



CANCERCLIMBER EXPEDITION

ARRIVAL INTO TANZANIA

July 24 – Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport. Private transport from airport to Moshi, Tanzania and hotel.

KILIMANJARO EXPEDITION

JULY 25 – Recovery day from flight.

JULY 26 – Machame Gates to Machame Huts.

The drive from Moshi to the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate takes about 50 minutes. The journey passes through the village of Machame (located on the lower slopes of the mountain). Once we reach the park gate, climbers are requested to make their final preparations for the climb. Porters will be seen arranging their packs containing the food, water, firewood, and other equipment. Make sure that you have all your daypack items with you as the porters travel very quickly. The guides will be pleased to assist with any additional information. We now leave the park gate and walk through the rain forest on a winding trail. Lower down, it can be very muddy and very slippery. Gaiters and trekking poles are a good idea. We continue until we reach the Machame Hut. Here we make camp, rest, enjoy dinner, and sleep. We have now reached an altitude of 3,100 meters (~10,170 ft). Estimated time: 5 hours.

JULY 27 – Machame Huts to Shira Plateau Camp.

After breakfast, we leave the rain forest and continue upward, crossing a little valley walking along a steep rocky ridge.. The route now turns west onto a river gorge at 3,658 meters (~12,000 ft). Time for rest, dinner, and sleep at the Shira Hut campsite. Estimated time: 4 hours.

JULY 28 – Shira Plateau Camp to Barranco Huts via Lava Tower

From the Shira Plateau, we continue east, passing the junction towards the peak of Kibo. As we continue, our direction changes to the southeast towards the Lava Tower. Shortly after the tower, we come to the second junction, which brings us up to the Arrow Glacier at an altitude of 4,876 meters (~16,000). We now continue down to the Barranco Hut at an altitude of 3,860 meters (12,664 ft). Here we rest, enjoy dinner, and sleep. Although you end the day at the same elevation as when you started, this day is very important for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit day. Estimated time: 6 hours.

JULY 29 – Baranco Huts to Barafu Camp.

After breakfast, we leave Barranco and continue on a steep ridge passing the Barranco Wall, through the Karanga Valley (4200m/ 13,780 ft) where the route connects with the Mweka Trail. We continue to the Barafu Hut, which is located at an altitude of 4,600 meters (~15,100 ft). This completes the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we make camp, rest, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the summit day. The two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo are seen from this position. This section can also be divided into 2 separate days, where a camp could be made in the Karanga valley. Estimated time: 8 hours.

JULY 30– Summit Day!!

Early morning, we continue our way to the summit of Uhuru Peak at 5,985 meters (~19,635 ft). This part of the climb takes about 6 hours. It can be very cold at night at these elevations, but it will be quite warm by the end of the hiking day. You will want clothing for both extremes with you. At Uhuru Peak, we have reached the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa. Faster hikers will see the sunrise from the summit. From the summit, we now make our descent continuing straight down to the Mweka Hut campsite at 3,100 meters (~10,170 ft). This part of the descent takes about 5 hours. You will want gaiters and trekking poles for the loose gravel going down. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep. Beer and soda may be available for purchase at the Mweka Hut -- the only place on this route. Estimated time: 11 hours.

JULY 31 – Return to Moshi.

After breakfast, we continue the descent down to the Mweka Park Gate. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. Gaiters and trekking poles will help. Shorts and t-shirts will probably be good to wear (keep raingear and warmer clothing handy). A vehicle will meet you at Mweka village to drive you back to hotel in Moshi. Don't forget to tip your guides and porters. It is time for celebration and banana beer! Estimated time: 4 hours.

...we potentially schedule an extra day for weather, altitude, and other unforeseen situations so the schedule on the expedition is tentative and adjustable according to appropriate acclimatization...



SAFARI

AUGUST 1 – Early morning drive from Moshi to Lake Manyara. Afternoon game drive in the park with boxed lunches. Dinner and overnight at Lake Manyara (overnight at Lake Manyara Hotel).

AUGUST 2 – Early morning drive to Serengeti with boxed lunches. Afternoon game drive around the Seronera area. Dinner and overnight (overnight at Seronera Wildlife Lodge).

AUGUST 3 – After breakfast, tour Serengeti with boxed lunches. And drive to Ngorongoro Crater. Afternoon game drive in crater with lunch boxes. Dinner and overnight at the Crater (overnight at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge).

AUGUST 4 – Game drive in Ngorongoro Crater. Overnight at Crater or Lake Manyara (overnight at either Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge or Lake Manyara Hotel).

AUGUST 5 – After breakfast, drive to Mto Wa Mbu for mini shopping. Return to Moshi.

AUGUST 6 – Return home via private transport to airport.

