2-3 hours.

Rwanda



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Guests can visit the Singita Community Culinary School (SCCS) at the MIPC campus in Musanze on special request, and subject to availability, cooking classes with graduates can be arranged for **USD 150 donation per guest**.

All proceeds from these classes contribute to the Singita Community Culinary School Student Scholarship Fund.

Community Visit

Guests at Singita Volcanoes National Park have the unique opportunity to visit the small village of Gasura in the Kinigi sector, which is located 30 minutes from the lodge. The interactive tour takes approximately two hours and includes a range of authentic Rwandese cultural experiences.

Taking guests from house to house in the village, this involves everything from meeting local crafters weaving baskets and carving gorilla-trekking sticks to learning how to process locally produced staples – such as stomping cassava roots and grinding sorghum for flour. It also includes visiting families in their homes to get a glimpse of the local lifestyle.

Duration: +/- 2 hours (Suggested time: 9am or 2pm)

USD 60 donation per person.



Akarabo Nursery

Named Akarabo – which means ‘little flower’ in Kinyarwanda – our on-site nursery was born from our commitment to help reforest, rehabilitate and maintain the habitat of Rwanda’s endangered mountain gorillas. Initially, 60,000 saplings were bought from local growers and earmarked for the 178 acres of land Singita Volcanoes National Park sits on. This number quickly grew to 250,000 saplings, even before the lodge opened, and continues to increase as we keep expanding our reforestation efforts in the area.

Guests are encouraged to visit the nursery to plant an indigenous tree as part of the ongoing rewilding and reforestation of the property as part of the formal buffer zone expansion of the formal Volcanoes National Park expansion, offering additional buffer zone territory for the gorillas and many other wildlife.





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RWANDA

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