

# Bisate *by numbers*

The building of Bisate has been an adventure into how far we can push visionary sustainability

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It is the 4Cs (Commerce, Conservation, Community and Culture) actualised: reforestation conservation project, community engagement, cultural appropriateness and exposure, eco-friendly operational systems and more will take guests beyond the 'gorilla express' and enriching their experience in this inspiring country. A few numbers that sum up (pun intended) both the enormity and the life-changing significance of this project...



**17 500**

Number of trees planted – as of end of February 2018 – as part of our visionary reforestation project.

**250**



People from the local community employed on a daily basis during construction of the lodge over a nine-month period.

**\$580 000**



Financial injection into the local economy as a result of the land purchase. The impact on the community is thus dramatic and far-reaching. Per hectare, the price paid for the land is more expensive than land in the Sabi-Sand Game Reserve!



**3**

Sewage Treatment Plants installed, thus avoiding contamination of the environment, and recycling and cleaning waste water through biological cultures, aeration and UV treatment.



**12**

Habituated gorilla groups that can be tracked and observed in nearby Volcanoes National Park.

**150**

Metres of Rwandan "kitenge" fabric used to create the staff uniforms.



**360°**

view from the top of the hilltop plateau, of the entire Musanze District and all 6 volcanoes of the Virunga massif: Karasimbi, Bisoke, Mikeno, Sabyinyo, Gahinga and Muhabura.

**172**

Plots of land purchased to create the base of the Bisate reforestation and lodge project.



**43**



Current number of permanent employees of Bisate Lodge. 50% come from the local community and have never worked in tourism before.

**42**



Hectares on which Bisate Lodge is built. The intriguing and varied topography shields the lodge from any unnatural disturbance, blocks out light from the distant village of Kinigi and the town of Musanze and gives guests the sense of being actually inside the national park.

**300**

Members of the broader Bisate community that make up the Tuzamurane Cooperative, which is the conduit through which all business is conducted between Bisate Lodge and the Bisate Community.



**115**

Landowners who sold their plots to Wilderness Safaris under the supervision and guidance of the Musanze District Authority, the National Land Centre and the Tuzamurane Cooperative.



**358**

Number of recycled glass bottles used to create the chandelier in the wine cellar.

