



| KINIGI

VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK · RWANDA

Fact sheet

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An intimate, owner-run lodge of nine thatched suites — on the edge of the forest, three hundred metres from the Dian Fossey Campus.

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Nine suites at the foot of Mount Sabyinyo, an owner-run team, and a gentle rhythm of gorillas, gardens and good food.

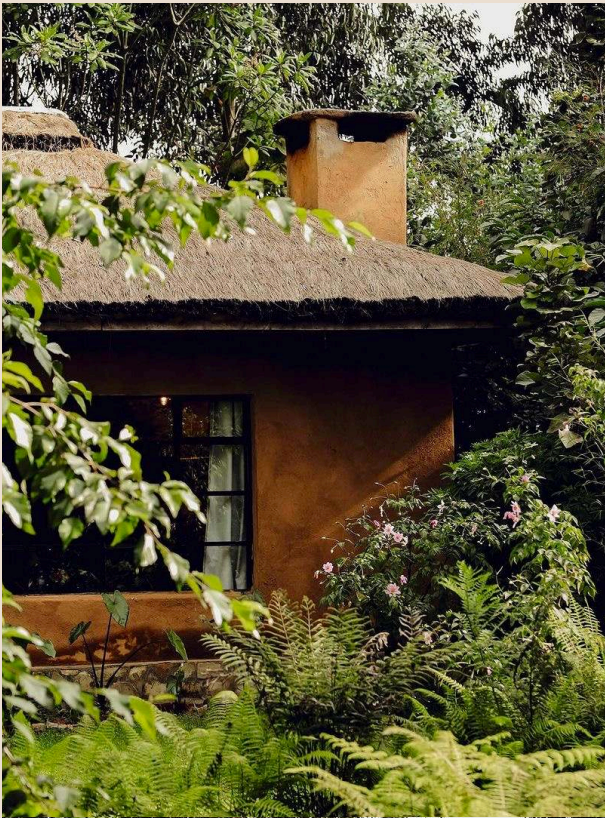
The pages that follow describe Sambora — what we are, where we are, and how a stay tends to unfold. For live availability and rates, please contact reservations.

9 THATCHED SUITES

2,300^m ALTITUDE

300^m FROM DIAN FOSSEY CAMPUS

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WELCOME

A serene,
intimate lodge.

Set on the edge of Volcanoes National Park — just three hundred metres from the Dian Fossey Campus, and a short drive from VNP HQ.

Sambora Kinigi is a small, thatched lodge of nine suites, set in lush tropical gardens at the foot of Mount Sabyinyo. The perfect base from which to explore the surrounding forests and, of course, for a once-in-a-lifetime gorilla trek.

We focus on quality of experience — on food, comfort and conservation — rather than scale. The result is a stay that feels considered, personable and a little quieter than most.



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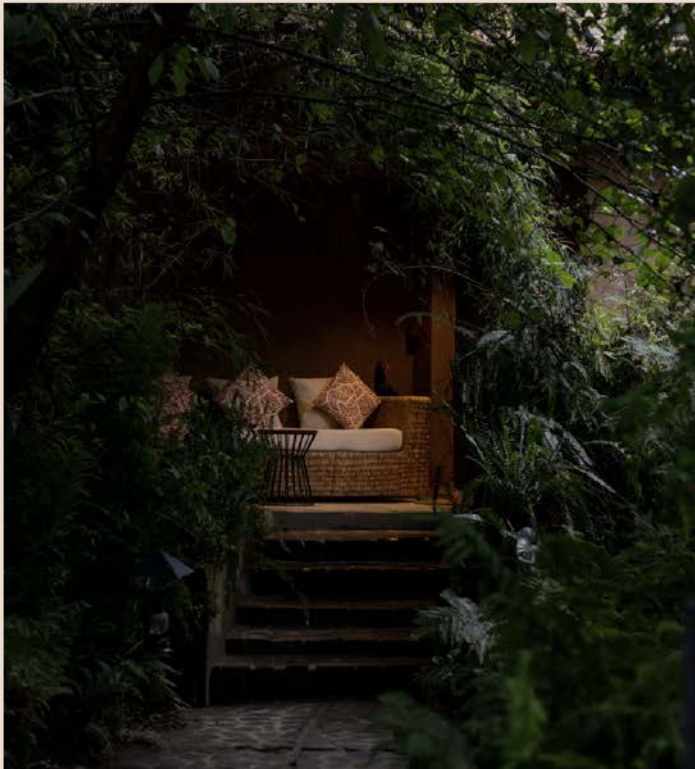
THATCHED
SUITES

5^{min}

TO VNP HQ

90%

LOCAL TEAM



THE LODGE & THE KITCHEN

Built by hand,
local at the table.

The main lodge is a large, open-plan structure: a shared dining space, a stocked bar, lounging areas and a cosy fireplace, with a verandah looking out onto Mount Sabyinyo. Constructed by local artisans, in local materials, the lodge feels of its place.

Shared dining is gently encouraged — an opportunity to meet other guests and swap trekking stories. Private dining is available by prior arrangement: around the fire pit (weather permitting), on the verandah, or in your own room.



LODGE AMENITIES *i.*

- Fireside lounge & bar
- Dining terrace, volcano views
- Curated library, regional interest
- Wellness centre (1 x complimentary 45 minute massage included per guest per stay)
- Heated pool & sauna
- Starlink Wi-Fi throughout & daily laundry service

MEALS & CUISINE *ii.*

- Seasonal, locally sourced menus
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner included
- Daily 6 pm gin & tonic sundowners
- All dietary requirements catered for, incl. Kosher (with notice)
- Packed lunches for trek days
- In-room & private dining on request

RECOGNISED FOR *iii.*

Personable, considered service. Modern, high-quality cuisine. An authentic, owner-run lodge feel; staff who are part of the place, not passing through.

PRIVATE DINING *iv.*

By prior arrangement — around the fire pit (weather permitting), on the verandah, or in your room.



ACCOMMODATION

Four categories,
nine suites.

All suites with king or twin configuration, en-suite walk-in rain shower, locally-sourced amenities. Robes, slippers, hot-water bottles for cool nights. Starlink Wi-Fi, daily laundry.



No. I · new for 2026

Sanctuary Suite new

2 SUITES · 80 SQM · MAX 2 + 1 CHILD

- En-suite shower & bath, outdoor rain shower
- Fireplace with lounge area, private dining, mini-bar
- Heated plunge pool, private verandah



No. II

Superior Forest Suite

2 SUITES · 70 SQM · MAX 2 + 1 CHILD

- En-suite walk-in shower, outdoor rain shower
- Fireplace with lounge area, mini-bar
- Private verandah



No. III

Forest Suite

3 SUITES · 50 SQM · MAX 2 + 1 CHILD

- En-suite shower & bath, outdoor rain shower
- Fireplace with seating area, mini-bar
- Private verandah



No. IV

Junior Suite

2 SUITES · 40 SQM · MAX 2 + 1 CHILD

- En-suite walk-in shower
- Fireplace, mini-bar
- Private verandah



ACCOMMODATION · I OF IV · NEW

Sanctuary Suite

No. 1
80 SQM · 2 OF

Our newest category, introduced for May 2026. The Sanctuary Suites are our largest and most private — with an en-suite shower and bath, an outdoor rain shower, fireplace with lounge area, private dining area, veranda, and a heated plunge pool of their own. For honeymooners, photographers, and guests for whom space and quiet are part of the journey.

FOOTPRINT	80 sqm under thatch
BEDROOM	Californian king or twin configuration
BATHROOM	En-suite shower & bath · outdoor rain shower
LIVING	Fireplace with lounge area · private dining area · complimentary mini-bar
OUTDOORS	Private verandah · heated plunge pool
CAPACITY	2 adults + 1 child (camp bed on request)
NUMBER	2 suites

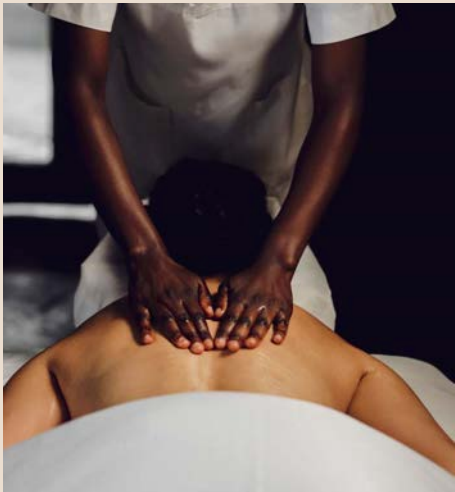


IN-ROOM & ON-SITE

The *small*
things, well done.

Each suite is finished by hand, in locally-sourced materials, with the comforts that matter most after a long day on the volcanoes. Your fireplace is lit before turn-down on cool evenings.

“A hot shower, a crackling fire, and a sky full of stars.”



UNIVERSAL ROOM FEATURES

i.

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| • — Californian king-size or twin configuration | • — Walk-in rain shower, en-suite |
| • — Fireplace | • — Robes, slippers & hot-water bottles |
| • — Locally-sourced amenities | • — Complimentary snacks & mini-bar |
| • — In-room safe | • — Hair dryer |
| • — Binoculars for guest use | • — In-room telephone |
| • — Butler service available | • — Starlink Wi-Fi & daily laundry service |

UNIQUE SELLING POINTS

ii.

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| • — Short 5 minute drive to VNP HQ | • — Owner-run, head office in country |
| • — Intimate — only nine suites | • — Cultural & conservation experiences on-site |
| • — Forested surroundings, real privacy | • — Small, dedicated lodge team |



EXPERIENCE & ACTIVITIES

Days filled,
in your own way.

Within the park, pre-booking is required and fees apply. In the local area and on-site, your host will arrange. One additional activity per day is included.
**excludes park activities*

WITHIN VOLCANOES NP		i.
Golden monkey	3 HR	EASY
Dian Fossey tomb	3-4 HR	EASY
Gorilla trekking	3-6 HR	MEDIUM
Bisoke crater lake	4-6 HR	MEDIUM
Sabyinyo ascent 3 COUNTRIES	6 HR	HARD
Karisimbi TWO-DAY TREK, CAMPING	48 HR	HARD
WITHIN THE LODGE		iii.
Gorilla Doctors talk EXTRA FEES APPLY	1 HR	EASY
Genocide presentation EXTRA FEES APPLY	1 HR	EASY
Wellness centre TREATMENTS, FEES APPLY	—	ON SITE
Traditional dance & drum	1 HR	ON SITE
Painting workshop	1-2 HR	ON SITE
Fire pit & BBQ WEATHER PERMITTING	EVE.	ON SITE

LOCAL AREA <i>*included activities, one per day</i>		ii.
Twin Lakes boat & canoe	3-4 HR	EASY
Bird watching RESIDENT GUIDE	2 HR	EASY
Hand Spun Hope TEXTILE PROJECT	2 HR	EASY
Red Rocks · cultural	2 HR	EASY
Dian Fossey campus visit	1.5 HR	EASY
White-water rafting	3-4 HR	MEDIUM



FINDING SAMBORA

Finding Sambora.

Sambora sits at the foot of Mount Sabyinyo, a moment from VNP HQ where treks begin. It’s about a mile past One&Only Gorilla’s Nest, on the left — if you reach the Dian Fossey Campus, you’ve gone too far.

GETTING HERE

i.

- By road — ~2.5 to 3 hours from Kigali, via Musanze, on a modern road
- By air — 30-minute helicopter from Kigali International
- Transfers — arranged via Sambora Private Journeys



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The *practical* things.

The everyday details of a stay — check-in, payment, climate, language and the bits in between.

CLIMATE i.

At 2,300 metres, the air is cool year-round; evenings can be cold. Warm clothing is recommended.

DRY	WET
Jun — Oct & Dec	Mar, Apr, Nov

SHOULDER	ALTITUDE
Jan, Feb	2,300 m

CHECK-IN & OUT ii.

- Check-in from 14h00
- Check-out promptly by 11h00
- Late check-out by prior agreement — \$200 pp, nett, non-commissionable

EQUIPMENT HIRE vi.

Gaiters, gloves, jackets and backpacks are provided. Hiking boots and waterproof trousers can be hired locally with advanced notice.

VEHICLES vii.

A professional driver-guide is recommended throughout your stay. We do not recommend local taxis or motos.

INSURANCE & VACCINATIONS viii.

- Travel, emergency & evacuation insurance is required
- Yellow Fever vaccination only required when travelling from endemic-countries — please consult your physician.

CHILDREN ix.

All ages welcome at the lodge. Trekking is permitted from 15 years and over.

PAYMENT iii.

- All major credit cards accepted
- AMEX accepted via online payment link
- Card transactions subject to a 3.9% fee
- USD — primary currency for invoicing

LANGUAGE iv.

English fluently, alongside French and Kinyarwanda. The lodge team is multilingual; reservations correspond in English.

ELECTRICITY v.

220–240V. Type C, E and F sockets (European 2-prong). Multi-voltage appliances need only an adapter.

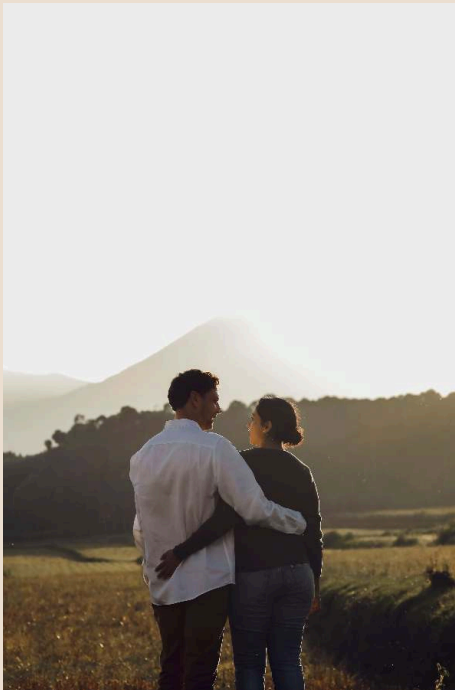


VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

A note on *treks*,
and how to thank
the people behind them.

Permits sell out quickly in high season — please plan in advance.
Each activity begins at 7 am at VNP HQ; from there it’s a 15–45
minute drive to the trailhead.

Conditions can change — a waterproof jacket is recommended.
Gaiters, gloves and backpacks are provided by the lodge; hiking
boots and waterproof trousers can be hired locally. Porters can be
hired on the day at \$20, cash — warmly recommended.



ALTITUDE i.

You’ll start at around 2,300m, rising to 3,500m. Some guests
experience mild altitude sickness; an acclimatisation day before
trekking is wise.

PRIVATE TREKKING ii.

Available, charged as a group of 8 minimum. Choose your gorilla
family, choose your guide, start from the lodge. Please enquire if
of interest.

SUGGESTED GRATUITIES iii.

Tipping is at your discretion — this is a guideline only.

Gorilla trekking guide (usually 2) · pp, per trek	\$25
Trekking porter · per porter, per day	\$20
Professional guide · per day	\$25 — \$50
Transfer driver · per group, per transfer	\$10 — \$20
Lodge team · per room, per night (<i>communal box</i>)	\$20 — \$30

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION iv.

Guests travelling with our sister company, Sambora Private
Journeys, are automatically covered. If you’re travelling with
another agency, please ensure cover is in place.

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RESPONSIBLE TOURISM & THE PEOPLE BEHIND IT

Of the *place*, and for it.

Sambora was established to make a difference to the community and to support conservation in this part of Rwanda. It’s a quiet ambition, threaded through everyday choices — not a chapter of a marketing brochure.



HOW WE WORK

i.

- — Plastic-free environment throughout
- — Locally-sourced building materials wherever possible
- — A portion of profits reinvested in community projects & skills training
- — Farm-to-fork in partnership with the local community
- — 90% of our team employed from surrounding villages
- — Waste minimisation & on-site composting
- — Active support for area conservation efforts
- — Female & youth employment programmes



WHO FEELS AT HOME HERE

Guest *profile.*

- — Honeymooners
- — Small group journeys
- — Birders
- — Multi-generational families on exclusive use
- — Photographers, conservationists & cultural travellers
- — Adventure enthusiasts



HELPFUL CONTACTS

A handful of *useful* people, well-met.

Whether you're booking, planning, or already on the road — one of us will be happy to hear from you.

THE TEAM

i.



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