



VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Experiences

Gorilla trekking

Cost: USD 1,500 per person.

Duration: Between one and eight hours, depending on which gorilla family you're allocated.

Golden monkey trekking

Cost: USD 100 per person.

Duration: Between one and four hours, depending on the location of the monkeys.

Hike to Dian Fossey's grave

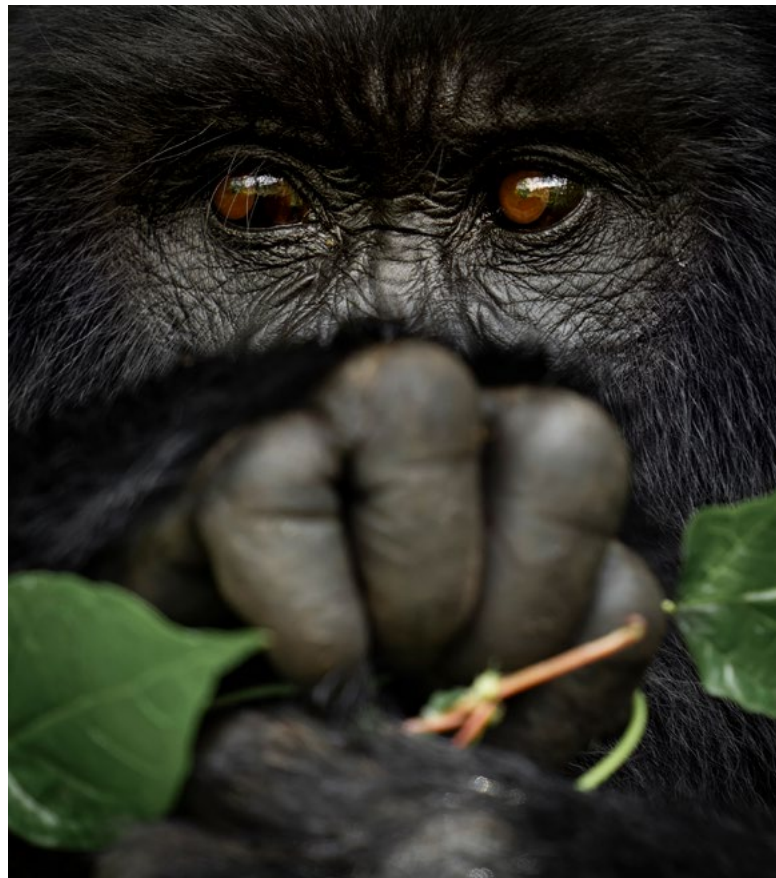
Cost: USD 75 per person.

Duration: Three to four hours each way.

Mount Bisoke Crater Lake hike

Cost: USD 75 per person.

Duration: Three to four hours each way.



PLEASE NOTE

We encourage you to take cash with you on gorilla and golden monkey treks and hikes in Volcanoes National Park, to pay porters and tip guides and trackers.

We strongly recommend hiring porters. Their knowledge of the area and routes is invaluable, and they can assist you through slippery and tricky sections of your trek, making the experience more comfortable. They can also help carry belongings and retrieve items from your bag when needed.

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

[Download our gorilla, golden monkey, and chimpanzee-trekking guide >](#)

Visit the Ellen DeGeneres Campus of the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund

The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund was established in 1978 to study and protect the region's endangered mountain gorillas and their habitats. Through a people-centred approach, it also aims to empower the next generation of conservationists and address the needs of communities who live alongside the gorillas, building a future in which people and wildlife thrive together.

The Ellen DeGeneres Campus, located a few minutes' drive from Singita Volcanoes National Park, is a world-class research and education centre that honours the legacy of gorilla conservation in the region while advancing its future, training the next generation of Rwandan scientists and conservationists on-site.

Here, you can engage with conservationists directly to learn about their work, browse artefacts and exhibitions that outline the Fund's ongoing work, and enjoy meals and walking trails. The Campus is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm.



SELF-GUIDED TOURS

- Pre-booking is not required.
- A donation of USD 20 per adult is suggested, with all funds raised used to support the Fossey Fund's ongoing research and conservation efforts.
- Donations can be made at the time of entry or in advance through [this link](#).
- The last entry for self-guided tours is at 4 pm.

VIP BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

- Visitors can enjoy a full tour of the campus, led by one of the Fossey Fund's senior staff members.
- This option includes the tour of the Conservation Gallery and a behind-the-scenes visit to the Fund's research labs.
- Tours are only available on weekdays, with the last booking time at 3 pm.
- The tour takes approximately two hours.
- This option requires pre-booking and a minimum donation of USD 800 per group (max 5). USD 100 per additional guest thereafter.

SILVERBACK SUNDOWNER

- Visitors are invited to tour the Campus's gallery, then meet with gorilla experts in the Virunga Overlook Lounge to learn about their work and experiences.
- A selection of non-alcoholic drinks, wine, and light snacks is included.
- The Silverback Sundowner takes place between 5 pm and 6 pm.
- This option requires pre-booking and a donation of USD 1,000 per group (max 5). USD 100 per additional guest thereafter.
- Only available on weekdays.

COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION EXPERIENCES

Cooking classes

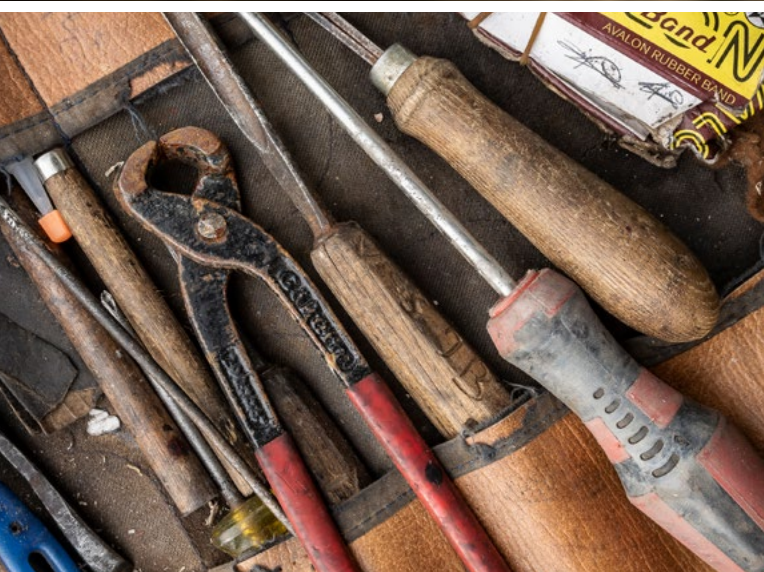
Visit the regional campus of the Singita Community Culinary School (SCCS) in Musanze to learn more about the programme, meet the students, and hear their stories. Cooking classes, where you'll learn to cook a traditional Rwandan meal, are also available on request and subject to availability. All proceeds contribute to the SCCS Scholarship Fund.

Community visit

Visit the village of Gasura in the Kinigi sector, a 30-minute drive from our properties. Meet local crafters weaving baskets and carving gorilla-trekking sticks, learn traditional food production processes such as stomping cassava roots and grinding sorghum for flour, and engage with local families in their homes, for a glimpse into daily life and culture in the region.

Cost: USD 60 per person

Duration: +- 2 hours



ON-SITE EXPERIENCES

Wine tastings & pairings

Enjoy personalised wine tastings or pairing experiences, guided by our knowledgeable sommeliers. Showcasing a diverse range of styles, vintages, and cultivars, these take place in the properties' wine cellars and are designed to find the wines best suited to your taste. Should something linger in your memory, selected bottles can be arranged for delivery to your home.

Boutique & Gallery

Browse and source unique décor, artefacts, jewellery, contemporary art, and more from across the continent — each piece carrying a story of Africa's rich traditions, and craft.

Stargazing

When the cloud cover clears, an endless sky reveals itself, full of stars — visible here in a clarity most places have lost to artificial light. Telescopes are available at each property, for a closer look.

Birdwatching

The region is home to around 200 bird species, some found only here. Our conservationists are always close by, ready to share their knowledge and help sharpen your eye.



Yoga

Guided yoga sessions are available at both Kwitonda and Kataza House. Yoga mats and instructional cards are also provided in each suite should you prefer a self-guided practice.

Wellness treatments

Enjoy soothing, multi-sensory treatments that incorporate elements of the landscape and regional culture in the comfort of your suite.

Walking and running trails

A 2.2-kilometre-long trail weaves across the property, surrounded by tall grass and thick forest. Walk or run along it, or continue past the main entrance to explore the nearby villages.

Cycling

Scott bikes and helmets are available for cycling around the property or into town. Our resident conservationists are happy to join — for company, or to talk you through the heritage, and community and conservation initiatives underway in the region.

Swimming

Each of Kwitonda's suites has a heated plunge pool, offering sweeping views of the volcanoes. There's also a heated pool on Kataza House's main veranda, and a smaller one off the main suite.

Conservation Lounge

The walls of this interactive space are lined with books, stories, and photographs outlining the region's rich heritage and the conservation efforts currently underway here. Our conservationists are always available to share their wisdom or answer any questions you might have.

Photo editing

There are two Macs in the conservation lounge, equipped with Lightroom and Photoshop. You can use them to edit photos from your time in Rwanda — or beyond.



FOR FAMILIES

Kwitonda and Kataza House welcome children of all ages. Dedicated childminders are available to look after them while you're on treks or hikes in Volcanoes National Park. There's also an array of activities on offer to keep little ones engaged, including cooking classes, board games, nature walks, cycling, arts and crafts, movies, and swimming, as well as activity booklets filled with games, quizzes, and puzzles.

Please note that childminding services should be pre-arranged when booking your stay.

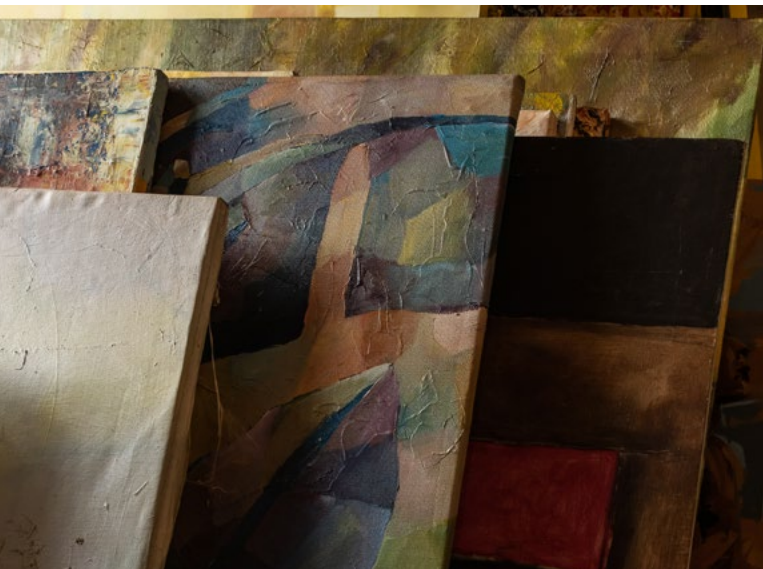
Musanze tours

Explore local markets, art galleries, and restaurants in the nearby town of Musanze to get a taste of Rwandan life. We recommend that you bring Rwandan francs for anything you'd like to purchase along the way. ATMs are available in Kinigi and Musanze to draw cash.

Meza Malonga

A 40-minute drive takes you to the shores of Lake Ruhondo, where you can catch a wooden motor-sailer across to Chef Dieuveil Malonga's Culinary Innovation Village. This facility comprises a farm, a chef training school, accommodation, and Meza Malonga, an award-winning restaurant that celebrates Africa's diverse culinary traditions. With views over the lakes and volcanoes, it offers a truly unique, world-class dining experience.

Please note: Journeys to Meza Malonga take around half a day and should be booked in advance of your stay.



AKARABO NURSERY

Akarabo, meaning “little flower” in Kinyarwanda, is Kwitonda’s on-site nursery — born from our commitment to reforest, rehabilitate, and maintain the habitat of Rwanda’s endangered mountain gorillas. The gardens are yours to explore throughout your stay and host a range of experiences designed to deepen your understanding of where you are.

Nursery walks

Much of the produce used in Kwitonda and Kataza House’s kitchens is sourced from the Nursery. You can walk through it, accompanied by one of our chefs, to learn about what’s growing here and how it’s used.

Tree planting

Plant an indigenous tree to contribute to the rewilding and reforestation of the property, while learning about the conservation efforts underway in the region. This experience forms part of Volcanoes National Park’s formal buffer zone expansion project.



Pottery classes

Led by Kwitonda’s resident potter, these classes are an opportunity to learn a new skill, quiet the mind, and return to the simple satisfaction found in making something by hand. Items are available for purchase, and whatever you make will be shipped home to you.

Meet local craftspeople

A local seamstress, carver, and weaver are based in the Nursery. Between 2 and 5 pm each day, you can engage with them, learning about traditional Rwandan craft and purchasing or commissioning pieces directly.

Please note: Costs vary depending on the items you select.