



Kilimanjaro Expeditions

Dates in 2012:

Trip #1: January 8 - 20

Trip #2: January 22 – Feb 3

Trip #3: June 24 - July 6

Trip #4: July 8 - 20

Trip #5: August 26 - September 7

Trip #6: September 9 – 21

Private departures available on request and luxury trek options.

Expedition Notes

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The highest point in Africa, Kilimanjaro is a romantic destination and perhaps one of the best known mountains of the world. Immortalised by Ernest Hemingway in his book 'The Snows of Kilimanjaro', the peak to this day elicits emotions of travel and adventure. The Adventure Consultants expedition to Kilimanjaro captures some of that intrigue on this entrancing journey with a non-technical climb of this great peak with expansive views across Africa and of diverse flora and landscapes.



The climb of Kilimanjaro can be followed by a Safari through the wonders of the Serengeti, Rift valley and Ngorongoro crater, where the variety of wildlife will completely captivate you.

Being the highest point in Africa, the summit of Kili, as it's known, is at 5,895m or 19,340ft, one of the Seven Summits – the highest peak on each of earth's seven continents.

Kilimanjaro is like an island, surrounded by the hot and dry plains of Africa. It amazes all with its widely contrasting vegetation; from rain forest to moorlands to its towering cliffs and glaciers. Kilimanjaro is the highest free standing mountain in the world. It is a dormant volcano and lies 400km south of the Equator, just inside Tanzania's border with Kenya.

We climb the mountain by the picturesque Machame Route which traverses several of the scenic micro-environments found at the different elevations on the mountain.

The route and how the expedition will operate

The first ascent of the peak itself was in 1889 by German, Hans Meyer and Swiss guide, Ludwig Purtscheller. Like most dormant volcanoes, the slopes on Kilimanjaro are mostly of reasonably low angle with occasional steeper sections, none of which are more famous than the Breach Wall - a towering cliff of snow and ice descending dramatically from the summit slopes.

The climb itself is little more than trekking on well-formed tracks and the camps are at sites established by the Tanzanian National Park Service. At each camp there are Rangers in residence, usually living in small huts, and hence each camp is named with 'hut' after the name of the camp.

Each day we climb for 4-6 hours between camps. Our final summit day begins in the early hours of the morning to reveal a magnificent sunrise and panoramic wonder from the summit. The climb to the summit is strenuous due to the altitude and is a long way, but it is appropriate for people who have a sense of adventure and want to see the warm glow of the dawn spread across the African plains!



Porters, cooks and local guides accompany the group allowing you to enjoy the experience and focus on the climb. Your Adventure Consultants guide will assist you with the climb and oversee the local staff, and provide an additional level of safety for you during the climb.

No trip to Africa is complete without experiencing a Safari and as Tanzania has some of the most incredible animal populations on the continent, we highly recommend that after the climb you sit back and enjoy the Safari experience!

Itinerary: 9 day (climb) + 4 day (safari) programme.

Machame-Barafu Route

Day 1: Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport in Tanzania. Transfer to Arusha and stay in Arusha Safari Lodge. Evening team meal.

Day 2: Relax, sort gear, recover from jet lag and explore Arusha.

Day 3: Drive to the Machame gate of the National Park. The trail begins from here, winding up through the lush tropical forests and out onto heather moorland. Overnight at Machame Camp. (3000m)

Day 4: Trek to Shira Plateau, walk through open moorlands. Overnight at Shira Cave Camp. (3840m)

Day 5: A long trek to Barranco Camp. This camp lies in a sheltered area below the spectacular cliffs of the Breach Wall. The Breach Wall, the dome of Uhuru and the edge of the Heim Glacier dominate the head of the valley. Overnight at Barranco Camp. (3900m)

Day 6: Trek to Karanga Camp via the Barranco wall. Huge glaciers and cliffs can be seen which mark this part of the mountain. Overnight Karanga Camp. (4200m)

Day 7: A short day takes us to Barafu Camp(4600m) which is the top camp and staging point for the summit bid later tonight.

Day 8: At midnight the climb begins up the steep scree slopes to reach Stella Point. From here we walk steadily up the ridge and around the crater to reach Uhuru Peak at 5895m. From the summit we descend to overnight at Mweka Hut (3000m).

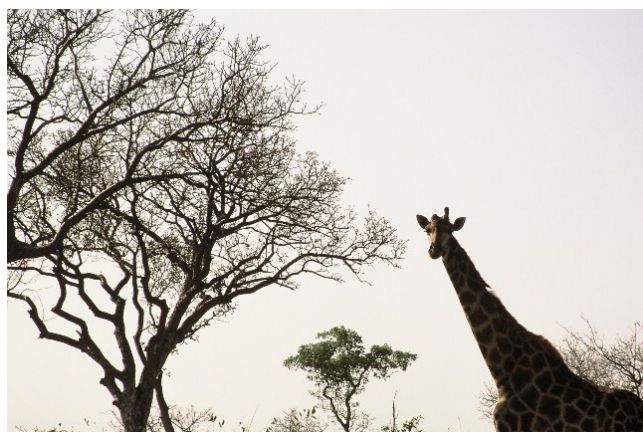
Day 9: Covering the last section of the mountain, the trek continues down through the forests to the gate. Here we must separate from our friendly local staff, who have worked so hard to make our trip enjoyable and successful. Together, they sing songs describing the folk lore around their mystical mountain and spiritual homeland. Reluctantly we say our goodbyes and board our vehicles that transport us to Arusha. For those catching an evening flight it is the end of the journey, but for those staying on for a well-earned safari, your vehicle will take you to Arusha and the hotel where a shower and a real bed await! If you are not departing until the following day and are not continuing on the safari we can book you an extra night at the hotel and arrange an airport transfer to suit. If you have limited time, but are interested in seeing some of the wildlife, a half day safari in nearby Arusha National Park is highly recommended.

4 Day Safari Itinerary

Day 10: Fly from Arusha to the Serengeti, Seronera Airport, arriving by late morning. Picnic lunch upon arrival then an afternoon game-drive in the Serengeti. The Serengeti is the largest of all the parks in Tanzania, famous for both its migratory and resident animal population. Stay overnight at deluxe tented camp.

Day 11: Full day exploring the Serengeti. Stay overnight at deluxe tented camp, discuss with your guide as to doing an optional night game drive.

Day 12: Drive to Ngorongoro, game drive en route - picnic lunch and visit Olduvai Museum (archaeological site "cradle of mankind"). Afternoon game drive on the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater, maximum 6 hours allowed on the crater floor. This 100 square mile natural amphitheatre is host to an astonishing array of wildlife and you may see everything from elephant and lion, and if you're lucky, the near-extinct black rhino, all amongst large herds of zebra and wildebeest. Stay overnight at *Ngorongoro Farmhouse*.



Day 13: A dawn start to descend into the Ngorongoro Crater for a game drive crater tour. A picnic lunch will be taken in the crater before returning to Arusha in the afternoon and transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport for an evening departure flight. If departing the following day we can book you an extra night(s) at the hotel and an airport transfer to suit.

The Expedition Fee

The cost of the Kilimanjaro Expedition is **US\$4,400** per person ex Arusha, Tanzania. Optional (but highly recommended!) 4-Day Safari; **US\$1,550 each**, total **US\$5,950**

The expedition fee *includes*:

- Adventure Consultants mountain guide and local guides
- All expedition organisational requirements
- Hotel in Arusha within expedition dates, based on shared rooms (single room supplement available for extra fee) including dinner and breakfast (day 1,2 on climb and day 9 if on safari).
- All lodging and food while on the trek / climb (also on optional Safari)
- Group climbing equipment, all meal and snacks, tents and fuel in Kilimanjaro region
- Transport to and from the National Park
- Porters, drivers, park fees and climbing permits

The expedition fee *does not include*:

- Personal clothing and equipment
- Entry Visa for Tanzanian and/or Kenya
- Airport transfers – typically US\$50 for a taxi to US\$120 for a Landcruiser vehicle which can be shared between team members arriving/departing at similar times
- Lunches in Arusha
- Travel insurance including trip cancellation and medical evacuation or any rescue costs
- Any costs associated with early departure from the expedition
- International round trip travel costs into and out of Tanzania and/or Kenya (recommend travel via KLM Amsterdam to Kilimanjaro Airport for arrival/departure in evenings)
- Extra Hotel nights if departing day after trip finishes rather than evening of same day (ie. evening of day 9 on climb or evening of day 13 if doing safari)
- Spending on personal items such as gifts etc
- International travel vaccinations
- Excess baggage charges and airport taxes
- Bottled beverages
- Tips and Gratuity (members to contribute \$150 to \$350 each to tip pool for local staff, we will advise you of amounts depending on final group size)

Contact us for the cost of a **Private Kilimanjaro Expedition** with dates to suit you - suitable for individuals or for groups, with great prices for groups of four or more people.

We also **have luxury trek options** for climbing Kilimanjaro including 5 star lodging in Arusha, large 'stand up' sleeping tents on the mountain with comfortable camp beds, heated dining tent and showers for your group.

Visas

All foreigners from non-Commonwealth countries are required to have a valid visa unless their countries have agreements with Tanzania, under which the visa requirement is waived. Check for updates before travelling. Visas can be obtained on arrival for most nationalities. The cost is US\$100 for Americans and US\$55 for others and you'll need a passport photo.

Equipment List

Adventure Consultants will supply all group gear (e.g. tents, tables and chairs, stoves, utensils etc) whilst expedition members are to provide their own personal clothing, day pack, duffel bag, footwear and sleeping bag. An equipment list will be provided to expedition members upon confirmation of your participation.

Safety Communications and Insurance

To safeguard members of the expedition we will be carrying a satellite telephone. We require expedition members to carry additional insurance for evacuation and repatriation as well as normal travel medical expenses. Contact us for expedition insurance advice.

Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of US\$500 is payable to secure a place on the expedition.

Balance

The balance of **US\$3,900** (or **US\$5,450** if doing the safari) is payable 90 days prior to the expedition start date.

Payments

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following bank and account:

**Bank of New Zealand
Offshore Branch
1 Willis Street, Wellington
New Zealand**

for the account of **Adventure Consultants Limited**

Account # **1000-594771-0000**

Account Type: **US Dollars**

We can accept your **deposit payment** and **balance payment** by credit card – Visa, Mastercard or Amex.

Cancellation & Refund Policy

Once you have paid your deposit your trip is confirmed, subject to payment of the balance of fees owing 90 days prior to your trip commencement date. An expedition trek member may then cancel his/her participation on the following basis:

- Cancellations outside of 90 days will result in the loss of the trip deposit.
 - For cancellations made within 89 - 60 days of the trip commencement date we reserve the right to retain 50% of the full fee.
 - For cancellations within 59 days of the departure date a cancellation fee of 100% of the full fee applies.
 - We strongly recommend you take out trip cancellation insurance via your travel agent.
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Team Membership

The team will have a **minimum size of 6 members and 1 western guide with local** and a **maximum size of 12 members**.

Food

Food will be of the highest standard possible, given the remoteness of the situation. Please inform us if you have any special dietary requirements.

Medical Examination

Expedition members will be provided with a medical questionnaire and may also be asked to visit their family physician to receive a full medical examination. This information will be sighted only by Adventure Consultants' doctor and treated with full confidentiality. Advice on immunisations will be provided at this time.

Documentation and photographs

Expedition trek members will need to provide 3 passport-photographs for trekking permits and a copy of their passport bio-data page.

How to join this expedition

If you would like to join the expedition please contact us for an **expedition application form**. If you require more information please contact us at;

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