



Kilimanjaro Trek – 7 Day Itinerary

Kilimanjaro – Day 1:	KILIMANJARO AIRPORT - ARUSHA	(D)
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Upon arrival into Kilimanjaro airport we are met and transferred to our accommodation in Arusha. Our Head Guide for the climb will go through a pre climb briefing and equipment check during our bus journey to the Lodge. Once checked into our accommodation a light dinner will be provided at the Lodge.

Accommodation: Ahadi Lodge, Arusha

Kilimanjaro – Day 2:	REST DAY	(B,L,D)
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Today is set aside for some rest following the long flight to Africa. Some time should be spent checking and packing your gear for the climb that commences tomorrow. There will be time to explore the town of Arusha and there are a number of half day sightseeing tours of the area that can be arranged for those that wish to get out and about. Alternatively, the Lodge is a great place to have a swim, read a book and generally kick back in readiness for the trek.

Accommodation: Ahadi Lodge, Arusha

Kilimanjaro – Day 3:	COMMENCE TREKKING	(B,L,D)
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After breakfast we will be met by our Head Guide and transferred to the National Park gate (1820m) where we will meet the porters that will be assisting our group throughout the climb. After completing the necessary registration formalities at National Park gate, it is relatively easy walking for the first hour before the track gets steeper. The track on this first day can be quite muddy and slippery and the lush forest we will walk through is similar to that of Kokoda.

Lunch will be provided on the way before arriving at our overnight location - Machame Camp (3020m).

[4-5 hours walking] Overnight on the mountain (in tents)

Kilimanjaro – Day 4:	TREKKING	(B,L,D)
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Today our walk becomes steeper and the secret will be to walk slowly in order to assist with your acclimatisation. The track will become one of rock and dust as we leave the forest behind us. There will be opportunity to explore the volcanic rock formations of Shira Plateau along the way. We walk to the summit of Shira Cathedral, a huge buttress of rock flanked by steep pinnacles, before reaching our overnight location at Shira Camp. (3840m). This campsite has some stunning views on Kilimanjaro, close to the glaciated dome of Kibo and the jagged rim of Shira Plateau. The views from here of Mt. Meru floating on the clouds are simply unforgettable.

[4-5 hours walking] Overnight on the mountain (in tents)

Kilimanjaro – Day 5:	TREKKING	(B,L,D)
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A morning of gentle ascent and panoramic views, leaving the moorland plateau behind to walk on lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. After lunch near the Lava Tower junction (4550m) we descend to the bottom of the Great Barranco Valley (3900m) sheltered by towering cliffs and with extensive views of the plains far below.

[5-7 hours walking] Overnight at Barranco Camp (3950m) (in tents)

Kilimanjaro – Day 6:	TREKKING	(B,L,D)
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After crossing the small stream that ruins alongside our campsite we undertake a steep climb up the sheer face of Barranco Wall. The views are breathtaking and the climb while not technical is still quite exhilarating. This leads us to an undulating trail on the south-eastern flank of Kibo. From here you will experience the superb vistas of the Southern Ice fields. Lunch is usually taken at Karanga, the last water point which lies in a steep valley. After lunch, the terrain changes to scree and we climb steeply to reach the Karanga Valley campsite (4100m) by mid afternoon.
[3-4 hours walking] Overnight on the mountain in tents

Kilimanjaro – Day 7:	TREKKING	(B,L,D)
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We continue our journey toward our final overnight camp before summit day. A steady pace today will ensure you conserve energy for the final assault on Mt Kilimanjaro. The route is short and steep and the surrounding landscape is barren being made up of boulders and shattered rock. Arriving early afternoon, the remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent before dinner and a very early night. There are often spectacular views to the plains far below from Barafu campsite (4700m). [3-4 hours walking] Overnight on the mountain (in tents)

Kilimanjaro – Day 8:	TREKKING – SUMMIT DAY	(B,L,D)
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We will start our ascent by torchlight at about 12.30 am so that we can be up on the Crater rim by sunrise. The steep climb over loose volcanic scree has some well-graded zig zags and a slow but steady pace will take us to Stella Point (5737m), in about six hours. We will rest for a short time to enjoy the sunrise over Mawenzi. Those who are still feeling strong can make the 2 hour round trip from here along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5896m), passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that still occupy most of the summit area. The descent back down to Barafu campsite is surprisingly fast and extremely hard on already tired legs. After some light refreshment and an hour or two of rest in our tents, we continue to descend to our final campsite at the edge of Mweka Forest (3100 m). The constant of downhill walking should not be underestimated. [12-14 hours walking] Overnight on the mountain (in tents)

Kilimanjaro – Day 9:	TREKKING	(B,D)
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After breakfast we will say our final farewell to our porters and distribute tips to them prior to departing our final campsite. This is a great opportunity for final group photos. A sustained descent through lovely forest with lush undergrowth takes us to the National Park gate at Mweka (1650m) [4-6 hours walking] When we finish the climb we need to complete some National Park formalities before boarding a vehicle for the transfer back to your accommodation in Arusha. [2-3hours walking] There will be time for a well deserved shower and some rest before enjoying a celebration dinner. A presentation of Summit Certificates for the climb will occur at the dinner. A massage can be arranged for you weary body.

Accommodation: Ahadi Lodge, Arusha

Where meals are included they are shown as follows:

B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner

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Safari Itinerary – 5 Days (optional)

Safari – Day 1:

ARUSHA – TARANGIRIE NP

(B,L,D)

After breakfast you are met by the 4x4 Safari vehicles which will transfer you to Tarangirie National Park where we will have a picnic lunch. Following lunch we commence a late afternoon game drive and exploration – this is the best time to see animals in the park. We are likely to see: monkeys, elephants, zebras, impalas, giraffes, buffalos, hippos and more...
Dinner is provided at our overnight accommodation.

Accommodation: Permanent Camp – Maramboi Luxury Camp

Safari – Day 2:

TARANGIRIE NP – SERENGETI NP

(B,L,D)

Following breakfast we take an early morning walk with Maasai to Lake Manyara shoreline. We then head off to the Serengeti NP via Olduvai Gorge. This drive takes 3-4 hours. Located in the East Serengeti Plains there is an amazing landscape and much history to be enjoyed. Lunch is provided en route and in the afternoon we continue in to the Serengeti NP and on to our overnight camp where dinner will be provided. There is opportunity on the way for ample game viewing and your guide will provide opportunity for plenty of photos along the way.

Accommodation: Nasikia Luxury Mobile Camp – Serengeti NP

Safari – Day 3:

SERENGETI NP

(B,L,D)

Breakfast is provided in the wilderness today followed by a full day in the amazing Serengeti wilderness. The day is spent taking in the wildlife and scenery. A picnic lunch will be provided as we explore this World Heritage listed area with its abundance of game. Dinner will be provided in the dining tent after pre dinner drinks around the camp fire.

Accommodation: Nasikia Luxury Mobile Camp – Serengeti NP

Safari – Day 4:

SERENGETI – NGORONGORO CRATER

(B,L,D)

After breakfast we depart Serengeti NP – enjoying a game drive on the way. We travel on to Ngorongoro Crater which is the best place to see the black rhino as well as pride of lions including the magnificent black-maned male. Colorful flamingos and an abundance of water birds will never cease to amaze you. Other game includes: buffalo, hippopotamus, leopard, cheetah, hyena and antelope. In the early evening we head to our overnight accommodation where dinner will be provided.

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Farmhouse

Safari – Day 5:

NGORONGORO CRATER - ARUSHA

(B,L,D)

After breakfast we depart and make our way to a Maasai Village. This is a great opportunity to meet the gentle Maasai people of the local village. We visit a prep school meeting with the children before taking part in a guided cultural walk where we discover more about the Maasai way of life and their traditions which continue in our modern world.

A picnic lunch is provided.

In afternoon we head to our overnight accommodation.

Accommodation: Ahadi Lodge, Arusha

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