



## WAGORA MTB RIDE, SERENGETI 2024

Is the Wagora MTB Ride a race?

This is not a race or an intense challenge, but rather a life-changing experience to ride through the stunning landscape of the Serengeti.

What kind of terrain can participants expect during the mountain biking trail?

Majority of the route will be on flat, dirt, gravel or sand roads (non-tarred) with some single-track off-road trails.

How will my bike get to and from Singita Explore?

- Participants will be responsible for transporting their bikes on commercial flights to Kilimanjaro International Airport (KIA).
- Some airlines accept bikes as part of their checked baggage allowance and others require a special luggage booking, so it's essential to verify specific rules and regulations with each carrier beforehand (as they may vary depending on your airline of choice). This will ensure compliance and smooth handling during travel.
- Guests must arrive in Singita Grumeti by 10th October 2024 and upon arrival at KIA, our logistics team will retrieve the bikes and transport them by cargo plane and road to Singita Explore.
- Guests arriving before 10th October 2024 at KIA will be responsible for their bike until 10th October when the bikes can be handed over for transport to Singita Explore.

Where will my bike be stored during the stay?

A special storage area has been arranged at Singita Explore. All bikes will be safe and secure overnight.

Is there a weight limit for my bike?

Yes. The limit is 32kg, but international flights have different limits so please discuss with your local airline representative.

What cycling gear should I pack?

Please refer to our Essential Gear Checklist (provided).

Can I rent / hire a bike at the lodge?

No bikes will be available for renting. All riders must bring their own bikes/gear.

What bikes are best suited for the Wagora MTB Ride?

- A variety of bikes are suitable, although cross-country or trail bikes are best suited and we highly recommend getting your bike fitted for tubeless tires.
- E-bikes will not be allowed for safety reasons.

Will there be on-site technical support to assist with bike repairs & spares?

Yes. We have a bike mechanic from Arusha who will be able to assist with the basics.

What food & beverages are available along the route?

- Water tables offering a variety of healthy snacks and beverages will be located at various points along each route.
- Riders are welcome to request specific items or bring their own to have available at these stops too.
- Hydration packs are a good idea.
- Please note that Singita Grumeti is a plastic-free reserve, so plastic bottles and packaging will be minimal.

What does the route entail?

- Each ride will start and end at Singita Explore.
- The route and distance each day varies.
- **Day 1** is the most challenging starting with a ±60km ride across diverse terrains.
- **Day 2** is a ±50km guided ride through the neighbouring community.
- **Day 3** is a somewhat easier ±40km ride through the beauty of the Serengeti and its game.

What time does the ride start?

Each leg starts at sunrise (approx. 6:30/7am), to ensure that participants don't ride during the heat of the day.

What clothing should you wear on the ride?

- Please see the clothing and gear checklist provided. We would like to advise riders to blend in with the bush with neutral colours such as green, khaki or grey.
- It's advisable to avoid white, blue and black, as these colours may attract tsetse flies.
- Wear a peak cap to ward off the hot African sun.

How do I prepare for the race beforehand?

- Make sure your bicycle is in perfect working order before the race.
- Make sure you have the right amount of sealant in your tubeless tyres.

Is it dangerous to ride through the reserve?

- While Singita Grumeti is home to various predators as well as the Big 5, armed anti-poaching scouts from the Grumeti Fund will ensure your safety by accompanying you all the way.
- The scouts know the area extremely well and are expertly trained in animal behaviour.
- Support vehicles will act as spotters and clear the route ahead.

What about bathroom breaks during the ride?

There are bathroom bags in each vehicle, containing toilet paper and hand sanitiser. Your guide or host will be happy to pick out a secluded tree.

Once I have completed my ride for the day, what's next?

- We encourage participants usually at the finish line to cheer for the rest of the group.
- Once everyone has completed their leg for the day – cool off in the pool, enjoy post-ride snacks and beverages and plan additional activities, including going on a game drive.

Will there be other guests at the lodge?

No. Singita Explore is booked exclusively for participants in the Wagora MTB Ride during this event.

What are the health requirements?

- Singita Explore is situated in a malaria-risk area. It's therefore essential that you consult your medical practitioner regarding anti-malaria requirements prior to your trip.
- Guests are strongly advised to check the latest information regarding vaccinations for travel to Tanzania with their local travel clinic or travel agent.
- The African sun can be harsh, ensure you use a high-factor sun-protection cream/lotion.

Are there any age restrictions for participants?

- All solo riders must be 18+ years old.
- 16- and 17-year-old riders will also be permitted to participate, but only if they are accompanied by a parent/guardian.

What happens in case of an emergency while in Tanzania?

- We have an emergency protocol in place at all our lodges.

What if I need to cancel my trip at the last minute?

- For any trip/travel information and details please take a look at our T&Cs.