

*The Simba Classic*

# Serengeti Simba Lodge

Hilltop kopje, Ikona Wildlife Management Area

*2°09' S · 34°38' E Serengeti*

## A kopje above the western Serengeti, and the lodge that started it all.

Serengeti Simba Lodge opened its doors on 14 February 2011, the first of our family's lodges. It sits high on a hill above the western Serengeti, built around a natural rocky outcrop, with views that run all the way to the Grumeti River. Every one of its 21 rooms faces the savannah.

The lodge stands in the Ikona Wildlife Management Area, just outside the national park near Fort Ikoma Gate. That address comes with freedoms the park can't offer: night game drives in the dry season, and neighbours who are the Ikoma people themselves.

### *At a glance*

#### *Collection*

The Simba Classic

#### *Setting*

Hilltop kopje, Ikona Wildlife Management Area

#### *Fort Ikoma Gate*

About 20 minutes

#### *Ikoma airstrip*

About 20 minutes

#### *Rooms*

21: 15 tented rondavels and the 6-room Stone House

#### *Opened*

14 February 2011



## Rondavels and the Stone House

Fifteen tented rondavels of canvas, stone and thatch, each with a bathtub, an outdoor stone shower and a private deck. For families there's the Stone House: six rooms, two of them family rooms with space for an extra bed. Rooms were refurbished in 2025.

## Dinner on the hilltop

Continental cooking with local dishes on the side, Tanzanian coffee and tea, and a barbecue under the stars on special occasions. Breakfast can be packed for an early start, and the lunch boxes travel well.

- Popcorn by the fire before dinner
- Outdoor barbecues on special nights
- Picnic breakfasts for early drives



## Days here

- Game drives in the Serengeti and the Ikona area
- Night game drives, June to October
- The Simba Dancers
- Village visits with the Ikoma community
- Bush breakfasts and sundowners
- Balloon safaris over the Serengeti, on request

## At the lodge

- Infinity pool with sun deck
- Bar, lounge and dining room around the kopje
- Viewing deck
- Campfire
- Bathtubs and outdoor stone showers
- 24-hour charging station at reception
- Wi-Fi in the indoor common areas
- Solar power and solar hot water



## Good to know

The lodge is outside the national park, about 20 minutes from Fort Ikoma Gate. The last stretch of road is rough.

Room power strips run while the generator is on, about six hours a day, and the charging station at reception runs around the clock.

There are stairs and some steep paths, so the lodge isn't suited to guests with limited mobility.

Children over six are welcome.

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## Where this sits, and what else is ours

Five lodges and camps along the northern circuit, run by one family. Most journeys join two or three of them, by road or on a short flight, with our own guides and open safari vehicles between them.



### Olkambe Simba Lodge Tarangire

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Olkambe Hills, inside Tarangire National Park

### Tarangire Simba Lodge

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Among the baobabs by Lake Burunge

### Arukore Simba Camp Serengeti

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Open grassland, central Serengeti

### Karatu Simba Lodge

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Green highlands below the Ngorongoro forest

### Reservations

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