Singita *Castleton*

Sabi Sand

South Africa



Place of miracles

We live in a world in which the demand for change governs a quest for progress that often treads unthinkingly on its heritage. There are places though, that still exist – wide and untouched expanses of an unchanged world – as a reminder of ageless wonder and beauty. And it was to play a part in preserving the quiet majesty of these places that Singita was created.





Life in balance

Singita, 'Place of Miracles' is inspired by a philosophy of keeping life in balance. Our passion is founded upon three fundamental pillars of modern conservation, namely: preserving iconic spaces; protecting the wildlife that inhabits those spaces; and collaborating with neighbouring communities.

Lasting purpose

We work together with local people so communities may proudly and independently sustain – and pass on – the value of Africa's heritage to future generations.



Preservation and protection

We strive to preserve the iconic spaces in our care, and to conserve the wildlife that exists in each unique region.





Upliftment

Partnering with people living in and around the lodges is an important part of our focus to promote education and independence so to create sustainability within local communities.

Steeped in history

Capturing the spirit of the original Castleton Camp, the lodge retains a historical and comforting nature.





Exclusive lifestyle safari

Combining the best elements of a private safari lodge with the rustic charms of a country farmhouse.

Unbuttoned, lived-in appeal

Botanical art references, luxurious bedding, country furniture and flagstone floors add a nostalgic and time-honoured ambience.









Soulful ambience and elegance

Revitalised spaces encourage relaxation, togetherness, and a deep engagement with the African wilderness.



An experience in excellence

Our skilled and experienced miracle makers fulfil the promise of an unforgettable safari experience, at every turn.







Private safari

Your safari begins as you stand on broad verandas overlooking a watering hole where animals gather to drink – a life-changing adventure where your story becomes a part of ours.

Singita Sabi Sand

Location of Singita Sabi Sand [A]

Singita Sabi Sand is a privately owned game reserve in the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, adjacent to the Kruger National Park in South Africa. Spanning more than 45,000 acres, Singita Sabi Sand is renowned for high concentrations of big game and frequent leopard sightings. Here you will find Singita Castleton.

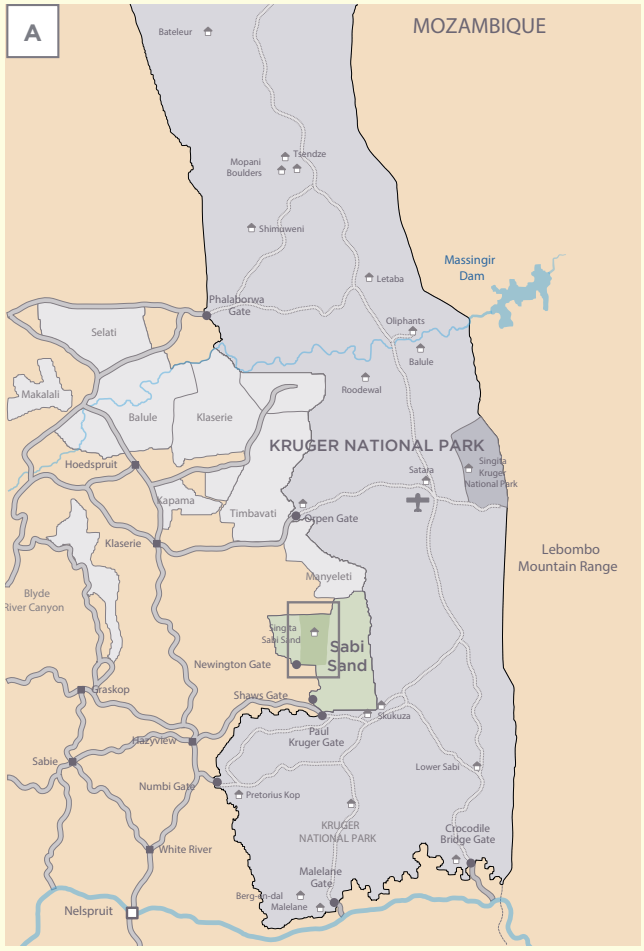
Location of Singita Castleton [B]

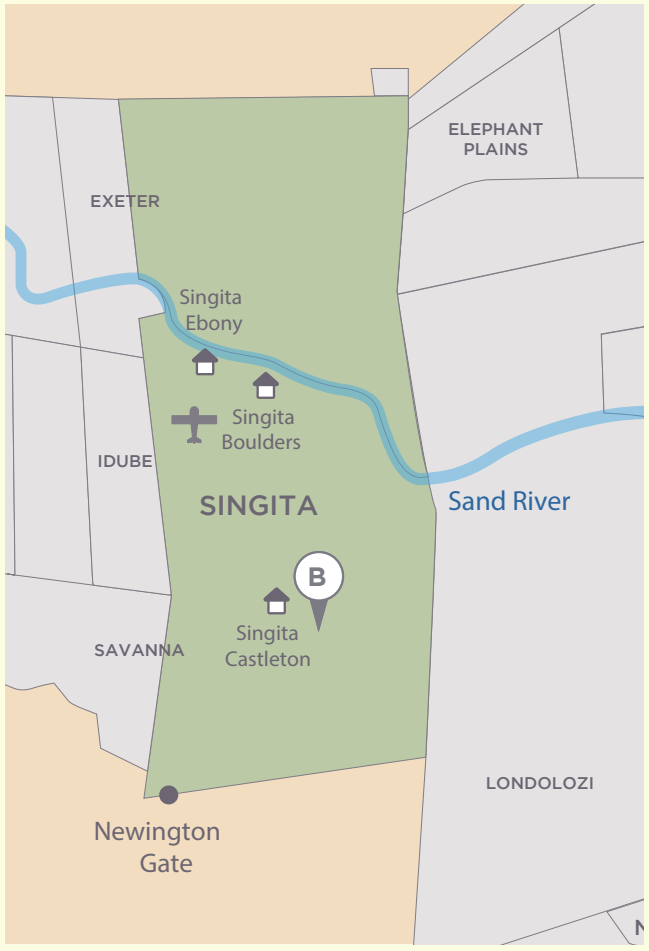
Singita Castleton, the original home of the Bailes family is found in a privately owned 45,000 acre game reserve in the Sabi Sand Reserve. Adjacent to the Kruger National Park, this area is fondly known as 'Big cat country'.

Reminiscent of an African farmhouse, richly detailed interiors in a neutral palette contrast with traditional tartans and classic prints creating an unbuttoned, lived-in appeal

In this idyllic lodge setting, gracious service from a staff that includes a private guide, tracker, chef, and housekeeper is finely tuned to the dictates and desires of each guest.







What you need to know

Best time to go on safari

Southern Africa is a year-round destination. Traditionally the dry winter months (April to October) are best for game viewing, due to the shorter grass, lack of foliage and the absence of water which forces the game to concentrate around the remaining sources of drinking water. Annual rainfall, usually in the form of short afternoon thunder showers that clear up within an hour, occur from December to March. Many species give birth to their young around the start of the rains, so the bush is alive with newborn animals.

Seasonal temperatures

Temperatures range from:			
Spring (Sept-Nov)	Average minimum Average maximum	20°C 30°C	68°F 86°F
Summer (Dec-Feb)	Average minimum Average maximum	23°C 31°C	73°F 88°F
Autumn (March-May)	Average minimum Average maximum	22°C 31°C	72°F 88°F
Winter (June-Aug)	Average minimum Average maximum	18°C 29°C	64°F 84°F

The above temperatures are the monthly average. The absolute temperatures differ from these temperatures.

Your packing guide

Cotton clothing in neutral colours is recommended for game drives and bush walks. It is advisable to avoid white and dark colours as they tend to attract certain bugs. No formal wear is required at any of our lodges. Seasons dictate comfort and comfort dictates clothing, so we recommend that you pack as follows:

- October–April: Casual summer clothes (shorts and cool shirts) and a warm jersey/sweater for the cooler morning and evening temperatures.
- May–September: Casual light clothing and a very warm parka/jacket for the extremely cold mornings and nights.

It is a good idea to bring along the following items to ensure a carefree safari:

- 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.)
- Video camera, camera, binoculars, spare memory cards.

Please note that in the event of rain during a game drive, waterproof ponchos will be provided.

What you need to know

Health requirements

Singita Castleton is in a malarial zone so it is essential to ensure that you take appropriate prophylactics. It is also recommended that you consult your doctor/physician before travelling.

Accommodation

Six individual cottages located separate to the main house. Two of the cottages are inter-leading, which is perfect for families with children.

Amenities and services

- There is a swimming pool on the front lawn overlooking the Castleton dam and the open grassland.
- There is a private gym available.
- Private tennis court with tennis pavilion.
- Trampoline for children (and adults) to have fun.
- A treatment room and in-room treatments are available for guests.
- Television with full satellite/cable with DVD player in the main house
- Private boma with uninterrupted view of the watering hole
- Private Land Rover with experienced field guide and tracker.
- Private staff of house manager, chef, housekeeper, guide and tracker.
- Our Singita Boutique & Gallery and Premier Wine Boutique is nearby.
- There is complimentary internet (WiFi) access, however, due to the remote location of the lodge, the wireless connection can be slow and intermittent.
- Electricity/power available: 220V. Converters are also available and hair dryers are supplied in each suite.
- Children of all ages are welcome. There are babysitting services available (to be booked in advance) and tailor-made activities to suit each family. For the interest of safety, childrens' participation in game activities is at the discretion of your guide.
- Kosher and Halaal is available at Singita Castleton at an additional charge – please book in advance.

Activities

- Daytime game drives and afternoon drives ending with a spot lit evening return with professional field guide and tracker in private vehicle.
- Walking safaris (for guests 16 and over), community visits, mountain biking (for guests 16 and over), stargazing safaris, swimming, tennis, board games, archery and croquet on the lawn.
- The country style kitchen is the heart of the home and guests are encouraged to take part in informal cooking/ baking classes.

Our tariffs include

- Luxurious en-suite accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, all drinks (including premium wines, spirits and liqueurs, but excluding French Champagne).
- Land Rover safaris, mountain biking and bush walks accompanied by an experienced guide.
- Private Land Rover, guide, House host, chef and House staff.
- Laundry and valet services.
- Road transfers to and from Singita airstrip.

Our tariffs exclude

- Telephone calls
- Air transfers to and from the lodge
- Spa treatments
- Certain special meal requests
- Purchases from the Singita Boutique & Gallery
- Tourism Levy of R55 per person per night

Your journey to reach us

By air

- We can arrange scheduled flights or private charters for your trip. All flights land at Singita's airstrip located 10 minutes from the lodge.
- On scheduled flights, the weight of luggage is restricted to 20kg (44lb) for checked baggage and 5kg (11lb) for hand luggage.
- Johannesburg – Singita Sabi Sand: approximately one hour.
- Nelspruit – Singita Sabi Sand: approximately 30 minutes.
- Private aircraft pilots land at their own risk and are advised to broadcast their intentions on frequency 124,8 MHz.

  Runway: 01/19

  Latitude: 02° 04" 36' S

  Longitude: 31° 25" 34' E

  Elevation: 1250ft

  Width: 20m

  Length: 1,400m

  Surface: Soft tar

By road

- From Johannesburg: approximately 6.5 hours' drive (+/- 500km)
- From Hazyview: approximately 1.75 hours' drive (+/- 150km)

Payment options

We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express cards.

Check-in/check-out times and lodge closure

- The lodge is open year-round
- Check-in time: 14h00
- Check-out time: 11h00

Please note that guests wishing to check in before 14h00 and/or checking out after 11h00 are required to book an additional night at the Day Use Rate.

Key species you are likely to see

During your stay at Singita Castleton, you are likely to spot a great variety of wildlife, including species such as leopard, lion, rhino, large herds of buffalo, elephant, reedbuck, hyena, hippopotamus, nyala, cheetah, wild dog and many types of birds.

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Singita Lebombo and Sweni Lodges — Kruger National Park, South Africa
Singita Ebony and Boulders Lodges — Sabi Sand, South Africa
Singita Sasakwa and Faru Faru Lodges, Serengeti House, Sabora Tented Camp and Explore — Grumeti, Tanzania
Singita Mara River Tented Camp, Lamai, Tanzania
Singita Pamushana Lodge — Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve, Zimbabwe

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