

Kilimanjaro Climb, Wildlife Safari and Beach Holiday

Climb Kilimanjaro via Marangu Route, enjoy a safari experience in Tanzania's best National parks and end off relax on the beach in Zanzibar. A Private Safari with knowledgeable and competent driver/guides.

Trip Information:

An unforgettable holiday! - The very best of Tanzania's wildlife parks, Kilimanjaro mountain climbing combined with a relaxing beach holiday in Zanzibar. Ideal for adventurous Honeymooners

This trip will give you a chance to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, a wildlife safari based on 3 meals a day; you will visit the Northern circuit National Parks of Tanzania, Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro and Serengeti, and also relaxation in the beautiful beach in Zanzibar.

Experience and enjoy the nature, wildlife and habitat of small to large mammals, birds and reptiles in their natural areas. Our driver guides are knowledgeable and competent.



Note:

We do not place groups together. This way you are ensured the full attention of our guide, but with the added knowledge of our guides' experiences. It also means that we can start the tour on the day you prefer.

DAY 1: Arrival day

- Pick up from Kilimanjaro International Airport and transfer to Meru Simba Lodge for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Half Board

Accommodation: Meru Simba Lodge

DAY 2: Mandara Hut

1700m to 2740m

5500ft to 9000ft

7 km, 4-5 hours

Montane Forest

After breakfast and briefing, drive to the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate (45 minutes), register and

commence the climb. Walk through the rainforest to the Mandara encampment located at 9000 ft / 2740 m. A side trip to Maundi Crater is a good way to see the surroundings including Northern Tanzania and Kenya. In the rainforest, look for towering Eucalyptus trees, bird life, and Colubus monkeys

DAY 3: To Horombo Camp

2700m to 3700m

9000ft to 12,100ft

11 km, 6-8 hours

Heathland

After about 1 hour, you will leave the glades of the rainforest and follow an ascending path on the open moorlands to the Horombo encampment. Views of Mawenzi and the summit of Kibo are amazing. Look for giant lobelias and grounsels. You will start to feel the affects of the altitude.

If you wish to extend you trek, here you can spend an extra day resting at Horombo or climbing the small peak of Mawenzi.

DAY 4: To Kibo Camp

3700m to 4700m

12,100ft to 15,400ft

10 km, 6-8 hours

Alpine Desert

Ascending, we now pass the last watering point, walking onto the saddle of Kilimanjaro between the peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. Vegetation begins with upper heathland but then disappears into "moonscape". Dinner, rest, and prepare for summit climb

DAY 5: To Summit and Horombo

4700m to 5895m

(and down to 3700m)

15,400ft to 19,300ft

(and down to 12,100ft)

4 km up / 14 km down

10-15 hours

Alpine Desert

Very early in the morning (midnight to 2am), commence the climb to the summit on steep and heavy scree or snow up to Gilman's point located on the crater rim at 18640 ft / 5861 m (4-7 hours).

Continuing, we now ascend to Uhuru Peak, which is the highest point in Africa: 19340 ft / 5895 m (1-2 hours). Unbelievable views at every turn. Get your picture taken at the summit to show your friends.

From here, we now descend, stopping for lunch and a rest at Kibo before continuing on to the Horombo encampment for dinner and a tired but happy overnight (1-2 hours).

This beginning of this climb is done in the dark and requires headlamps or flashlights. It will be very cold until you start descending, so you will need all of your warm layers. This is, by far, the most difficult part of the trek with many switchbacks. "Pole pole" and an optimistic attitude will get you there!

DAY 6: To Arusha

3700m to 1700m

12,100ft to 5500ft

18km, 5-7 hours

After breakfast, A steady descent takes us down through moorland to Mandara Hut (2,700m.), the first stopping place at the Marangu route. Continue descending through lovely lush forest on a good path to the National Park gate at Marangu (1,830 m.). At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. Gaiters and trekking poles will help. Shorts and t-shirts will probably be plenty to wear (keep rain gear and warmer clothing handy).

A vehicle will meet you at Marangu village to drive you back to Meru Simba Lodge in Arusha. Don't forget to tip your guides and porters it is time for celebration!

Meals: Full Board



Accommodation: Meru Simba Lodge

Day 7: Arusha to Lake Manyara Park – 130 km / 2 hrs

After your breakfast at 08.30 drive from Arusha with your packed lunch to Manyara park for game viewing. At 1300 hrs take your lunch in the park picnic area, evening drive to your lodge/ campsite for Dinner and overnight at Manyara.

Meals: Meals: Full Board

Accommodation: Lake Manyara Serena or Similar / Budget Camping

About Manyara National Park:

A major attraction of the Lake Manyara National Park is the tree - climbing lions. Unfortunately there is no guarantee that you will spot them. However, there are other things to see - elephants, hippos, zebras, impalas, buffalos, baboons, plains animals as well as huge variety of birdlife, both resident and migratory.

At certain times of the year, Lake Manyara is home to thousands of flamingos (attracted by the Lake itself), which form a shimmering pink zone around the lake shore. Other birds found here include ostriches, egrets, herons, pelicans and storks. Also seen are African spoonbills, various species of ibises, ducks and the rare pygmy geese. The most noticeable of the landscape within this park are the very impressive baobab trees with their huge trunks.

Day 8: Lake Manyara National Park - Serengeti National Park 190 km / 3.5 – 4 hrs

After breakfast at 0800hrs drive from Lake Manyara National Park with your packed lunch and game enroute to the great Serengeti Plains via Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Late afternoon drive to your lodge / Campsite for the dinner and overnight.

Meals: Full Board

Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Lodge or Similar /Budget Camping

About Serengeti

Endless Plains of Nature\'s Wonders: The Serengeti National Park, covering 14763 square kilometers is one of the world\'s largest wildlife sanctuaries. One of the most breathtaking events in the animal kingdom, the migration of thousands of wildebeest takes place here every year. The Serengeti, 320 kilometers from Arusha, was gazetted in 1951. It was accepted by the World Heritage Convention as a World Heritage Site and Biosphere Reserve in 1981.

Day 9: Serengeti

(Optional) At 0500hrs, pick up from your lodge / Campsite for Balloon riding over Serengeti. Breakfast will be served after Balloon riding , back to your lodge for break fast. After breakfast leave with your packed lunch for game drive on the Serengeti Park acacia Savannah in the central to the east region. Around 12.30pm and 13.00pm break for your picnic lunch; thereafter proceed with tour afternoon game drive. In mid January to February, much to mid April, 95% of females of wildebeest mate to a total of 60000 then 8 to 8.5 months later those females that conceived give birth on the same southern plains after a long travel. Evening drive to your lodge / Campsite for dinner and overnight.



Meals: Full Board

Accommodation: Serengeti Serena Lodge /Budget Camping

Day 10: Serengeti – Ngorongoro/Olduvai.

After breakfast with your packed lunch drive and game enroute to Ngorongoro Conservation Area. It is your option whether you pass via Olduvai Gorge a historical site whereby the early man lived and you can also pass via the Maasai boma if you are interested in the real African life tradition and culture.

Meals: Full Board

Accommodation: Ngorongoro Serena Lodge /Budget Camping

Day 11: Ngorongoro Crater

- After breakfast descent into the crater for tour around the unbroken caldera that encloses the wildlife. Lunch Ngorongoro crater picnic site near Lerai Forest or hippo pool, after lunch proceed with game viewing in the crater. In the evening ascend the crater and drive Tarangire for overnight at Lodge/Camp

Meals: Full Board

Accommodation: Tarangire Sopa Lodge or similar /Budget Camping

Day 12: Tarangire National Park

- After breakfast game drives in Tarangire national park. Hot lunch at the lodge/camp then drive back to Arusha for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Half Board

Accommodation: Impala hotel.

Day 13: Arusha to Zanzibar

- By Flight (Precisionair) departs Arusha at 1100hrs and arrive in Zanzibar at 1215hrs, meet & greet at the airport and transfer to your hotel in town (Tembo hotel) for overnight.

Meals: Half Board

Accommodation: Tembo house hotel.

Day 14: Excursion in Zanzibar

- In the morning after breakfast pick up from the hotel for any Two tours mentioned (Spice Tour, Historical Stone Town Tour, Jozani Forest Tour, Prison Island Tour or Sunset Cruise). You will have to choose only TWO Activities among the activities mentioned in the bracket. Note that; Dolphin Tour can be arranged on request. In the evening drive back to the hotel for dinner and overnight

Meals: Half Board

Accommodation: Tembo house hotel

Day 15: Stone town to East coast

- After breakfast you will be transferred to the hotel in the East Coast (Karafuu Hotel Beach Resort) for overnight.

Meals: Half Board

Accommodation: Karafuu Hotel Beach Resort.

Day 16: Rest & Relax

- At leisure and overnight at your beach hotel.

Meals: Half Board

Accommodation: Karafuu Hotel Beach Resort

Day 17: Zanzibar - Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) - Home

- Pickup from your East Coast hotel and transfer to Zanzibar airport for your flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in connection with your departure flight back home.

Price includes:

- Accommodation on the first night upon your arrival
- All Airport transfers as per Itinerary
- Flights Arusha - Zanzibar - JRO
- Transport to and from mountain gates
- All parks entry fees.
- All camping fees.
- Rescue fees.
- Guide and porters.
- Service of Professional English Speaking driver guide(s).
- Complimentary bottle of drinking water (1.5liters per person per day).
- All accommodations indicated in the Itinerary.
- Cook and all kitchen utensils.
- Activities as stipulated in the itinerary

Price excludes:

- International flights to/from JRO (Tanzania)
- Hot Air Balloon Ride over Serengeti (Can be arranged at a cost of US\$499 per person)
- Hard and soft drinks
- Sleeping bags but we can provide for hire on request.
- All Mountain Gears (we can arrange hire of this)
- Tips to the mountain guide(s), driver guide(s), cook(s) and Porters
- All items of personal nature/use.
- And all not mentioned on the plan