



## **THE ULTIMATE SAFARI WITH SINGITA: CONSERVING THE GREAT GREY GIANTS OF AFRICA**



**A journey with elephant and rhino through Africa's most exclusive private reserves...**

**OFFERED BY: SINGITA GAME RESERVES & CHERRI BRIGGS — AFRICAN SAFARI AND VILLA SPECIALIST**

**13 days / 12 nights**

**Available September 1, 2013 to September 1, 2014**



Choose three lodges in three remarkable game reserves across Africa. Experience Singita from Tanzania's fabled Serengeti to South Africa's remote border with Mozambique and the renowned Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve. Explore the African wilderness with the best conservation managers and anti-poaching teams and learn what it takes to conserve Africa's wildlife.

Singita is widely recognized as the premier luxury safari operator in Africa, and Singita's contribution to community and conservation is unequalled with over 500,000 acres of land under conservation management. The Singita Insider Safari offers Condé Nast Traveler readers an intimate, exclusive opportunity to explore Africa's most iconic game reserves in the company of the most knowledgeable guides and conservation experts.

Singita guests not only enjoy an unrivalled luxury tourism experience; they do so secure in the knowledge that they are contributing to the protection of Africa's unparalleled natural heritage. The Singita Ultimate Safari offers CNT readers exclusive behind the scenes access where the fortunate few will learn about today's dramatic battle to combat poaching of elephant and rhino.

The people behind these far-reaching programs are not usually available to meet with guests, and the inclusion of such encounters in this package is unprecedented and priceless. At each of three famed wilderness areas travelers will spend a day in the company of Africa's most highly renowned conservation experts exploring the reserves and visiting anti-poaching teams, researchers, and wildlife reintroduction programs for the elephant and rhino.

Luxury experiences have also been added to pamper and inspire, including: spa treatments at each lodge; a personalized wine tasting by the Sommelier at Boulders' award-winning, internationally renowned cellar; and a cooking workshop with the Executive Chef at Sweni or Lebombo Lodge.



## Days 1-4

### SINGITA GRUMETI RESERVE / CHOOSE ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES:

*Sasakwa Lodge, Sabora Tented Camp, Faru Faru Lodge or Explore Mobile Tented Camp*

Upon arrival in Arusha, Tanzania on Day 1, you are met and escorted to your scheduled flight to Singita Grumeti Reserves, located in northern Tanzania bordering the Serengeti National Park. *(NOTE: overnight in Arusha may be required depending on flight schedules).*

The Singita Grumeti Reserve forms part of the famed Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, and it is here that you find the magnificent Singita camps and lodges. The Singita Grumeti Reserve concession spans a vast 350,000 acres (140,000 hectares) of relatively untouched wilderness located adjacent to the western corridor of the world-renowned Serengeti National Park. The absence of fencing allows for free migration of game between the park and the concession, providing spectacular game viewing opportunities.

The reserve is home to varying habitats, including open plains, rugged rocky outcrops, woodlands and riverine forests. The area forms part of the famous migratory route where one and a half million wildebeest, along with hundreds of thousands of zebra and antelope, complete a three-hundred-mile journey in search of life-sustaining grasses, representing the greatest journey of any land animal on the planet.

*(Typically the wildebeest migration should be in the Grumeti area at the end of May through mid-July but please be advised that the migration route is COMPLETELY DEPENDENT on the annual rains, and while it does follow a general pattern, it cannot be guaranteed in any way.)*

### Highlights:

- Half day excursion with the team that manages Singita's anti-poaching projects on the 350,000 of Grumeti's privately conserved land in Tanzania's famed Serengeti. The excursion takes you to remote corners of the Reserve to learn about such projects as the sponsored reintroduction of 32 endemic black rhino, anti-poaching units, potable water projects, and microfinance initiatives. Also included is a private visit to the highly guarded, rhino re-introduction sanctuary to learn even more about this incredibly endangered animal.



**During your stay at Singita Grumeti Reserves, the following activities are also available:**

- ❖ Morning visit at the Singita Grumeti Environmental Education Center. This facility was established to develop among local young people an awareness of the importance of preserving the biodiversity of their communal lands. Here you learn about the complexity and challenges of involving and motivating the community to conserve wilderness. Thousands of Masaai and enormous herds of cattle border the protected areas of the Serengeti. Singita has worked with these communities to find solutions that serve both sides without negatively impacting the cattle culture of the Masaai.
- ❖ Exclusivity promises thrilling game viewing in open four-wheel-drive vehicles. You may also explore the great Serengeti savannah, riverine and mountain habitats by walking, cycling or horse riding accompanied by professional guides.
- ❖ Archery, lawn croquet, badminton
- ❖ Star-gazing
- ❖ Swimming
- ❖ Spa treatments
- ❖ Hot-air balloon rides over the Serengeti (at additional cost)
- ❖ Tennis courts at Sabora Tented Camp and Sasakwa Lodge with a choice of surfaces

The Singita Equestrian Center is situated adjacent to Sasakwa Lodge, and is home to sixteen horses. For experienced riders, rides are available onto the Serengeti plains, where you gallop among the gazelles and wildebeest. Tack is English style, and guests have the choice of either English or Western saddles. Alternatively, full spa & gym facilities are available at Sabora Tented Camp, Sasakwa Lodge and Faru Faru Lodge.

***SINGITA SASAKWA LODGE:***

From your magnificent lodge set high on a hill above the rolling plains of the Serengeti, you witness the fantastic spectacle of Africa's great migration.

Singita Sasakwa Lodge is the flagship property of the Singita Grumeti lodges. Sasakwa is built in the superlative style of an Edwardian manor house. Stone walls, sweeping verandas, beautifully appointed drawing rooms, high ceilings, stately furniture, silverware and ornamental pieces complete the picture from this bygone era. Each cottage has a private infinity-edge pool overlooking "where the land stretches to forever." The bedrooms with inviting four-posters are beautifully appointed, displaying typical African influences with touches of wood, leather and grass, alongside crisp linens, imported chandeliers and handcrafted furniture.





### ***SINGITA SABORA TENTED CAMP:***

Singita Sabora Tented Camp, situated on the Serengeti Plains, is beautifully decorated in grand campaign 1920s style. The nine lavish tents are air-conditioned and feature a bedroom and reading area, bathrooms with bath and outdoor shower, viewing deck with your own Swarovski spotting scope, and a library lounge tent. The camp also has a dining room, lounge, wide viewing deck, heated plunge pool, tennis court, spa and Singita Boutique & Gallery. Sabora Tented Camp dishes up lavish doses of romance, exploration and intrigue. Each canvas tent offers opulent luxury complete with antique mahogany travel chests, Persian rugs and silk curtains.

Sip sundowners on the deck and gaze over the waterhole - you never know what you might see. At Sabora, the chef delights in creating delicious feasts using locally grown organic produce, coupled with vintage wines, in breathtaking settings. Imagine dining beneath a lamp-lit acacia or under the boughs of a large "Sausage" tree, with starlit skies and the distant chorus of nocturnal creatures.



### ***SINGITA FARU FARU LODGE:***

Singita Faru Faru Lodge is beautifully appointed, and it maximizes access to the river and waterholes. This stone and canvas lodge blends in seamlessly with its environment. Bamboo furniture, soft linens, raw canvas and bleached wooden decks are in good company with creamy shades of beige, white, soft canvas and mekaka matting that create a safari feel that is easy on the eye and gentle to the touch.

Situated on a slope, basking in the abundance of animal species and birdlife around it, Faru Faru Lodge lends a contemporary signature style to safari. Inspired by a botanical theme, this riverside lodge offers barefoot elegance in a laid-back rustic setting. The organic lines of two rim-flow swimming pools echo those of a watering hole that lies just below. The elevated viewing decks over the watering hole allow guests to view game without even leaving their lodge, and a Swahili-inspired "beach" offers the opportunity for some serious rest and relaxation.

The Villa Suite, perfect for families or groups of friends traveling together, is made up of two identical double bedrooms and a large shared open space lounge/dining area. The bedrooms all have bathrooms complete with a luxurious bath and outdoor shower.

### ***SINGITA EXPLORE MOBILE TENTED CAMP:***

Singita Explore is a completely exclusive, genuine mobile camp – a modern safari experience unlike any other. Everything about the camp is designed for minimal energy consumption with little environmental impact. With access to 350,000 acres of private land in the Serengeti, this back-to-basics camp guarantees closeness to wildlife and untouched landscapes. Return from game drives to your beautiful hideaway, where canvas walls frame contemporary details infused with the durable textures of Africa. Wholesome furnishings of steel, leather, rubber and natural fabrics remove the clutter of everyday life to offer a safari both luxurious yet uncomplicated.

### **Days 5**

#### ***DAR ES SALAAM/SOUTHERN SUN HOTEL***

This morning you are transferred to the Sasakwa Airstrip for your flight to Dar es Salaam (via Arusha and possibly other stops along the way). Upon arrival in the afternoon you are met and transferred to the Southern Sun Hotel, located in the commercial center of the city and bordering the Botanical Gardens. Southern Sun rooms offer elegant, spacious comfort with all modern amenities. The hotel is just a short drive from many shopping and dining options and offers a gym, pool, lounge and two different restaurant options on-site.

### **Days 6-9**

#### ***SINGITA KRUGER NATIONAL PARK / CHOOSE ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES: Lebombo Lodge or Sweni Lodge***

On Day 6 you are transferred back to the Dar Es Salaam Airport to board your commercial flight to Johannesburg, South Africa. Upon arrival in Johannesburg, you are met and escorted to your scheduled flight to the famed Kruger National Park.

Kruger National Park is one of the most famous wildlife parks in the world and may be explored in open game viewing vehicles or on foot under the guidance of armed and experienced guides. In the Park's five million acres, the "Big Five" (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino) can be seen, as well as cheetah, giraffe, hippo, many species of antelopes, and birds. This area offers wonderful opportunities for big five sightings. The reserve is on the migration routes of many prey species, and sightings of lion, leopard and even the elusive wild dog are common.





## Highlights:

- Spend a half day learning about the initiatives that are making a difference to combat the threats and causes of poaching at Singita's private reserve within South Africa's Kruger National Park. Kruger has been the epi-center of the recent surge in rhino poaching over the last few years and this magnificent, remote northern corridor is one of the most vulnerable areas for the animals. This experience offers an exclusive opportunity to learn about the innovations and efforts in anti-poaching techniques and technologies to address the threat of poaching.
- Afternoon at the Singita School of Cooking, a Singita-sponsored cooking school training local students, with the school Director.
- Private cooking lesson with the head chef at Lebombo Lodge or Sweni Lodge, preparing contemporary cuisine with traditional ingredients. Enjoy the resulting meal with wine pairings chosen by the sommelier.

### ***SINGITA LEBOMBO LODGE:***

Poised over one of Africa's most dramatic landscapes in the Kruger National Park's glorious northeast near the Mozambique border in the N'wanetsi Concession, Lebombo Lodge is set against country that is abundant in water, antelope and big cats, with colors that shift with the changing seasons. Lebombo was created as a transient witness to the land, constructed of steel, glass and wood in reverence to the African expanse before it. Walkways snake along a ridge dotted with surreal euphorbia that offer praise to the sky. At Singita Lebombo the lofts clasp like eagles' nests to the mountainside and suites are sparsely adorned spaces created of wall-to-wall glass, giving you a sense of interaction with a wilderness that echoes to the soul.

### ***SINGITA SWENI LODGE:***

Sweni is situated near Lebombo and rests in the dappled shade low on the banks of the Sweni River. Sweni shares the quiet spaces and secrets of an African waterway. Like Lebombo, Sweni stands only in temporary appreciation of this magnificent place. With a style that is distinctly African, elegant Sweni unites earthenware pots and ethnic artworks with contemporary pieces. Built on stilts with decks of dark timber, Sweni is the most secluded of the Singita lodges, with six supremely luxurious hides tucked away among the trees. At Singita Sweni Lodge you may participate in the preparation of contemporary cuisine using traditional African ingredients and enjoy the results of your cooking lesson with complimentary wine pairings chosen by the chef and sommelier.



## Days 10-13

### SINGITA SABI SAND/ CHOOSE ONE FROM THE FOLLOWING LODGES:

*Singita Ebony or Boulders Lodge*

On Day 10, you are flown from Kruger National Park to the Sabi Sand, one of South Africa's greatest private reserves. In the Sabi Sand you witness a variety of game viewing, often with fascinating predator interaction, be it during the golden light of day or while on a starlight spotlight safari. The Sand River winds through the property, a favorite spot for leopards. Guests at Sabi Sand enjoy frequent leopard sightings, and because of the caution and respect shown to these alluring cats over the years, it is possible to observe them at close range, as they are unafraid.

The Sabi Sand Reserve is recognized globally for its diversity of game. Your team of a knowledgeable guide and intuitive tracker will do their utmost to ensure you see a broad spectrum of this balanced ecosystem. Highlights might include prides of lions, parades of elephants, crashes of white rhinos, herds of buffaloes, dazzles of zebras, clans of hyenas, harems of impalas, journeys of giraffes, businesses of mongooses, cheetah, a glimpse of wild dogs, baboons trooping past your suite – to mention just a few!

But above all you discover a place where time is in tune with nature's rhythm; a place where you can rest and reconnect with the earth. The Singita Sabi Sand experience is an authentic one. There are no fences and the animals are free to roam unhindered in this enormous conservancy.

Your days are spent on early morning game drives, afternoon into evening game drives with spotlight in open Land Rovers, and guided bush walks. Singita offers opportunities to view lion, cheetah, wild dog, and leopard. Wildlife viewing is unsurpassed and the "big five" and predators can be seen regularly.

#### Highlights:

- Meet the conservation experts at Singita Sabi Sand including the newly formed team of specialists who are implementing an innovative approach to counteracting illegal hunting, poaching and wildlife trade through the use of highly trained tracker dog units. Meet the scouts and their dogs and learn about their incredible training and remarkable skills.
- Take a tour of the spectacular wine cellar at Singita Boulders Lodge and enjoy a private tasting of South African wines with their esteemed sommelier.
- Spend a morning in a pre-primary school in Sabi Sand, meeting the teachers (all volunteers) and participating in some of the classroom activities.





### **SINGITA EBONY LODGE:**

Singita Ebony is shaded by giant ebony and knobthorn trees and commands sweeping views over the Sand River and open plains where giraffes and majestic elephants can be seen. Ebony's luxury villas are world-renowned for their extraordinary architectural beauty. Set among the giant trees of its namesake, the colonial-styled Ebony Lodge is the last word in first-world comfort. Each of the twelve luxurious double suites, on the banks of the Sand River, offers air-conditioning, a double-sided fireplace, cozy lounge area, bathroom and indoor and outdoor showers, a private swimming pool and secluded game-viewing deck. The décor speaks of art, culture and tradition of Africa, and the furnishings and finishes are softly comforting and always inviting.

### **SINGITA BOULDERS LODGE:**

Singita Boulders' lodge has won every tourism, lodge and luxury hotel award on the planet. It is located next to Singita Ebony in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Boulders' luxury suites are also world-renowned for their beautiful architecture. The lodge towers over the landscape, a graceful creation of curving thatch and piled stone that joins seamlessly with the rocky geometry securing it to the earth. Boulders Lodge also rests on the banks of the Sand River, offering breathtaking views. Each private suite has a magnificent stone bathroom with indoor and outdoor showers, air-conditioning, a private living room, double-sided fireplace and a game-viewing sun deck with private plunge pool.

*NOTE: Both Singita Ebony & Boulders' health and leisure spa offers aromatherapy, massage and beauty treatments for you to enjoy between game drives.*

### **Day 14**

### **DEPART / JOHANNESBURG / HOME**

Today you are flown back to Johannesburg where you connect with your international flight homeward.

*NOTE: An extension to Cape Town is available as an "add-on" to this trip. Ask EXPLORE, Inc. for details.*



## WORLD ON SALE PRICE FOR THE ULTIMATE SAFARI WITH SINGITA:

*Price: \$ 12,110-\$15,855, per person, based on double occupancy*

*Offer excludes peak holiday season of December 16, 2013 - January 6, 2014. Due to currency exchange rate fluctuations, prices may change.*

*Please note that the Singita Lodges in Tanzania are the only lodges that have a seasonal price difference. The prices at the Singita Lodges in South Africa remain the same throughout the year. Sasakwa is also the most expensive of the lodges in Tanzania. The other 3 lodges are the same price.*

**Please call the EXPLORE office for safari prices based on the season you would like to travel and the lodges you are interested in.**

### **PRICE INCLUDES:**

- One complimentary spa treatment per couple at each Singita lodge (i.e. three treatments).
- Private Vehicle and Guide during your entire stay at Singita lodges.
- Complimentary flight transfers between Sabi Sand and Kruger National Park lodges.
- All meals, house drinks and wine at Singita properties.

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**PRICE EXCLUDES:**

- International flights to Africa and flights between Tanzania and South Africa are excluded from the pricing below, as are internal charter and commercial flights except where otherwise noted.
- Tanzanian lodges: a daily Wildlife Fee is assessed on a nightly basis.
- South African lodges: a daily Tourism Levy tax is assessed on a nightly basis.
- Overnight in Arusha, Tanzania and airport transfers (if your international air schedule does not allow you to fly to Grumeti upon arrival off of your international flight)
- Overnight in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and airport transfers (forced overnight as the flight schedules do not allow you to get from Grumeti to Johannesburg in the same day)

**APPROXIMATE COST OF REQUIRED INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE (NOT INCLUDE IN THE ABOVE PRICE QUOTES):**

\$2,300.00 per person (economy class airfare) – USA to Kilimanjaro; Johannesburg to USA

\$600.00 per person (economy class airfare) – Dar es Salaam to Johannesburg

**APPROXIMATE COST OF INTERNAL FLIGHTS (LODGE TO LODGE) AND FORCED OVERNIGHTS IN ARUSHA & DAR ES**

**SALAAM:** \$2,800.00 per person