

Singita

SINGITA VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

activities

There are several activities available to guests staying at Singita Volcanoes National Park. These range from pursuits within Volcanoes National Park, to spending time around the lodge or discovering the neighbouring communities or town. Guests can experience these activities at their convenience with their Driver Guides and vehicles always being available.

Remember that permits for gorilla treks and golden monkey treks are limited and need to be purchased before travel to avoid disappointment.

Activities at Volcanoes National Park

GORILLA TREKKING

Cost: US \$1,500 per person

Duration: Treks vary from 1 to 8 hours, depending on which gorilla family guests are allocated to

GOLDEN MONKEY TREKKING

Cost: US \$100 per person

Duration: 1 to 4 hours, depending on where the monkeys are located



HIKE TO DIAN FOSSEY'S GRAVESITE

Cost: US \$75 per person

Duration: 2 to 3 hours each way, depending on fitness levels

MOUNT BISOKE CRATER LAKE HIKE

Cost: US \$75 per person

Duration: 3 to 4 hours each way, depending on fitness levels



PLEASE NOTE:

Guests are encouraged to take approximately US \$50 in cash with them when they go gorilla trekking, golden monkey trekking or hiking in Volcanoes National Park. This is to pay a porter the minimum fee of US \$10, as well as tips for trackers and guides at the Park. We strongly recommend making use of porters, as they help guests with everything from navigating slippery terrain and steep inclines to carrying backpacks during longer treks.

The age restriction for gorilla trekking and volcano hikes is 15 years; and 12 years for golden monkey treks.

Visit the Ellen Degeneres Campus of The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund

The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund was established in 1967 and works to protect and study gorillas and their habitats, and to empower people who live near their forest home. With a team of almost 300 working in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Fossey Fund is the world's longest running and largest organization dedicated entirely to gorilla conservation.

- The Ellen Degeneres Campus of The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund is open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. The last entry for self-guided tours are at 4pm
- As per Rwandan government regulations, visitors to the campus are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19
- Guests are required to sign in using this [link](#)
- Donations can be made through this [link](#)

OPTIONS TO VISIT THE ELLEN CAMPUS:

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

- Prebooking is not required and a suggested donation of US \$20 per adult is requested with all funds going to support the daily conservation efforts.
- Donations can be made at the time of entry or in advance through the above link.

VIP BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

- Guests can enjoy a full tour of the campus with a Fossey Fund senior staff member.
- This option includes the tour of the Conservation Gallery and a behind-the-scenes visit to the scientific labs to give visitors a greater understanding of the multifaceted work being done to protect the gorillas.
- Tours are available at any time of day with the last booking time at 3pm. The tour time is estimated to take approximately 2 hours.
- This option requires pre-booking and a minimum donation of US \$800/group.

SILVERBACK SUNDOWNER

- Visitors are invited to tour the gallery and then meet up with gorilla experts in our Virunga Overlook Lounge to share their experiences and answer questions.
- A fine selection of non-alcoholic drinks, wine, and light snacks are included.
- The silverback sundowner hour is from 5 pm to 6 pm.
- This option must be pre-booked and requires a donation of US \$100 per person with a minimum donation of US \$500 if the group is less than 5 people.



On-site activities (included in rate)

AKARABO NURSERY WALKS

A chef will accompany guests on a walk through the nursery to teach them about what is growing in the garden. Most of the produce will be used to create the food that guests eat while they are at Singita Volcanoes National Park.

WALKING OR RUNNING AROUND THE LODGE AREA OR THROUGH THE NEARBY VILLAGES

Guests can walk around the property or choose to walk out of the main entrance to the nearby villages.

CYCLING (SCOTT BIKES WITH HELMETS)

Guests can ride out of the main entrance through villages and farm roads. Singita's conservationist can accompany the guests if they wish.

TREE PLANTING

Guests can choose a tree to plant around the lodge as part of Singita's reforestation initiatives.

YOGA

All yoga is done in guest suites or on your private veranda/deck. There are yoga mats and instructional cards placed in every suite.

PHOTO EDITING

There are two iMac screens in the Conservation Room, allowing guests to edit photos from the treks and experiences using Lightroom and Photoshop.

SPEND TIME IN THE CONSERVATION ROOM

The Conservation Room is an interactive space for guests to learn more about Rwanda, its history, fauna, flora and culture. The walls have been designed to give guests a tactile and immersive experience. Singita's on-site conservationist is available to answer any questions that guests may have.



COOKING INTERACTIONS

Spend time with our chefs and learn how to make some delicious local dishes or anything of your choice.

BIRD WATCHING

There is a variety different of bird species at Singita Volcanoes National Park and the area is a bird watcher's dream. Guests can engage with the conservationists at the lodge to learn more about the birds in the area or venture on a nature walk.

SHOPPING

Singita's Boutique & Gallery in the main lodge offers guests a unique shopping experience. A curated collected of décor, lifestyle and contemporary African art is on display from across the continent.

VISITING MARKETS IN SURROUNDING MUSANZE AREA WITH DRIVER GUIDE

Explore local markets surrounding Singita Volcanoes National Park. Guests will be able to purchase local arts and crafts. There are ATMs in Kinigi or Musanze, as local currency will be required for any shopping.



On-site activities (additional charge)

IN-ROOM MASSAGE TREATMENTS

Therapists can recommend a tailor-made experience for guests, or guests may choose any massage for the requested time. Treatments take place in the comfort of the guest suites and focus on healing, replenishment and nourishment.

PERSONAL TAILOR

(cost depends on which items are selected)

STICK CARVING

(cost depends on which items are selected)

BASKET WEAVING

(cost depends on which items are selected)



PLEASE NOTE:

The tailor, stick carver and basket-weaving experiences are located within the on-site Akarabo Garden & Nursery and take place daily between 2 and 5pm. Guests can interact with the artists and purchase items or have items made during their stay at Singita Volcanoes National Park.

Childrens' activities

There is a dedicated childminder, who is available to entertain children while their parents are on gorilla treks or partaking in other activities at Volcanoes National Park. Please note that this service should be pre-arranged when booking your stay.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Paint sets, art pads and colouring-in pencils are provided.

KIDS' ACTIVITY BOOKLETS

Child-friendly activity booklets with word games, puzzles and colouring-in activities for younger children are available.

COOKING CLASSES

Kids are taught how to prepare and cook a few dishes with a qualified chef in Kwitonda Lodge or Kataza House's kitchen. There are kids' aprons and chefs' hats for this activity.

BOARDGAMES AND CARDS

There is a collection of boardgames and cards in each suite for kids to use.

CYCLING & NATURE WALKS

AKARABO GARDEN & NURSERY VISITS

Kids can explore the nursery garden, pick their own vegetables and help to plant new plants. There are gardening tools, gloves and nursery baskets for this activity.

