



FOUR NIGHTS · SERENGETI, TANZANIA

The Long Light

Singita Grumeti: 350,000 private acres beside the Serengeti, on the path of the Great Migration.



WHY THIS RETREAT

A reserve held for the wildlife, not for the crowds

Few places ask a leader to do so little and see so much. Singita Grumeti is managed in partnership with the non-profit Grumeti Fund, so the land is protected, the vehicles are few and the days are set by the animals.

I

Rarity

350,000 private acres, with vehicles limited to eight guests.

III

Stillness

Sunrise from a balloon, a walk on foot, a long table under an open sky.

II

Perspective

A leader sees a system at work: predators, herds, rangers and communities.

IV

Purpose

Time with the Fund scouts who keep the reserve whole.



THE SETTING

The land the herds have always crossed

Singita Grumeti lies beside Serengeti National Park, part of the Serengeti-Mara ecosystem that is home to the Great Migration. The Tanzanian government created the reserve in 1994 to protect the migration route. Today the Grumeti Fund conserves it, and Singita manages low-impact luxury within it.

350,000

acres of private reserve

120

Grumeti Fund
anti-poaching scouts

2019

nine Eastern Black Rhino
returned to the reserve



DAY 0 · ARRIVE

The first evening

The reserve begins to set its own pace.

15:30

Arrival and Welcome

Hosted by the Singita Grumeti lodge team

Guests are welcomed at the lodge and settled into their suites above the open savannah.

Why: the plains are the first thing you see.

16:30

First Game Drive

Led by a Singita field guide and tracker

An evening drive across the concession, as the light turns gold.

Why: your guide reads the land from the first hour.

19:30

Dinner at the Lodge

Hosted by the Singita Grumeti lodge team

A relaxed dinner, with the first night's sounds of the reserve beyond the veranda.

Why: a quiet first evening after the journey.



DAY 1 · ABOVE THE PLAINS

Sunrise, then the birds

The Serengeti from the air, then at eye level.

05:30

Hot Air Balloon Safari

Flown by a licensed pilot with Serengeti Balloon Safaris

Drift over the Serengeti at sunrise, weather permitting.

Why: a one-hour flight, silent, above the migration plains.

11:30

Bird-watching

Led by a Singita field guide

Secretary birds, ground hornbills, crowned cranes and bee-eaters, spotted with a guide.

Why: many guests arrive with mild interest and leave as twitchers.

17:00

Sundowner Wine Tasting

Led by a Singita sommelier

Rare and private-reserve South African wines poured in the bush at sunset.

Why: a tasting with the whole plain in view.



DAY 2 · ON FOOT

The ground-level view

Tracking, scouts and the reserve's sunset hill.

06:30

Guided Safari Walk

Led by a Singita field guide and tracker

A quiet walk across the plains and grassland, away from the vehicle tracks.

Why: learn to read what the animals leave behind.

16:30

Observation Post 7

Hosted by Grumeti Fund anti-poaching scouts

A hilltop visit to meet the scouts, with drinks at sunset over the grass plains.

Why: meet the people who keep the reserve whole.

19:30

A Food and Wine Evening

Led by a Singita sommelier and chef

A dedicated four-course dinner with pairings, in the lodge setting.

Why: four courses, each paired with a wine.



DAY 3 · THE WIDER RESERVE

Animals and the people beside them

The reserve's conservation story, told on the ground.

06:00

Morning Game Drive

Led by a Singita field guide and tracker

A full morning drive across the Grumeti plains, with a good chance of lions, cheetah and elephant.

Why: the reserve is busiest in the early light.

11:30

Grumeti Fund Conservation Briefing

Led by the Grumeti Fund conservation team

How buffalo, wildebeest and elephant populations returned, and how nine Black Rhino came home in 2019.

Why: the story of a reserve rebuilt from depleted land.

15:00

A Community Visit

Hosted by the Grumeti Fund Community Outreach team

Visit one of the 21 villages the Fund works with, on education, water and enterprise.

Why: see development work in the villages beside the reserve.

19:30

Farewell Dinner

Hosted by the Singita Grumeti lodge team

A farewell dinner at the lodge.

Why: one long table to end the stay.



DAY 4 · DEPART

One last morning

Nothing hurried.

06:30

A Final Game Drive

Led by a Singita field guide and tracker

One more drive across the reserve before the day warms.

Why: mornings here are the richest hours.

09:30

Breakfast and Farewells

Hosted by the Singita Grumeti lodge team

A slow breakfast, then departures at each guest's own time.

Why: a gentle close.

How the days run

The rhythm

Game drives run early morning and again in the evening. The hours between are for rest, the pool and the lodge.

Walks

Guided safari walks suit guests aged 16 and over, at the field guide's discretion.

Balloon flights

Run daily, weather permitting, about an hour each. Pre-booking through Singita is recommended.

Seasons

The Great Migration moves through the wider ecosystem across the year, so timing is worth planning around.

See you on the plains.

Photography: Singita (official images).

