

*Time as one*

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# Time As One

The most meaningful moments are rarely planned. They are discovered in conversations that linger, shared laughter around the table, and time thoughtfully spent together.

This festive season, One&Only invites you to celebrate through remarkable dining, cherished traditions and unforgettable experiences. Discover a collection of moments thoughtfully curated to be shared, savoured and remembered.





## Tree Planting and Basket Weaving

17 December 2026

This festive season, connect with Rwanda's land and culture in ways that last beyond your stay. In a simple ceremony in the resort gardens, plant a tree that supports local conservation and will keep growing long after the season ends. Or join local artisans to learn the time-honoured art of Rwandan basket weaving, a craft passed down through generations. Meaningful moments for every age, shared with the community that surrounds us.

# An Evening of Conservation

## Nest Library

This festive season, gather by the fire in the Nest Library as our resident Gorilla Doctor shares stories from the field, from the daily lives of the mountain gorillas to the care and conservation that protect their forest home. An intimate evening in the spirit of the season, celebrating the remarkable world just beyond the resort.





## Savour & Sip

18–20 December 2026 | Booking required

Get into the festive spirit in the Open Kitchen, cooking seasonal dishes alongside our chef with fresh, locally sourced Rwandan ingredients. Then step behind the bar to shake up a festive cocktail or mocktail of your own. An afternoon of flavour, festive cheer and time well spent together.

## Tree Lighting

17 December 2026 | Jack Hanna Cottage

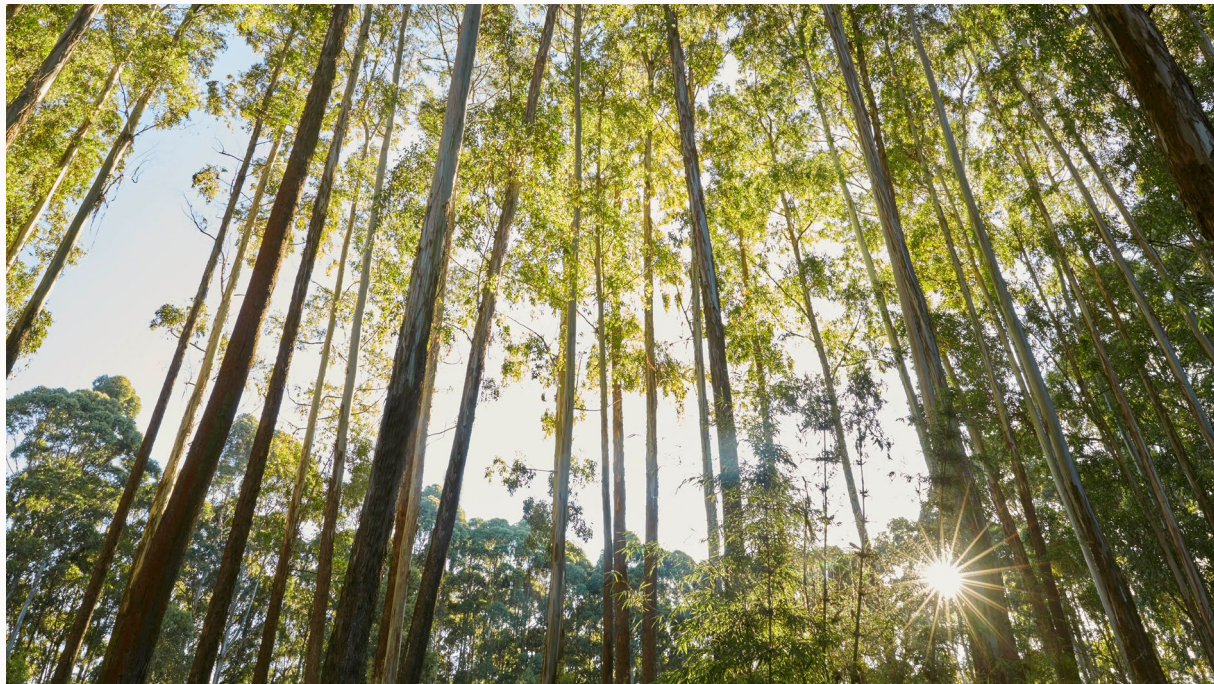
Celebrate the beginning of the festive season as dusk settles over the forest. Gather with loved ones for cocktails and carols from a local choir, as our festive tree is illuminated and the celebrations continue over dinner in The Nest.

# Sunset Pairings

21–23 December 2026 | Jack Hanna Cottage

As the festive season draws near and the light softens over the volcanoes, settle in for an afternoon of curated pairings. Discover selected wines matched with artisanal bites, alongside a taste of local Rwandan beers. An easy, festive gathering of flavour, conversation and golden-hour views.





## Awakening the Volcanoes

21 December 2026 | Forest Yoga Deck

Among the eucalyptus trees, a guided ritual of breathwork, gentle movement and meditation awakens body and mind. A calm, restorative pause in the heart of the festive season, with the forest setting the rhythm.



## Christmas Eve

24 December 2026

Christmas Eve unfolds slowly in the forest. Browse the festive market for locally made gifts, linger over a live barbecue on the Nest Deck, or plant a tree in the resort gardens as a gift that keeps on giving. Little ones can follow the clues on a Christmas treasure hunt, before our resident Gorilla Doctor shares stories from the forest as dusk falls. As carols fill the air and cocktails are poured, the evening draws to a close over a candlelit Christmas Eve dinner in The Nest.

## Christmas Day

25 December 2026

Christmas in the forest is a celebration of tradition, family and Rwandan spirit. A festive breakfast sets the tone for the day, while a traditional Christmas lunch brings everyone together, with a special visit from Santa. Around the Boma bonfire, stories are told to the sound of the inanga in true Rwandan style. Between the festive market, tree planting and an evening of live music over dinner in The Nest, the day is yours to savour.

# Boxing Day: Rhythms of Rwanda

26 December 2026

Boxing Day moves at an easy pace, with time to browse the festive market, enjoy a leisurely lunch or let your creativity flow at an art session around the Boma. As evening falls, the Kinigi community brings the Rhythms of Rwanda to life with drumming and dance around the bonfire, a celebration of the culture that surrounds us. The night continues over dinner in The Nest, celebrating local flavours to the gentle sound of the inanga, with a thoughtful festive touch awaiting you at turndown.



# Primal Flow Jungle Training

27 December 2026

Step into the new year feeling strong and energised. Inspired by the agility of animals in the wild, this outdoor session blends natural movement, flowing mobility and playful partner exercises, with the forest setting the rhythm. A spirited, festive-season reset, suitable for every fitness level.





## Zen Zone

28 December 2026

A day to pause and restore in the calm of the forest. Begin with a nourishing wellness breakfast and a guided meditation, then let the day unfold gently, between the festive market, a relaxed family-style lunch and an afternoon of art around the Boma. As evening settles in, the soft notes of the inanga drift through the Nest Bar, setting the scene for a quiet dinner and a day well spent.

# New Year's Eve Under the Stars

31 December 2026 | The Nest and  
Jack Hanna Cottage

The most anticipated night of the year, celebrated in true Gorilla's Nest style. Raise a glass on the Nest Deck to the sound of guitar and saxophone, dine to the energy of a full live band and feel the beat of Rwandan drummers and dancers as the party moves to Jack Hanna Cottage. With a late-night bar, cigar lounge and live music building to midnight, welcome 2027 with a countdown beneath the stars, a night made to be remembered.

# New Year's Day Lunch

1 January 2027 | The Nest

Welcome the first day of 2027 at an unhurried pace. Gather with loved ones in The Nest for a relaxed lunch celebrating the flavours of Rwanda, shared over stories from the night before and toasts to the year ahead.





## Recovery Atelier

2 January 2027

Ease into the new year feeling restored. This recovery ritual brings together the benefits of heat, cold and mindful movement, from sauna sessions and cold plunges to soothing foot soaks and guided stretching. A relaxed, social way to recharge after the celebrations and begin 2027 in balance.

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