

WILDERNESS BISATE RESERVE

## OF ROYALTY AND RAINFORESTS

Perched on a forested hillside close to the border of Volcanoes National Park, Wilderness Bisate Reserve offers the ultimate gateway to Africa's most thrilling primate experience, in unmatched style. Inspired by Rwanda's royal heritage, Wilderness Bisate Reserve pays homage to the regal traditions of Rwandan culture; surrounded by reforested land, this elevated sanctuary offers 360-degree panoramic views over the six majestic volcanoes of the Virunga Massif.

Designed for the most discerning aficionados of sustainable luxury, this brand-new sister camp to multiple award-winning Wilderness Bisate immerses guests in an environment where nature and indulgence meet.

Every moment spent in the exclusive villas overlooking a growing indigenous forest is a reminder of the vital purpose we share: preserving, protecting, and expanding this iconic wilderness. Here, your journey with Rwanda's endangered mountain gorillas is more than just an adventure - it becomes a story of legacy and purpose.

## Reserved for the Connoisseurs of Conservation

WHY BISATE RESERVE?

A reserve is a mark of exceptional quality. Something to be savoured. Cherished. Indulged in. Wilderness Bisate Reserve is no exception. A place where nature, culture and luxury come together.

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## LAND OF A THOUSAND HILLS

Wilderness Bisate Reserve overlooks Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda, a world-renowned sanctuary for mountain gorillas. Perched at an elevated vantage point, Bisate Reserve offers breathtaking panoramic views of six majestic dormant volcanoes - Bisoke, Karisimbi, and Mikeno on one side, and Sabyinyo, Muhabura and Gahinga on the other.

Conveniently located just outside Volcanoes National Park, guests are immersed in natural surroundings while still enjoying the utmost luxury and exclusivity.





## THE AREA

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Volcanoes National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, rich in biodiversity and home to one of the last remaining opulations of endangered mountain gorillas. The volca landscape provides both dramatic scenery and a unique environment to explore, through nature trails, community visits, and conservation initiatives.

# OUR PURPOSE

## 100 000 trees. And counting.

tourism, artisanal collaborations, and agricultural initiatives.

At the heart of our purpose here is expanding habitat for gorillas, and a visionary reforestation and rehabilitation project that guests are invited to participate in, making each visitor a part of this critical conservation effort. Wilderness Bisate Reserve aims to be a model of sustainable conservation tourism in Rwanda; every stay contributes to the preservation of endangered species, particularly the iconic mountain gorilla. Bisate Reserve also partners with the local community, helping uplift economic prospects through sustainable

## FOOD JOURNEY

At Wilderness Bisate Reserve, going the distance takes on new meaning. Our guests' culinary journey begins in the fertile Rwandan soil; when it comes to sourcing produce Through elevated traditional dining, the focus is on fresh, local ingredients – almost all sourced from small-scale farms within a 120-kilometre radius of the lodge. Guests are invited to join in picking ingredients grown in Bisate Reserve's own vegetable garden, before vibrant dishes are brought to life and served on bespoke hand-crafted

Every dining experience is distinct, whether enjoyed





## DESIGNED FOR ROYALTY

Paying homage to the regal traditions of Rwandan royalty, Bisate Reserve's architecture seamlessly blends custom-designed fibre thatch, basket-weave and timber with local volcanic stone; it is an exquisite retreat into both culture and nature.

A designated mud-room to prepare for gorilla trekking, a climatecontrolled wine tower, three fireplaces and multiple cosy and private seating areas make up the main area, including a bar with breathtaking views over the volcanoes. Here, all six volcanoes come in to view; a compass inlay in the floor points to each peak, a reminder of what a profound privilege it is to gaze over these ancient hills.









### FOUR REGAL FOREST VILLAS

Each of the four expansive en-suite villas - covering 212 square metres – is a sanctuary of privacy and luxury. Their design incorporates expert craftsmanship culturally relevant to Rwanda, while thatch-styled roofs and volcanic rock walls anchor the villas in the landscape.

- Each villa features magnificent original artwork from local artists from sketches to intricate needlework, with details in each room highlighting unique indigenous flora
- A separate spacious indoor lounge area for in-room dining • Rooms are warmed by a central fireplace, wood-burning stove, heated towel railings and underfloor heating
- With an indoor shower and bath, each villa also has a wood-fired hot tub on the private deck
- A screen, which is hidden but can be displayed on request, is loaded with documentaries showcasing Rwanda's impressive wildlife, history and culture

On request, Villas 1 and 2 can be linked via doors to a 12-metre long passage, revealed only to guests who have booked family accommodation. The discreet passage is otherwise hidden; set into the slope, with natural foliage growing over the roof, it is completely unnoticeable from the villas' approach.



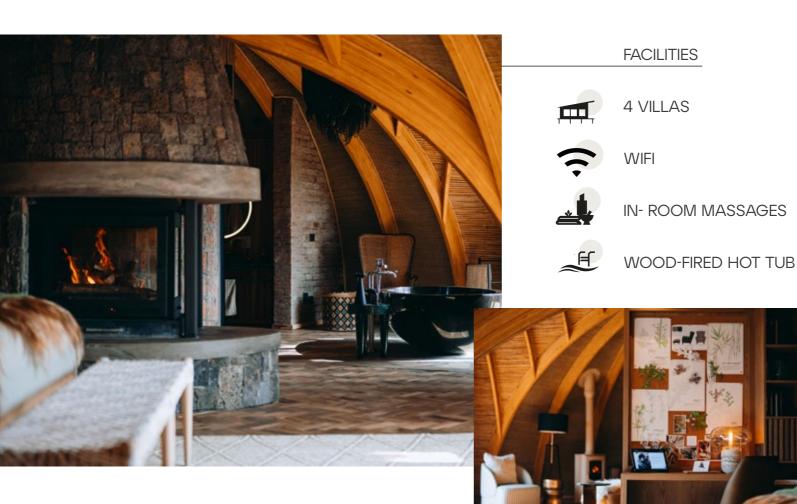






## EXPERIENCE

Aimed at the most discerning of travellers, the Bisate Reserve experience is even more exclusive, elevated, and connected to the profound purpose of this extraordinary place.



## **ACTIVITIES**



GORILLA TREKKING Spend a precious hour with a habituated gorilla family



**GOLDEN MONKEY TREKKING** View this beautiful primate, endemic to the area, in the park's bamboo forest



Privately guided visit to the nearby community



GUIDED HIKE TO DIAN FOSSEY'S **GRAVE & KARISOKE** A spectacular, challenging hike to Dian Fossey's burial site and the ruins of her Research Centre





NATURE TRAILS Explore Bisate concession on our nature trails



### WILDLIFE

Volcanoes National Park not only provides a sanctuary to hundreds of the world's 1 000 or so endangered mountain gorillas, but is also home to the golden monkey, side-striped jackal, serval, black-fronted duiker, buffalo, forest elephant, tree hyrax, bushbuck and Egyptian mongoose, genets and squirrels.

Birds include the Rwenzori double-collared sunbird, and endemic specials like the Archer's robin-chat, mountain black boubou, strange weaver, mountain masked apalis and Rwenzori (collared) apalis make the Virungas area their home.

Testament to our ongoing conservation and reforestation efforts, many of these species can now be seen on our property.







## BISATE KWANDA LOUNGE

The Bisate Kwanda lounge offers an extraordinary extension of the luxury gorilla trekking experience. Catering to early arrivals and late departures, this tranquil day lounge invites guests to relax in style with views of the organic vegetable garden and the reforested landscape.

- Showers are available to freshen up after a last morning trek
- ٠ Light, healthy meals are served during the day
- A boutique features locally crafted artisanal products • • Massages on request









#### CHILD POLICY

For families travelling with children between the ages of 6 and 15 (inclusive), the two interleading villas may be booked to accommodate them; do note that 15 is the minimum age for gorilla trekking.

#### ACCESS

BY ROAD

Approximately three hours from Kigali by vehicle road transfer.

#### BY AIR

Half-hour helicopter transfer from Kigali to Bisate Helipad, followed by a 5-minute drive to Bisate Reserve; alternatively, transfer by helicopter to Musanze Airstrip (located in the town of Musanze,) followed by a 20- to 30-minute vehicle transfer from the airstrip.

\* An electric-powered golf cart is available for ease of access from the car park to the main lounge or to the villas. Note that due to the terrain and lodge layout, a certain amount of mobility is required.

#### RATES

From USD 3,140 per person per night

Contact your Travel Designer for more information and to book.









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