

# 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.**

### VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK ACTIVITIES

#### Gorilla trekking

Cost: USD 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: USD 100 per person

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

#### Hike to Dian Fossey's Tomb

Cost: USD 75 per person

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

#### Mount Bisoke Crater Lake Hike

Cost: USD 75 per person

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



#### PLEASE NOTE:

Guests are encouraged to take 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 USD 25 per person, 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.

[Click to download](#) our gorilla, golden monkey & chimpanzee-trekking all-in-one guide

## 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
- Guests are required to sign in using this [link](#)
- Donations can be made through this [link](#)

### OPTIONS TO VISIT THE ELLEN DEGENERES CAMPUS:

#### SELF-GUIDED TOUR

- Prebooking is not required and a suggested donation of USD 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 USD 800 per group (max 5), USD 100 per additional guest thereafter.
- Only available on weekdays.

#### 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 USD 1,000 per group (max 5), USD 100 per additional guest thereafter.
- Only available on weekdays.



## COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION

### 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.

Cost: USD 60 per person

Duration: +- 2 hours



### Cooking interactions

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 could be arranged for USD 100 donation per guest.

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



## ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

### Wine experience

Personalised wine tastings within the unique ambience of each lodge's own temperature-controlled cellar are a true guest favourite, for connoisseurs and casual tasters alike. Singita's experienced sommeliers are able to guide guests through a variety of wine styles, years and cultivars to find the wines most suited to their individual tastes.



### Boutique & Gallery

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

### Stargazing

There is perhaps no more transcendent experience than looking up at a full sky of sparkling stars. With very little light pollution and no city lights the views of the stars are crystal clear.

### 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.

## 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.

## Wellness treatments

Therapists can recommend a tailor-made experience for guests. Treatments take place in the comfort of the guest suites and focus on healing, replenishment and nourishment.

## Walking or running trail

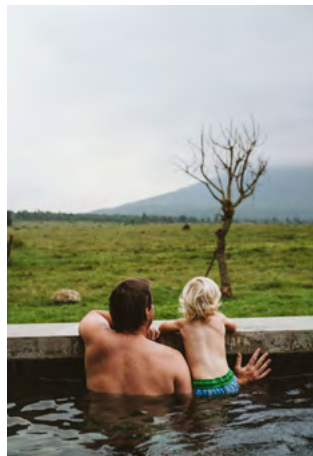
Guests can enjoy a 2.2km trail around the property for walking or running, or choose to walk out of the main entrance to the nearby villages.

## 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.

## Swimming

Each suite at Singita Volcanoes National Park comes complete with a private heated plunge pool and Kataza House has a heated plunge pool at the main lodge area.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



## FOR FAMILIES

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.

Other activities include cooking interactions, board games, stargazing, nature walks, cycling, arts & crafts, movies and swimming as well as activity booklets with a variety of games, quizzes, and puzzles.

## ACTIVITIES AT THE 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.

### Tree planting

Guests are encouraged to visit the Akarabo 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.

### Pottery experience

The tranquil and peaceful surroundings of the Akarabo Nursery is home to a unique pottery wheel-throwing experience, offering our guests a delightful combination of therapy and art.

*Please note: cost depends on which items are selected and shipping charges apply for pottery items.*

### Nursery walk

A chef will accompany guests on a walk through the Akarabo 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.

### Personal tailor, stick carving & basket weaving

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.

*Please note: cost depends on which items are selected.*