

# Singita | Lebombo & Sweni



Singita means "miracle" in Shangaan and it lives up to its name.

## Personal Impression

Lebombo and Sweni are the two new additions to the Singita property portfolio. Both lodges are incredible, staying in either lodge would be a wonderful experience. The beauty of this area in the Lebombo mountains is hard to describe. In certain spots it looks like a Disneyland set with the unique foliage and striking red rocks.

As with all Singita properties, the accommodations are luxurious, incredible food with included wines and spirits, even complimentary 24-hour laundry. Singita properties are expensive but after visiting many different properties and comparing the facilities and the cost I feel Singita it is worth every penny spent.



## Accommodations

Room is an inappropriate name for these unique suites that blend into the landscape and almost disappear from a distance. The rooms are huge with an incredible amount of glass that makes you feel as if the outdoors is right in the room with you. These are very contemporary rooms but also very comfortable. King size beds are draped in netting different from anywhere else, it is dark in color and somewhat rigid, the nightstands are also enclosed (very convenient).

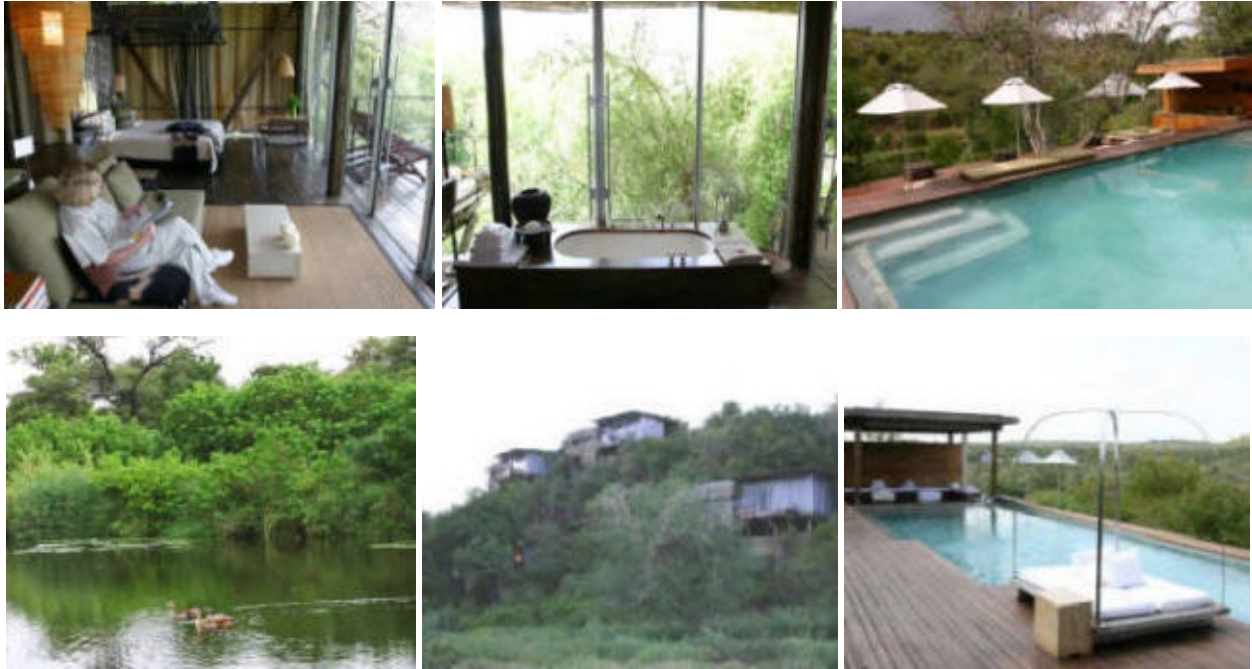
The luxurious bathroom area is trendy with a free-standing large bathtub with an incredible view, indoor and out-door showers, and a huge deck. Sweni rooms are actually a little more luxurious in my opinion. You have two bath areas and a nice wet bar with sink. The rooms are all located above the river and we actually saw crocodiles in the river from our room. Behind the river, is a hill with incredible trees and plants. The scene is idyllic. There is a nice swimming pool, great bar and a small dining area. This is an intimate lodge that holds just 12 people. Lebombo is much larger and accommodates 30 people.

The rooms are similar just without the extra bath and wet bar area. The colors are also lighter and makes the room feel a little more contemporary. The views are truly spectacular as they look down from a high vantage point, just breathtaking views. All the rooms have complete privacy with the windows facing into the bush. There is a room in each lodge that can be accessed without any steps so there is availability for those with walking difficulties.

## Singita Lebombo Village

Between the two properties is Singita Village. A unique attraction featuring incredible African art, both paintings and sculptures, shopping for souvenirs and the incredible spa that serves both properties. A really unique concept that is fun to browse though in the afternoon between game drives. The two lodges, Lebombo and Sweni are about 2-minutes apart by land rover.

### PICTURES OF SWENI & LEBOMBO ACCOMMODATIONS



## Game Drives

The topography around the private reserve of Singita Lebombo and Sweni is truly spectacular. This is actually a 20-year concession of part of the Kruger National Park. This must be the most beautiful area of Kruger and just driving around here is incredible even if you never saw an animal. Certain spots are so picturesque with red rocks, unique plants and mountains; it is really stunning. Then there are river crossings full of lily pads, mirroring water, with colorful African birds playing in the water. The animals are still getting used to the vehicles as this is a new concession and they do retain a little more distance from the lions. However, it is a game rich environment and your game drives will not disappoint.

## The Guides

Singita has incredible guides. They hire the best. They stop at sundown and cook little appetizers and mix you your favorite drink in the bush. You enjoy this while soaking in the spectacular surroundings. They will join you at dinner when you wish and share tales of the bush and the lifestyles of the South African people. They are well educated, speak excellent English and have a true love of the African bush and the animals.

## Dining and Wines

Dinner is always a great event at Singita. After an exhilarating game drive, a quick freshen up you are ready for your pre-dinner drink and a great dinner. At Lebombo and Sweni, they assign you a waiter who is always there to attend to your every need. There are multiple choices on the menu and the staff are happy to accommodate your every whim. Any preferences for a particular way of eating or particular foods can be accommodated. They have exotic items such as game meats but also offer standard fare that all American guests are used to eating. Wines and spirits are included complimentary with the only additional charges being for selected premium wines for purchase. The Boma dinners at Singita Lebombo are truly something very special. The Boma at Lebombo is huge and different from any other boma I have ever seen. It is a "contemporary" boma.

## Normal day at Singita

Morning - At 5:30am you will get the wake-up call to get ready for your morning drive. Yes, it is early but the anticipation of seeing the animals makes this easier than you would think. After breakfast, you head out on your morning game drive. The game drives can last for about two to three hours depending on the passengers in the vehicle, what you see and how long you wish to stay out.

Lunch and the afternoon hours - These are lazy times after lunch with normally a little nap in the afternoon, or a visit the Village and it the Village and enjoy the spa.

Afternoon tea at 4:00 pm - Meet in the lodge and enjoy an English Tea or iced coffee complete with the necessary snacks before heading out with your guide and jeep companions for the afternoon drive.

Dinner - After freshening up, you call and a guide comes to escort you from your cottage to the lodge for dinner. Although it is safe to walk around during the day the animals are more active at night and they will not allow you walk around after dark without a guide. A dinner in the restaurant, or under the stars in the BOMA you will be treated to a delectable relaxed dinner before retiring to look forward to the next day's adventures.

## Internet

WIFI is available

## Summary

I predict that your time at Singita will be one of the greatest travel memories.

**Website:** [Lebombo Lodge](#) [Sweni Lodge](#) [Singita Game Reserves](#)