



Partnership Trust

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 Volcanoes Safaris 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 Volcanoes Safaris, which contributes \$50 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 Lion Monitoring Project - Join a local scientific researcher in Queen Elizabeth National Park to locate and record a lion pride.
- Kyambura Coffee Tours - Demonstrations show how African coffee is harvested and processed before sampling the 'best cup of coffee in Uganda'.
- Kyambura Wetland Walk and Restoration Project - Participate in a 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 match with members of the local community.



Bwindi Lodge, Bwindi Impenetrable Forst, Uganda

- [Bwindi Tea Cooperative](#) - Learn about local tea processing methods and sample black 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 147 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.
- [Virunga Craft Project](#) - 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](#).
- VSPT does not accept any school sponsorships.
- VSPT products, such as soaps, coffee and crafts, can be purchased at the lodges.

