

## Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust (VSPT)

### Fact Sheet

#### Uganda & Rwanda

- Established in 2009, the Volcanoes Safaris Partnership Trust (VSPT) is a non-profit organisation that connects VS luxury lodges to the neighbouring communities and conservation activities.
- The VSPT seeks to create long-term, self-sustaining projects to enrich the livelihoods of local communities, promote the conservation of great apes, restore natural habitats and work with communities and institutions to reduce human-wildlife conflict.
- The VSPT receives funding through VS, which contributes \$100 from safari bookings, as well as private donations by our guests and others.
- As part of their stay at Volcanoes Lodges, guests get an opportunity to visit VSPT projects and to share the lives of the local communities.



#### Kyambura Gorge Lodge, Queen Elizabeth National Park, Uganda

- [Kyambura Gorge Eco-Tourism Project](#) launched in February 2019.
- Kyambura Coffee Tour & Café - Demonstrations of the 5 stages of organic coffee processing and opportunity to participate in roasting your own coffee. Sample one of Uganda's best cups of coffee and enjoy a freshly made pizza from the wood fired pizza oven.
- Drama Group - Cultural songs and dances from the local drama group.
- Kyambura Wetland walk and restoration project - Guided walk, ideal for birders. Over 200 species of bird have returned to the wetland.
- Bee Keeping - Visit a local apiary and learn about bee husbandry and the use of bees as an elephant deterrent.
- Kyambura Community Playground - Watch or participate in a football or netball match with members of the local community.



### Bwindi Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, Uganda

- Bwindi Tea Cooperative - Learn about local tea processing methods and sample black, white and green teas.
- Bwindi Bar - Sample traditional Ugandan cuisine. The bar provides a practical training institution for local disadvantaged youths living near the Bwindi National Park in Buhoma.



### Mount Gahinga Lodge, Kisoro, Uganda

- [Gahinga Batwa Village](#) – visit the newly built permanent settlement which hosts 110 members of the Gahinga Batwa community.
- Batwa Heritage Site - Learn about the ancient ways of the Batwa tribe.
- Batwa Dance Group - Watch and participate in local Batwa songs and dances.
- Batwa Vocational Centre - Purchase crafts made by the Batwa.



### Virunga Lodge, Parc National des Volcans, Rwanda

- Intore Dance Performance - Watch a traditional Rwandan dance performance.
- Visit the craft centre and purchase handmade local crafts.
- Virunga Sheep Project – Donate a sheep to one of the families living in the proximity of the lodge.
- Virunga Water Tank Project – Donate a water tank to one of the families living in the proximity of the lodge.
- Virunga Micro-Finance Savings Scheme



### Useful information

All private donations are made at the discretion of our guests with all proceeds going back into the projects.

- All donations can be made via the Volcanoes Safaris website  
<https://volcanoessafaris.com/community>
- VSPT does not accept any school sponsorships.
- VSPT products, such as handmade soaps, coffee, tea and crafts, can be purchased at each of the lodges.

