

THE RIFT VALLEY EXPLORER



7 DAYS - THE EXCLUSIVE 'SINGITA' EXPLORER



SHORT SAFARI PROGRAM

The Exclusive Singita Explorer takes you on the ultimate +5-star 'Bucket List' safari to explore the once-in-a-lifetime wildlife adventures East Africa has to offer, combined with Singita's award-winning African safari lodges which offer remote locations, complete privacy, and intuitive service at every turn. The Singita brand today represents some of the most iconic and luxurious +5 star lodges in Africa while preserving the natural environment and challenging accepted norms in luxury travel to raise the bar on sustainability.

The first part of your safari takes you to the 'Singita Sasakwa Lodge' or 'Singita Faru Faru Lodge' in the Serengeti National Park, Tanzania. The Serengeti National Park in Tanzania was established in 1952, covers almost 15,000 square kilometers, and features amazing landscapes, ranging from savannahs to woodlands and open grasslands dotted with rocky ridges. Which provides the backdrop for the world's largest seasonal animal migration with 1.5 million wildebeest, the largest population of big mammals still roaming the planet, 500,000 Thompson's gazelle, 250,000 zebra, followed by 20,000 eland trekking north across the Serengeti to the plains of the Mara at the beginning of the dry season. To reach their objective, the animals must cross two major rivers, the Grumeti River and the Mara River, where more than 3,000 crocodiles are waiting for the herds to appear. Add to that 3,000 lions, the largest concentration of big cats in the world, now living in the larger Serengeti ecosystem, which means that about 20% of the animals that make up 'The Great Migration' do not survive the journey one way or back six months later. The sight of the endless stream of animals crossing the rivers represents a well-established attraction for tourists and is a natural spectacle unlike anything the international traveler can expect to experience in this world.

The second part of your safari takes you to the 'Singita Kwitonda Lodge' in the Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda. The Volcanoes National Park is Rwanda's best-known park; it covers about 160

square kilometers of tropical rainforest on the slopes of five of the eight volcanoes of the Virunga volcano range and is home to the rare and endangered mountain gorillas and golden monkeys. The park was first gazetted as such in 1925 by the Belgian colonial administration, which makes it the oldest protected area in Africa. It borders Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Mgahinga Gorilla National Park in Uganda, thereby complementing the Virunga Conservation Area (VCA). The 434 square kilometers of the VCA also includes a string of eight volcanoes situated on the edge of the Albertine Rift Valley and stretching across the borders of the three adjacent countries.

Although the park is best known for its populations of mountain gorillas and golden monkeys, it also features other primates, in addition to over 180 recorded bird species, with at least 13 species and 16 subspecies endemic to the Virunga volcanoes and the Rwenzori Mountains. The slopes of the ancient volcano range, covered with rainforest and bamboo thickets, were also the base for American naturalist Dian Fossey, who operated a mountain gorilla research center in the saddle area between Mt. Karisimbi and Mt. Visoke between 1966 and 1985. She was killed by unknown assailants in 1985, a crime attributed to the poachers she had spent her life fighting. Dian Fossey is buried next to her famous gorillas at the research center, and her life and work were portrayed in the movie 'Gorillas in the Mist', based on her own biography by the same title.

Day 01 - Arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport to Grumeti WR.

Arrival and transfer to domestic departures.
Scenic charter flight to the Grumeti Wildlife Reserve.

Day 02 - Grumeti Wildlife Reserve.

Game Drive and **Explore Maasai Boma** in the Grumeti WR.
Activity Options **Hot Air Balloon Safari**.

Day 03 - Grumeti Wildlife Reserve.

Game Drive and **Nature Walk** in the Grumeti WR.



- Day 04 - Grumeti WR to Kigali to Volcanoes National Park.**
 Transfer to the Sasakwa airstrip in the Grumeti WR and scenic charter flight to Kigali. Arrival in Kigali and scenic drive to the Volcanoes National Park.
Transfer Route *Tanzania to Rwanda*.
- Day 05 - Volcanoes National Park.**
Dian Fossey Trekking in the Volcanoes NP.
Activity Options *Golden Monkey Tracking • Volcano Trekking*.
- Day 06 - Volcanoes National Park.**
Gorilla Tracking in the Volcanoes NP.
- Day 07 - Volcanoes NP to Departure from Kigali.**
 Return drive to Kigali and *Kigali City Tour* with optional visit *Genocide Memorial Centre*. Airport transfer and departure from Kigali.

Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price

Grumeti WR - *Game Drives x 2*.
 Grumeti WR - *Explore Maasai Boma*.
 Grumeti WR - *Nature Walk*.
 Volcanoes NP - *Dian Fossey Trekking*.
 Volcanoes NP - *Gorilla Tracking Permit*.
 Kigali - *Kigali City Tour*.
 English-speaking driver and tour guide.
 Road transfers with 4 x 4 safari vehicles, including fuel.
 National park and conservation fees listed in this itinerary.
 Gorilla, chimp and other wildlife permits listed in this itinerary.
 Meals as specified in this itinerary and mineral water.
 Meal plan index: BB-Bed & Breakfast, HB-Half Board, FB-Full Board.

5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Day 01 - 03 3 nights @ Singita Sasakwa Lodge - FB.
Day 04 - 06 3 nights @ Singita Kwitonda Lodge - FB.

Safari Activities & Services Not Included In Safari Price

Cost of international/local flights not listed in this itinerary.
 Cost of mandatory visas and health certificates.
 A **Yellow Fever** certificate is mandatory for Tanzania and Rwanda.
 A **Tourist Visa** for Tanzania can be obtained online here:
<https://visa.immigration.go.tz/>
 A **Tourist Visa** for Rwanda can be obtained online here:
https://irembo.gov.rw/home/citizen/all_services
 Under the title **Immigration & Emigration** click on **Visa Application**.
 Cost of medical, travel, and any other personal insurance.
 Cost of personal expenditures such as gratuities and tips.
 Cost of hotels and lodges listed as **Lodge Options** in this itinerary.
 Cost of activities listed as **Activity Options** in this itinerary.

SAFARI PRICE OPTIONS

Our tours include all major activities, park and conservation fees, permits required for viewing gorillas, chimpanzees, and other wildlife, and a full-board meal plan as specified. The group price options in the following tables are based on high-season hotel/lodge rates and may be subject to change without prior notice.

Other hotel/lodge options are listed in the **Detailed Safari Program** below in this document. Please ask our reservations staff for additional lodge options and available activity rates by location and based on your specific requirements. All prices listed here are **Per Person Sharing in a Double / Twin Room**, and **Single Traveler Supplements** are available on request:

5 Star Lodge Option Included In Safari Price

Price Per Person Sharing (PPS) in a Double / Twin Room

<i>2 pax traveling</i>	PPS from	US \$ 28,511
<i>3 pax traveling</i>	PPS from	US \$ 28,166
<i>4 pax traveling</i>	PPS from	US \$ 27,994

4x4 Vehicle Included In Safari Price: 5/7 Seater Safari Land Cruiser





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LONG SAFARI PROGRAM

□ Day 01 - Arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport to Grumeti WR.

Arriving in Tanzania, your appointed driver/guide will collect you from Kilimanjaro International Airport for a briefing on your upcoming tour and a transfer to the domestic departures area for a scheduled charter flight to the Sasakwa airstrip in the Grumeti Wildlife Reserve.

The Grumeti Wildlife Reserve is in the northwestern sector of the larger Serengeti ecosystem and covers about 410 square kilometers of golden rolling savannahs. It was established in 1994 to protect this area's annual migration routes. Which provides the backdrop for the world's largest seasonal animal migration with 1,5 million wildebeest, the largest population of big mammals still roaming the planet, 500,000 Thompson's gazelle, 250,000 zebra, followed by 20,000 eland trekking north across the Serengeti to the plains of the Mara at the beginning of the dry season.

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The remote location of the Grumeti Wildlife Reserve, combined with a limited visitor allocation, further distributed over just a few luxury lodges, facilitates extraordinary game viewing opportunities against a dedicated exclusive backdrop. Of the other mammals and predators in the wildlife reserve, it is worth mentioning that the opportunities to observe lions are exceptional, as this sector of the Serengeti



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features large lion prides, often with 20 and many with more than 60 individuals. Grumeti also offers dedicated walking safaris, which you may consider a special treat considering that you can spend hours walking through the golden savannah with your ranger guide, learning about the flora and fauna of this great park. Venturing south of the Grumeti River allows you to see giraffes, elephants, zebras, and cheetahs against the backdrop of open grassland vistas dotted with rocky ridges and boulders.

Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Grumeti Wildlife Reserve and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Nature Walk- US \$ 60 Per Person

You have the optional opportunity to join a guided walking safari, which will provide you with the amazing opportunity to experience the wildlife and landscapes of the Serengeti National Park ecosystem up close.

5 Star Lodge Options

Singita Sasakwa Lodge
Singita Sabora Tented Camp
Singita Faru Faru Lodge
Singita Explore (Private Villa)
Singita Serengeti House (Private Villa)
Singita Milele (Private Villa)

Day 02 - Grumeti Wildlife Reserve.

Today, you venture on a **Game Drive** in the Grumeti WR followed by a visit to a **Maasai Boma**. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

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Day 03 - Grumeti Wildlife Reserve.

Today, you will go on a **Game Drive** and **Nature Walk** in the Grumeti WR. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

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Day 04 - Grumeti WR to Kigali to Volcanoes National Park.

Today, you transfer to the Sasakwa airstrip in the Grumeti Wildlife Reserve for a scheduled charter flight to Kigali, Rwanda followed by a scenic drive to the Volcanoes National Park which is Rwanda's best-known park. It covers about 160 square kilometers of tropical rainforest on the slopes of five of the eight volcanoes of the Virunga volcano range and is home to the rare and endangered mountain gorillas and golden monkeys. The park was first gazetted as such in 1925 by the Belgian colonial administration, which makes it the oldest protected area in Africa. It borders Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Mgahinga Gorilla National Park in Uganda, thereby complementing the Virunga Conservation Area (VCA). The 434 square kilometers of the VCA also includes a string of eight volcanoes situated on the edge of the Albertine Rift Valley and stretching across the borders of the three adjacent countries. Although the park is best known for its populations of mountain gorillas and golden monkeys, it also features other primates, in addition to over 180 recorded bird species, with at least 13 species





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Some of the activity options listed below may already be a part of your safari itinerary. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details. Other activity options in Volcanoes National Park and their respective cost factor are as follows:

Activity Option - Gorilla Tracking - US \$ 1,500 Per Person

The standard permit costs US \$ 1,500 per person and allows a group of eight visitors to have contact with a habituated gorilla family for one day.

Activity Option - Golden Monkey Tracking - US \$ 100 Per Person

Trekking the forest trails and slopes of the Volcanoes NP or any other part of the Virunga Conservation Area allows you to observe the rare golden monkeys, the smallest of the primates and an endangered species. The golden monkey is a subspecies of the blue monkey, with a golden patch on the upper flanks and back. It is at home in the same bamboo forests, which are preferred as the primary diet by the mountain gorillas.

Activity Option - Dian Fossey Trekking - US \$ 80 Per Person

And for all those interested in the scientific work of American naturalist Dian Fossey, trekking to her former mountain gorilla research center in the saddle area between Mt. Karisimbi and Mt. Visoke adds a historical dimension to your gorilla tracking adventure in the Volcanoes NP.

Activity Option - Volcano Trekking - US \$ 400 Per Person

You can also venture on an exciting two-day climb of Mount Karisimbi, one of five Virunga volcanoes within the park boundaries of the Volcanoes NP.

5 Star Lodge Options

Singita Kwitonda Lodge

Singita Kataza House (Private Villa)

Day 05 - Volcanoes National Park.

Today, you will go **Dian Fossey Trekking** on Mt. Karisimbi to visit the former gorilla research base of American naturalist Dian Fossey. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

5 Star Lodge Options

Singita Kwitonda Lodge

Singita Kataza House (Private Villa)

Day 06 - Volcanoes National Park.

Today, you will go on an exciting **Gorilla Tracking** adventure in the Volcanoes NP, which will be the ultimate highlight of your safari. Please see the **Safari Activities & Services Included In Safari Price** section for details of the activities included in your safari.

5 Star Lodge Options

Singita Kwitonda Lodge

Singita Kataza House (Private Villa)

Day 07 - Volcanoes NP to Departure from Kigali.

It is time to say farewell to the mountain gorillas of the Volcanoes NP and enjoy a scenic drive back to Kigali where you will go on a **Kigali City Tour** before your driver/guide will transfer you to the airport for your scheduled departure from Rwanda later that day.





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With our love for Africa, our knowledgeable team of expert safari consultants is ready to personalize your safari adventure to your travel needs. Curated and delivered with attention to detail, quality, and innovation, promoting sustainable tourism, supporting local communities, and respecting wildlife conservation and the preservation of the environment.

Our comprehensive approach to customized cross-border tour developments means you can enjoy the very best 'Bucket List' experiences East Africa has to offer, from the snow-capped peaks of the Rwenzori mountains to the golden savannahs of the Serengeti and on to the sandy white beaches of Zanzibar and Mombasa.

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Bucket List Adventures Into The Heart Of Africa

BOOKING TERMS

General Terms & Conditions

- The prices stated in this document are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Suitable alternatives will be provided if accommodation and/or activities listed in this document are not available at the time of booking.
- The costs of gorilla permits for Foreign Non-Residents of US \$ 1,500 per permit per person and US \$ 150 per chimpanzee permit per person is required to be paid together with the 40% deposit and within 7 days of tour confirmation.
- The cost for these permits is nonrefundable.
- The single traveler supplement applies to single travelers in groups

with a minimum of 3 pax.

- Language-specific tour guides are available on request and against a surcharge.
- A baggage restriction of 15 kg in soft-sided bags applies to chartered flights within East Africa.
- Meal plan index: BB-Bed & Breakfast, HB-Half Board, FB-Full Board.
- Room index: SDR-Standard Double Room, SC-Self Contained, NSC-Non Self Contained.

Payment Terms & Conditions

Tour deposit: 40% of the tour price within 7 days of written tour confirmation.

Gorilla and chimp permits: 100% of the permit fees are required with the 40% tour deposit.

Full balance: 70 days (10 weeks) before the tour start date.

Reservations within 70 days before the tour start date require immediate full prepayment.

Cancellation fees are applicable within the following day ranges:

30 to 15 days before the safari date: 45% cancellation fee

14 to 05 days before the safari date: 75% cancellation fee

04 to 00 days before the safari date: 100% cancellation fee

Changes Without Notice

This document's prices and permit fees are valid for 2024/25 but may be subject to change without prior notice. This applies explicitly to price changes in hotel/lodge rates, vehicle rental fees, gorilla/chimpanzee permit fees, park/conservation fees, government taxes, fuel price/exchange rate fluctuations, and other cost factors beyond our control.

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