

LUXURY ADVENTURE

Exploratory Series 2008

Kilimanjaro

by land



THE CHALLENGE OF A LIFETIME



Take on Africa's highest mountain as you climb the Machame Route to its panoramic summit. Acclimatize in the foothills of Mt. Meru, traverse exotic landscapes, marvel at the spectacular terrain all the way up to the glaciers, then celebrate your personal victory at the indulgent Ngorongoro Crater Lodge.



Ultimate Escapes
LUXURY DESTINATION CLUBS

IMMERSE YOUR SENSES...

SEE

the elusive black rhino as it meanders about the Crater floor

SMELL

the elemental fear of the predator's prey in the extinct volcanic crater of Ngorongoro

TASTE

a refreshing cocktail during a ritual sundowner over the African plains

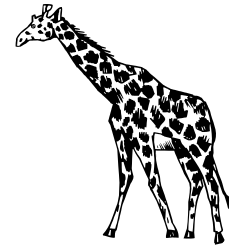
TOUCH

the ancient fossils in Olduvai Gorge - ranging up to 2 million years old

HEAR

the guttural rumble of a pride of lions prowling at the edge of our camp

The Trip



DAY 1 - ARUSHA

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be met and transferred to the Arusha Hotel. You will spend the afternoon with your mountain guide who will brief and prepare you for your climb. Hotel: Arusha Hotel. Meals: LD

DAY 2 - KILIMANJARO - MACHAME

Today you will be transferred to Machame Gate to begin your climb. Climb to Machame Hut, depending on weather conditions this can be a moderate to a very demanding climb through forest then up to the overnight stop on the edge of the forest. Hotel: Mountain tented camp by Machame Hut (3000m). Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 3 - SHIRA

Rising early you cross a valley and a stream and then climb up a steep ridge for 3-4 hours. The path then drops into a river gorge before ascending more gently onto the moorland of the Shira Plateau, one of the most fascinating areas of the Mountain. Hotel: Mountain tented camp by Shira Hut (3840m). Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 - KILIMANJARO - BARRANCO

Today you walk for 5-6 hours enjoying sightings of the typical Kilimanjaro mountain vegetation (Senecios, Lobelia, and Helichrysum) and rewarding views of the spectacular Barranco Valley. Hotel: Mountain tented camp by Barranco Hut (3950m). Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 - KARANGA

From the Barranco Hut, you ascend up to the Barranco wall and walk across scree and ridges to Karanga Valley (4100m) with breathtaking views of the West Breach and the southern glacier. Lunch is often taken here, depending upon progress. In the afternoon there may be a chance to head up the Karanga Valley to aid acclimatization, or simply relax in camp as required. Hotel: Mountain tented camp by Karanga Camp. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

LOCAL DIVERSIONS...

CULTURAL MOMENT

Throughout your journey in Tanzania, you are sure to meet some Maasai tribesmen. In addition to their notable colourful beaded style of dress, the Maasai people are "people of cattle". Their culture is dominated by cattle, as are their social relationships, their ritual and ceremonial life, their symbolism, and even the idioms of their language.

CULINARY DELIGHTS

The most popular rural staple is ugali, a stiff dough made of cassava flour, cornmeal, millet, or sorghum. The coastal people prefer rice as a staple, while plantains are consumed daily in the north. Ugali is eaten with a stew of fish, vegetables, or meat from a communal bowl. Tanzanians generally are fond of goat meat, chicken, and lamb. Pilau is a delicious dish of rice spiced with curry, cinnamon, cumin, hot peppers, and cloves.

FUN FACTS

In rural areas, sports may still be regarded as pastimes for foreigners and "lazy" urbanites. Hauling water, tending herds, gathering firewood, cooking meals, caring for children, and mending huts leave little time for leisure. This attitude is changing among young people. In the 1990s, Tanzania produced world-class runners. Soccer and boxing are popular as well. Big-game hunting is almost exclusively a sport for foreign tourists. The locals see it as a business and means of income.

DAY 6 - BARAFU

About 2 hours from Karanga, you will come out on the Barafu path (part of the Mweka Trail). It is a further 1-2 hours to Barafu Hut. The last stage to Barafu hut is quite steep, and as always we advise taking it as easy as possible. Being as relaxed as possible both mentally and physically is the best advice. We often try to camp a little higher (around 4 700 metres) when possible to make the morning ascent that little bit easier. In the evening you will be briefed for your final ascent, and preparing clothing and water before you rest for the night is a good idea to give you the best start in the morning. Overnight Barafu Camp (full board). Hotel: Mountain tented camp by Barafu Camp. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7- SUMMIT - MWEKA

You rise early in the morning and begin your climb to the summit. You pass through the gap between the Ratzel and Rebmann glaciers and continue to Uhuru peak (5 896 m) where you can watch the sunrise from the rooftop of Africa! You then descend to Mweka Camp for your overnight stay in mountain tents (3 100m) (full board). Hotel: Mountain tented camp by Mweka Camp (3950m). Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 - ARUSHA

Today you descend to the Mweka Gate and then continue by vehicle to the Arusha Hotel. It's time to relax, take a hot shower or a swim in the pool before a final dinner with the other members of your group to celebrate the achievement of conquering Mount Kilimanjaro. Hotel: Arusha Hotel. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.



DAY 9 & 10 - NGORONGORO CRATER CONSERVATION AREA

Enjoy breakfast before your transfer to Arusha Airport for your scheduled flight to Manyara Airstrip. On your arrival at the airstrip, you will be met by a representative from Ngorongoro Crater Lodge for your road transfer of approximately 2 hours to the Lodge. Spend two nights at Ngorongoro Crater Lodge. Accommodation is in a sumptuous double suite. Each suite is tended by a butler. Your stay is on a full board basis including scheduled activities and park fees. Activities include two game-drives on the Crater floor. Additional activities may be booked directly at the lodge, subject to extra cost and availability of vehicles. Such activities include excursions to Olduvai Gorge and Shifting Sands, a visit to a Maasai village and walks at Empakai Crater. Massages are offered for those who need to relax after a day's game-viewing. Hotel: Ngorongoro Crater Lodge. Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

DAY 11 - ARUSHA/DEPARTURE

After breakfast you will be transferred to Manyara Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport where our services end. Meals: B.

The Details

Level of Activity: *Challenging*—While Kilimanjaro is one of the only major peaks that can be conquered without technical climbing skills and oxygen, it is still a difficult climb for reasons of both physical exertion and altitude. Suitable for travellers in reasonable shape who exercise regularly (note that many people train for this expedition). Many opportunities for extended walks and other activities.

Start: Arusha, Tanzania

Finish: Arusha, Tanzania

What's Included:

- all accommodations on a shared twin/double room basis
- all meals as indicated in the itinerary
- all domestic flights
- all local transfers and baggage handling
- all local experts, porters and guides
- all entrance fees and tours
- all pre-departure materials, including document wallets and destination details

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