



15 Days Mt Kilimanjaro Climbing & Tanzania Safari

Tour Information

The 15 Days Climb Kilimanjaro & Tanzania Safari is a double that takes you climbing Africa's tallest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, and after rapid descent of 4,500 feet, relax and catch your breath on a 4 day wildlife game drive in Lake Manyara National Park, Ngorongoro National Park and the magnificent Serengeti National Park before you head home to tale the Tanzania safari stories.

Best time to climb Kilimanjaro

There are two main trekking seasons on Mount Kilimanjaro – January-March and June-October. The former season is generally colder than the latter but is also often quieter.

June-October is the busiest season on the mountain as it coincides with summer holiday period in Europe and N. America.

April, May and November are the wettest months and not ideal for trekking.

December is fast becoming a popular season, despite being very cold on the summit.

Snow cover on the mountain is highest during November-May

The Itinerary:

DAY 1: Arrival in Arusha

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be transferred to your place of overnight stay.

Dinner and Overnight at Planet Lodge.

DAY 2: Machame Gate/Machame Camp

Early morning after breakfast, start with a drive to Machame gate. Begin trekking though the rain forest on a winding trail for 5-7 hours, and then continue past fist hut to the Machame Hut Campsite at 3100m for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: Machame Camp/Shira Camp

After breakfast, leave the glades of the rain forest and continue on an ascending path, crossing a little valley and walking along a steep rocky ridge covered with heather until the end of the ridge. The route then turns west onto a river gorge at 3658m (5-7hours) for dinner and overnight at the Shira Hut campsite at 3800m.

DAY 4: Shira Camp/Barranco Camp

From the Shira plateau, continue trekking east towards the lava tower called (the shark's tooth"). Shortly after the tower, you come to a junction leading to the arrow glacier. Continue to Barranco Hut campsite at 3950m for dinner and overnight (5-7hours walking).

DAY 5: Barranco Camp/Karanga Valley Camp

After breakfast start with a tailspin into the Gorge, before you climb its eastern wall and you will delight in views of Kilimanjaro's ice fields, an equatorial anomaly. Go on hiking until you reach your camp in Kilimanjaro Karanga Valley at 13,900 feet, (4-5 hours of walking).

DAY 6: Karanga Valley Camp/Barafu Camp

After breakfast hike through the Karanga Valley, the trail turns steadily uphill, following the lava ridge to the Barafu camp. The temperature will grow colder and the landscape more sparse as we approach Barafu Camp. Barafu Camp is set on a bantam, exposed flat area on a ridge, acting as a base camp from which you will make your summit attempt at midnight. Barafu Camp is at 15,200 feet, (6-7 hours of walking).

DAY 7: Barafu Camp/Uhuru Peak (Roof Of Africa!)

Just after midnight trek to Stella point (5745m) on the way to the summit, the UHURU peak, and this part of the climb takes about 8hours. Here you will have reached the highest point in Africa (5895m)!

From the summit, descend to Mweka Hut campsite at 3100m for dinner and overnight. (5-hours walking)

DAY 8: Mweka Camp/Mweka Gate

This day is spent descending to the Mweka park gate (3-4hours).When you get to the gate you will be awarded your climbing certificate and there after your driver will be there ready to transfer you to Planet lodge for late lunch, dinner and overnight

DAY 9: Arusha National Park

After breakfast drive to Arusha National Park for a game drive with picnic lunch. This park has lots of giraffes, antelopes, and flamingos in the Momela Lakes. You will also look for the rare black and white Colobus Monkey in this park. After lunch you will do 2 hours of canoe riding in the Momela.

Dinner and Overnight at Planet Lodge



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DAY 10: Mtowambu Village

After breakfast drive to Mtowambu village for a guided village walk. In this small but very busy town you will get an opportunity to interact with the local people. People from all the 120 tribes in Tanzania live in this small village. Here you will visit a local alcohol (banana beer) bar seat and drink with the local people (if interested), visit a nursery school, visit banana/rice farms see how people work in their farms (try work with them if interested). You will then continue to Twiga lodge for lunch. In the afternoon you will do bike riding across the villages to Lake Manyara where you will see animals from distance (wildebeests, zebras, buffalo, impala and flamingos), guided by a local guy from the area. You will return to Twiga lodge for dinner, and then depart a night game drive with special night drive vehicles to look for nocturnal animals. Dinner and Overnight at Twiga Lodge

DAY 11: Lake Manyara National Park

After breakfast our 15 Days Climb Kilimanjaro & Tanzania Safari continues on the 11th day. You depart for a game drive in Lake Manyara national park. This park has the largest concentration of baboons in North Tanzania, tree climbing lions and others. It is also the best place to see flamingos and other birds. You will then return to Manyara Twiga lodge for a late lunch and a little rest. In the afternoon drive to a traditional Maasai village to explore their culture (you will visit a typical village and not the ones set for tourists). Dinner and Overnight at Twiga Lodge

DAY 12: Serengeti National Park

After breakfast drive to Serengeti national park for game drive with picnic lunch. Serengeti is the park with the largest concentration of big mammals in the world. Here you will see most of your animals in your trip including lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, impalas, giraffes and many more. Dinner and Overnight at Serengeti Bush Camp

DAY 14: Serengeti National Park

Morning and afternoon game drives in Serengeti national park with early departures, trying to look for active cats/hunting predators. All meals and overnight will be at Serengeti Bush camp.

DAY 13: Ngorongoro National Park

After breakfast drive to Ngorongoro National Park for a game drive in the crater with picnic lunch. This is the best place to see the endangered black rhino (less than 1000 black rhinos are left in the wild in the world). The crater has also many other animals like zebras, wildebeests, hippos, gazelles, hyenas and many more. Dinner and Overnight at Eileen Trees Inn

DAY 14: Departure

After breakfast drive back to Arusha for lunch, then continue to the airport for your departure after this amazing experience.

INCLUDED IN PACKAGE

Ground transportation in a safari customized 4WD Toyota Land Cruiser with gasoline/fuel
Mineral water in the vehicle,
Services of an English speaking Driver/guide,
Accommodation as shown at the lodges mentioned in the itinerary,
Meals as shown (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner),
All Park Entrance Fees,

EXCLUDED IN PACKAGE

International Airfares; Excess baggage charges;
Entry Visa Fees
International travel Vaccinations and Inoculations;
Items of personal nature such as Room service,
Beverages, Communications charges (telephone, fax, internet),
Laundry, etc.;
Postage fees, Porterage fees, Tips and Gratuities for your Driver/guide and Hotels staff,
Shopping charges for Curios and Crafts,
International Airport Departure Taxes,
Optional activities unless specified as included,
Any other services not expressly shown in the itinerary or indicated as included.

