Sustainability is key to the future of preserving and protecting large tracts of land in Africa. It is a combination of guests staying at our lodges, together with partnerships on various different levels, that enables us to pursue our vision.

– Luke Bailes, Founder & Executive Chairman, Singita
SINGITA IS COMMITTED TO SAVING AFRICA’S WILDERNESS

We’ve been preserving African wilderness for the past two decades. Through an exceptional safari experience with 14 award-winning lodges and camps across South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Rwanda, Singita is able to partially fund the protection and preservation of over a million acres of pristine land and existing wildlife populations, as well as helping to create economic independence within local communities surrounding the reserves.

Travellers choose to stay at Singita because of the expansive space and beauty of the reserves, limited guest and vehicle numbers, extraordinarily consistent game viewing and the exceptional care that is taken of each guest during their stay. When guests depart after a Singita safari, they are transformed for life, satisfied in the knowledge that they’ve made a contribution to the legacy of Africa.
CONSERVATION AS A WAY OF LIFE

Built upon a 100-year purpose to preserve and protect African wilderness for future generations, Singita has been championing conservation in Africa from the very beginning. We achieve this with large-scale projects in wildlife management and protection, reserve and ecosystem integrity, sustainable tourism practices and community development.

Through a sustainable conservation model that helps balance tourism with conservation in all regions in which we operate, Singita’s ethos of “touching the earth lightly” is no longer just a forward-thinking principle; it is imperative to our survival, and that of the land, wildlife and communities under our care.
DISCOVER RWANDA’S MAGICAL CHARM

Affectionately known as “The land of a Thousand Hills”, this tiny East African gem might be small, but with its unspoilt forests, lush meadows and picture-perfect lakes, it’s a natural wonder-world with plenty to offer.

Perched on its northwestern border, Volcanoes National Park is home to more than one third of the remaining mountain gorillas in the world. It is here, surrounded by 178 acres of verdant forest land, that the latest addition to Singita’s fold of luxury wilderness retreats is opening its doors in August 2019.

As the perfect springboard for gorilla-trekking experiences, Singita Kataza House is also ideally located to discover the rest of Rwanda’s offerings – from the sights and sounds of the vibrant capital, Kigali, to Nyungwe National Park with its suspended canopy walk.

The country’s miraculous recovery from its painful past is testimony to the newfound solidarity, impressive work ethic and warmth of its people. This regenerative spirit has inspired the entire guest experience at Kataza House, where guests are enveloped in a contemplative, nurturing space in which to appreciate the transformative experience of coming face to face with the forest’s gentle giants.
WELCOME TO SINGITA KATAZA HOUSE

Planned with its pristine location on the edge of Volcanoes National Park in mind, Singita Kataza House is a response to the natural geology of the area. It offers an intimate engagement with the landscape and a sense of solitude within nature.

This luxuriously modern African home features individual pavilions grouped around a central cluster of living spaces, with self-contained bedroom suites and amenities accessed via landscaped forest walkways. The work of local stone masons, weavers and ceramicist add unique allure to the exquisite design and interiors of this singular property.

Kataza House was designed for exclusive use, while all the facilities and amenities at the adjacent Singita Kwitonda Lodge are at guests’ disposal, ensuring the convenience of hotel, without any infringement on solitude. It also provides the ideal springboard from which to embark on gorilla-trekking excursions.
THE SINGITA KATAZA HOUSE EXPERIENCE

Accommodation
• 1 x master suite
• 1 x junior master suite
• 2 x suites
• 1 x two-bedroom staff residence

A luxury experience in the heart of Africa
Every creature comfort is taken of with these great amenities:

• Private wine room
• Private interactive kitchen
• Two-bedroom staff residence
• House manager, chef and house staff
• Private entrance and turning circle
• Golf cart for access to Singita Kwitonda Lodge (should guests wish to enjoy a meal at the main facility)
• Heated pool off main lounge
• Private pool off master suite
• Gear room
• Massage room and spa treatments
• Complimentary WiFi internet throughout
• iPad and media suite in each room
• Media room, including mini cinema
• Fire pit
• Indoor and outdoor dining and lounge areas
• Children of all ages are welcome. There are tailor-made activities available – please refer to the page listing our on-site activities.
A LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY: GORILLA-TREKKING

Singita Kataza House provides a contemplative, nurturing space in which to appreciate the transformative experience of coming face to face with the forest’s gentle giants.

For most guests, a gorilla trek is at the top of their list when they visit Rwanda and a stay at Singita Kataza House allows them the privilege to encounter one of Africa’s most majestic and gentle creatures in the wild, while immersed in the beauty of their pristine natural habitat.

Setting off early in the morning for the 7am briefing at Volcanoes National Park’s headquarters, a short drive from Singita Kataza House, guests are matched with a guide before starting their hike into the dense cloud forest.

The distance of each gorilla trek is varied, so depending on which family group guests are allocated, the duration is anywhere from a couple of hours to a full day. Meals and lodge activities are flexible around each trek.

As children under the age of 15 are unable to participate in gorilla-treks, they will be cared for at the lodge with a variety of supervised activities and educational opportunities on offer.

* See ‘THE FINER DETAILS’ for more information on permits and costs.
Apart from gorilla-trekking, the Afro montane forests of Nyungwe National Park, primordial Lake Kivu and sophisticated capital Kigali all add to the considerable appeal of this enchanting country, and guests at Singita Kataza House are privy to a whole host of unforgettable encounters.

**On-site**
- A dedicated conservation lounge for pre- and post-gorilla-trekking briefings and information talks, maps, movies, books and photography.
- The Kwitonda Nursery tour, featuring our farm-to-table journey, is a sensory experience filled with informative, interactive elements that’s all about a sustainable approach that benefits the community and celebrates seasonal produce.
- Photography - including state-of-the-art photo-editing facilities.
- World-class wine tasting.
- Various exercise options, including walking and yoga.
- Birding.
- In-room massage treatments.
- Cookery classes by expert chefs.
- Kids’ activities, including golden monkey treks, nursery tours, cooking classes, arts & crafts, village tours, games, movies, birding and an explorer programme.

**Off-site**
- Gorilla-trekking in Volcanoes National Park.
- Golden monkey treks.
- Local market tours.
- Day tours exploring Kigali, including visits to the Genocide Memorial.
- The Dian Fossey Trek at the original Karisoke site: a two-hour hike to her gravesite, house and research site.
- The Musanze caves, comprising 2km of 32 underground caves.
- Cycling tours, on arrangement.
- Chef’s tours to the local village.
PREPARING FOR YOUR JOURNEY

We recommend packing the following

For the lodge:
Pants, long-sleeved tops, T-shirts, a warm layer for the evenings. Cotton clothing in neutral colours is recommended for bush walks. It’s advisable to avoid white and dark colours as they tend to attract bugs. No formal wear is required at any of our lodges.

For trekking:
Boots with a good grip, hiking chaps, gloves, a waterproof jacket/raincoat, thick socks to protect you against stinging nettles, long-sleeved tops are suggested.

Singita Kataza House provides:
Complimentary comfort kits, containing items such as sun cream, a sweat towel, tissues, a buff (required by Rwandan parks) and brown sanitary/toilet eco bags. Guests will receive a loaned backpack containing a lunch-box, snacks and a water bottle.

Technical trekking gear:
• Raincoats, quick-dry pants, hiking chaps and hiking sticks are available for guests during their stay.
• To ensure a comfortable experience, we recommend bringing the following:
  • Comfortable walking shoes/track shoes/hiking boots for walks and sandals to wear around the lodge.
  • Swimming costume/bathing suits, sun block, sun hat, sunglasses, lip balm, mosquito repellent. (The latter two items are provided, but you are welcome to bring along your favourite brand if you prefer.)
  • Video camera, camera, binoculars. Spare memory cards.

Health requirements
Singita Kataza House is situated nearby malaria-risk areas and we recommend that you adhere to the advice of your doctor the use of prophylactics. Insect repellent (spray or wipes) are provided.

A yellow fever certificate is required if traveling from a yellow fever endemic area.

Guests are strongly advised to check the latest information regarding vaccination for travel to Rwanda with their local travel clinic or travel agent.
Singita Kataza House is set on 178 acres (72 hectares) on the edge of Volcanoes National Park, in northwestern Rwanda on the border of Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Relative to the population of the country and the intensive use of land for farming food crops, a 178-acre pocket of land in a country the size of Rwanda is highly prized.
GETTING TO SINGITA KATAZA HOUSE

International flights arrive at Rwanda’s capital city, Kigali. From there, Singita Kataza House is approximately 2 hours 30 minutes by road.

Alternatively, helicopter transfers are available from Kigali, followed by a short road transfer to the lodge.
WEATHER AND TEMPERATURE

Rwanda is known as the land of a thousand hills and is situated just south of the equator. Most of the country is situated on a plateau, around 1,500 metres above sea level. Rwanda’s relatively high altitude provides it with cool nights and a pleasant tropical highland climate throughout the year although there is also plenty of rain. The rainfall is often during the night or the early morning hours. Light cloud cover during the day helps to moderate the temperatures, but also occasionally brings light rain showers.

Rwanda has two rainy seasons per year with its long rainy season lasting from about March to May, when the rain is heavy and persistent, usually in the form of downpours or thunderstorms. June to mid-September (sometimes October) is the long dry season. It’s followed by a short dryer season from December to February.

Rwanda can be visited at any time of the year and gorilla-trekking is a year-round activity. The average temperature at Singita Kataza House is approximately 15 degrees Celsius, and the humidity can be quite high.
THE FINER DETAILS

Tariffs at Singita Kataza House include
• Luxurious en suite accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, all drinks (including premium wines, spirits and liqueurs, but excluding French Champagne).
• House manager, chef and house staff.
• Laundry services.

Tariffs exclude
• Telephone calls.
• Tourism Development Levy.
• French Champagne.
• Spa treatments.
• Certain special meal requests.
• Transport to and from Singita Kataza House.
• Any day trips or transfers to and from Singita Kataza House.
• Permits for gorilla trekking.

Check-in/check-out times and lodge closure
• The lodge is open year-round.
• Check-in time: 13h00.
• Check-out time: 10h00.
• Please note that guests wishing to check in before 13h00 and/or checking out after 10h00 are required to book an additional night at the Day Use Rate.

Payment options
We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards

Other T&Cs
• There is a minimum stay requirement of two nights year-round.
• The minimum age requirement for gorilla-trekking is 15.
• Permits cost $1500 per person per trek, subject to change without prior notice. Permits are subject to availability at the time of booking.
• If Singita is securing a permit on your behalf, proof of payment for the permit needs to be received within 24 hours, and the guest’s passport details no later than 60 days prior to travel.
With sustainability at its core, Singita Kataza House is in step with Singita’s key focus to create low-impact tourism to help preserve areas of pristine African wilderness for future generations.
Singita lodges and camps across 6 regions in Africa

South Africa
- Kruger National Park: Singita Lebombo and Sweni Lodges
- Sabi Sand: Singita Castleton, Boulders and Ebony Lodges

Tanzania
- Grumeti: Singita Sasakwa Lodge, Sabora Tented Camp, Faru Faru Lodge, Serengeti House and Explore
- Lamai: Singita Mara River Tented Camp

Zimbabwe
- Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve: Singita Pamushana Lodge and Malilangwe House

Rwanda
- Volcanoes National Park: Singita Kwitonda Lodge and Kataza House