

Ubumwe Women's Trail

26 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH 2027

Run, trek, and hike in support of
women's empowerment in Rwanda.



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Singita



VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

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In February 2027, Singita, in partnership with the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, will host the first-ever Ubumwe Women's Trail. This multi-day event involves a 15-18-kilometre trail run, a gorilla trek, and a guided hike to the original site of the Karisoke Research Center, where Dian Fossey spent 18 years and now rests alongside the gorillas she devoted her life to protecting.

Participants will also enjoy a behind-the-scenes visit to the award-winning Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, where they will meet frontline conservationists and see first-hand how science, protection, and community engagement work together to save gorillas.

The event will benefit the Fossey Fund's **Village Vitality Project (VVP)**, which takes a community-driven, equitable, village-level approach to livelihood development. Recognising that lasting conservation depends on strong, resilient communities, the project offers women affordable access to direct grants, as well as facilitation and technical support, strengthening collective decision-making, supporting economic empowerment, and ensuring projects are locally relevant and sustainable.



In Kinyarwanda, “Ubumwe” means “unity” or “togetherness”. It’s a philosophy of acting for the collective benefit of one’s community rather than for individual gain.



DISCOVER

Kwitonda

In the remote northwest of Rwanda, jagged volcanic giants rise above a thick blanket of tropical rainforest, shrouded in mist and dripping with humidity. Among the trees, along the slopes, and in the farmland surrounding these Virunga Mountains, life abounds. It's in this tranquil setting, on the edge of Volcanoes National Park, that Kwitonda stands as a sanctuary of stillness and warmth.

Designed to be gradually reclaimed by the wilderness, each of Kwitonda's spaces is built from local natural materials and adorned with traditional handcrafted details, framing breathtaking views of the landscape. Every aspect of the experience is made to nourish both body and soul – from the farm-to-table garden to the gorilla trekking experiences within easy reach; the pottery studio, where you can learn to shape earth into something new in true local fashion, to the abundance of birds and other wildlife that surrounds you.

Reflecting the gentle yet powerful spirit of Rwanda's endangered mountain gorillas, Kwitonda offers heated plunge pools, indoor and outdoor fireplaces, and a convivial firepit around which to gather and contemplate your surroundings. All this makes for a deeply transformative, grounding experience, surrounded by nature.

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EVENT

Information

- Event dates: **26 February to 3 March 2027.**
- Five nights at Kwitonda, privately hosted by Singita and the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund.
- Funds raised will be used in support of the Fossey Fund's Village Vitality Project.
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COST

Breakdown

<i>Inclusions</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Sharing (per person)</i>
All-inclusive five-night package	9,550	6,670
Gorilla trek permit	1,500	1,500
Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund donation	17,000	10,000
Total	28,050	18,170

**Figures in USD*

This cost includes:

- Five nights’ all-inclusive, either single or sharing, at Kwitonda (max. 2 guests per room).
- A U.S. tax-deductible donation to the Dian Fossey Fund’s Community Outreach programmes.
- Meet and greet service on arrival.
- Daily scheduled transport.
- City tour, including a guided visit to the Kigali Genocide Memorial.
- Emergency medical evacuation.
- VIP departure assistance at Kigali airport.

**tax deductibility applies to U.S. taxpayers only.*

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SUPPORT

Village Vitality Project

In the communities surrounding Volcanoes National Park, women and girls carry much of the responsibility for their families' daily needs and are especially vulnerable amid declining natural resources and growing climate pressures.

Limited access to land, assets, technology, and financial services makes it difficult for many women to build resilient livelihoods or recover from shocks such as heavy rains and landslides.

The Village Vitality Project was created to address these challenges by providing women with tools, training, and opportunities that strengthen families, uplift communities, and support the long-term protection of the forest – in honour of the spirit of Ubumwe.



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Partners

Singita is a leading conservation and ecotourism brand, borne of a deep love and respect for nature and Africa, passed down through generations. Guided by an enduring purpose to protect and preserve large areas of African wilderness for future generations, we offer meaningful nature-based experiences across 19 award-winning lodges and camps in five countries.

Our impact extends far beyond our lodges, inspiring guests to become advocates for conservation and to support vital conservation and community initiatives led by our regional non-profit Trust & Fund partners on the ground.

Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund saves gorillas and the ecosystems in which they live through a scientific and people-centered approach – to create a healthier planet for all. Their history is not just about protecting gorillas. It's about building a future where people and wildlife thrive together, in line with the principles Dr Fossey championed over half a century ago. Her fierce dedication, groundbreaking scientific research, and deep compassion for gorillas helped save them from extinction, inspired generations of conservationists, and catalysed global awareness of the threats facing great apes.

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Space is limited – don't miss
out on this life-changing
journey with a purpose

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