

Singita Grumeti Reserves – Serengeti

Geography and location

Singita Grumeti Reserves is located in northern Tanzania and forms part of the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem, bordering on the Serengeti National Park. The Singita Grumeti Reserves concession spans a vast 350 000 acres (140 000 hectares) of relatively untouched wilderness. Singita Grumeti Reserves is located adjacent to the western corridor of the world-renowned Serengeti National Park. The absence of fencing allows the migration of game between the park and the concession. The reserve is home to varying habitats including open plains, rugged rocky outcrops, woodlands and riverine forests.

Climate

Being close to the equator, and with an altitude of approximately 1 400 metres (4 600 feet), the temperature at Singita Grumeti Reserves is relatively consistent: midday temperatures range from 26°C to 35°C (78°F to 95°F).

Overnight temperatures drop to 13°C to 18°C (55°F to 65°F). There are two wet seasons - the long rains between February and May and the short rains between October and December. The average rainfall is approximately 759 mm (30 inches).

Warmest month - March.
Coolest months - July and August.

Wildlife

Singita Grumeti Reserves form part of the world-famous migratory route. The Great Migration traditionally moves through Grumeti Reserves between June and August. However, there is an abundance of wildlife to be seen in Grumeti all year round, including; 400 species of birds (including five endemic species and a high concentration of raptors), 40 species of herbivores, 25 species of large carnivores and prolific plant life and plant species.

Activities

Guests have access to a wide range of activities, including

- Game drives and walks with professional guides.
- Fun activities such as archery, lawn croquet, badminton, billiards, star-gazing safaris, mountain biking and hot-air ballooning are all available.
- The equestrian centre is situated adjacent to Sasakwa Lodge and is home to sixteen horses. Experienced riders can enjoy out-rides on the Serengeti Plains. Tack is English style and guests have the choice of English or Western saddles.

- There are tennis courts at Sabora Tented Camp and Sasakwa Lodge with a choice of surfaces.
- Spa facilities are available at all three lodges.
- Yoga and gym facilities are available at Sasakwa Lodge.
- Wireless internet access and satellite television at all three lodges.

Food and beverage

- Highly trained chefs are available to take care of any culinary needs. Please inform the lodges before arrival of any special dietary requirements.
- A wide selection of fine wines, champagnes and sparkling wines, cognacs and cigars are available.

Getting there

- Twice daily scheduled flights are available from Arusha, and private charters can be arranged, all of which land at Sasakwa airstrip, located a few minutes from Sasakwa Lodge.
- Flying time from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Grumeti is one and a half hours.
- Flying time from Arusha Airport is one and a quarter hours.
- Road transfer from Arusha is approximately 8 hours.
- Private Charters are available into Sasakwa airstrip.

Need to know

- Credit Cards: Singita Grumeti Reserves do not accept Diners International, only Visa, MasterCard and American Express.
- Electricity: 110 converters are available at each lodge
Power: 220 AV
- Check in: 14h00; Check-out: 11h00.
- Health requirements: Yellow fever inoculations are compulsory when entering east Africa. Contact your doctor or travel clinic beforehand.
- Malaria: Grumeti Reserves is a malarial zone, however, there is a spraying programme in place. Please ensure you consult your doctor before travelling to east Africa.
- Child friendly policy: All the lodges are family-friendly and children over the age of 10 are welcome to the lodges and camps under parental supervision.