

MOUNT KILIMANJARO ITINERARY

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INTRODUCTION

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Note: If you wish, you can arrange to visit the Chemka Hot Springs (\$250 USD per person) the day after your climb. This relaxing location will feel like a secluded paradise, with tranquil turquoise waters shaded by protective trees and vibrant palm fronds. The trip is a full-day experience, so please ask in advance if you would like to add this adventure to your tour.

Please note that Tanzania requires proof of your yellow fever vaccination which you should arrange for prior to arrival at a certified medical facility in your home country. Tanzania has strict guidelines regarding the yellow fever vaccination and will require proof of this in order to enter the country. If you are going to Tanzania from the United States, you will not need the yellow fever vaccine, but if you are coming from a neighboring country (even just a flight stopover) you will need it. Please remember to keep your certificate safe and readily available for immigration if you are coming from an area that requires the yellow fever immunization..

10 Things I wish I knew Before Climbing Kilimanjaro

Day 1: USA / TANZANIA

Meals: D

Traveler Name:

Flight Number:

Arrival Time:

In-Country Coordinator:

Secondary Contact:

Dietary Restrictions:

Health items to note:

Arrival Airport: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)

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accomplishments of your life. If you wish to add additional days to your Kilimanjaro climb, or wish to select an alternate route, please contact an Acanela travel consultant who can assist you in both pricing out the best options on the route of your choice. Other routes (besides the Marangu) include Rongai, Machame, Shira, Lemosho, and Umbwe and have their own distinct advantages and disadvantages.

Afternoon: Arrive in Tanzania by flight into Tanzania. After disembarking the plane and collecting your baggage. Please proceed to the immigration hall where you will purchase your visa upon arrival (unless you have obtained this in advance). As of June, 2018 the visa cost \$100 USD per person to be paid in new, crisp bills. After exiting the arrival hall, you will see your driver with a sign reading "Acanela Expeditions" to welcome you to Tanzania. You will be transported to your hotel where you will meet with Abdul, your Kilimanjaro guide to give you a debrief of the climbing schedule, ask about any dietary restrictions or needs, and help prepare you for the climb the following day!

Dinner: Enjoy a traditional welcome dinner and experience the flavors of authentic East African cuisine at your hotel. Be sure not to stay up too late, as you will have several long days of hiking as you begin your experience on Kilimanjaro.

Evening: Relax and prepare to begin ascending Mount Kilimanjaro by spending the night in Moshi at the Selig Hotel.

Accommodation: Selig Hotel, Moshi, Tanzania

Day 2: MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Meals: B,L,D

Breakfast: Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before packing up your gear and preparing for the climb up Kilimanjaro. Hydration and proper nutrition are incredibly important in ensuring you have energy to climb several days up the mountain.

Morning: Your guide will pick us up at the hotel and a beautiful one hour drive will take us to the base of Mount Kilimanjaro. At the base, we will meet up with our chefs and porters who will accompany us on the climb.

Lunch: We will break for lunch before starting our trek up the mountain.

Afternoon: After lunch, we will begin our journey towards Mandara Hut (2,700m), traversing through lush, untouched rainforest (5-8 hours of walking).

Dinner: Dine on traditional mountain food that will keep you energized for the days ahead.

Evening: Unwind from the day's adventure by taking in the gorgeous views of the surrounding landscape. When you are ready to get some rest, relax and catch a good night's sleep in a Mandara Hut.

Accommodation: Mandara Hut, Kilimanjaro Mountain

Day 3: MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Meals: B,L,D



Breakfast: Awaken to golden sun rays peeking through the huts. A nutrient-rich meal will get us ready for the journey ahead of us today as we begin climbing.

Morning: The first leg of our journey takes us up a steep ascent, past the Maundi Crater and through the verdant rainforest. Soon, the path will open into grassy moorland- cross your fingers for clear weather as it allows for spectacular views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks.

Lunch: We will break for lunch before continuing our trek up the mountain.

Afternoon: After lunch, we will continue hiking steadily through the grassy moorland zone and we should reach Horombo Hut (3,700 m) by late afternoon (4-6 hours walking). Take a moment to relax and freshen up before dinner.

Dinner: Enjoy robust soups, breads, dried meats and curries at the camp lodge.

Evening: Relax and unwind while enjoying the brilliant sunset before catching some shut eye in a Horombo Hut.

Accommodation: Horombo Hut, Kilimanjaro Mountain

Day 4: MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Meals: B,L,D

Breakfast: Fuel up with an energizing breakfast prepared by our wonderful chefs before preparing to resume our climb.

Morning: You'll feel as if you've set foot on the moon as we trek across the Saddle, a vast stretch of desolate land between Mawenzi and Kibo peaks.

Lunch: Around midday, we'll reach the bottom of the latter peak's crater wall and stop to recharge with a packed lunch.

Afternoon: Upon finishing lunch, we hike just a short distance to Kibo Hut (4,700 m). We will spend the remainder of the day resting and eating in preparation for the final climb! (4-6 hours walking)

Dinner: Enjoy a nutritious meal that will restore and re-energize your body.

Evening: Get some much-needed sleep and rest in a Kibo Hut before resuming our climb at 12 a.m. to the top of the mountain.

Accommodation: Kibo Hut, Kilimanjaro Mountain

Day 5: MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Meals: B,L,D



Early Morning: Guided by our experts, we will set out by torchlight at 12 a.m. toward Mount Kilimanjaro's summit, Uhuru Peak (5,896 m). This early start will allow us to slowly and safely ascend a steep slope over loose volcanic scree to reach Gillman's Point (5,685 m) in 5-6 hours without acclimatization problems by sunrise.

Breakfast: While taking in the breathtaking view of the sun's fiery rays stretching across a sea of clouds, enjoy a breakfast that will carry you through the next leg of our journey.

Mid-Morning: After sunrise, we'll continue on our final ascent along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak, the highest peak in Africa. We'll traverse by one of the largest craters on the continent, see the only glaciers in Africa, and revel in the stunning panoramic views as we reach Uhuru peak—an experience of a lifetime. Despite your exhaustion, celebrate this incredible moment and take pride in this special accomplishment.

Lunch: Take a break to enjoy lunch as we enjoy the scenery.

Afternoon: After documenting your success in reaching Africa's highest summit, we'll begin our surprisingly quick and easy descent down the crater rim and back to Horombo Hut.

Dinner: Upon arrival to base camp, the crew will greet us with one of the most satisfying dinners you've ever had.

Evening: Relax, celebrate your success and enjoy the views once more from Horombo Hut.

Accommodation: Horombo Hut, Kilimanjaro Mountain

Day 6: MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Meals: B,L,D

Breakfast: Wake up to a hearty breakfast and enjoy spending a few last moments on the beautiful mountain.

Morning: Say goodbye to the mountain as we retrace our steps with a laidback walk to Mandara Hut.

Lunch: We'll stop at Mandara Hut for lunch before resuming our journey out of the park.

Afternoon: Enjoy a scenic trek through the forest to the park gates. From here, we'll part with our invaluable crew and head back to Moshi via private bus.

Dinner: Dine on delicious food prepared by our team.

Evening: Rest and enjoy the exotic surroundings before getting some much needed sleep in your hotel.

Accommodation: Selig Hotel, Moshi, Tanzania

Day 7: MOUNT KILIMANJARO

Meals: B

Breakfast: Enjoy one more breakfast in Africa before preparing to go home.



Morning: Sadly, it's time to leave Africa. Our private bus will bring us to Kilimanjaro International Airport, where we'll board our international flights home. If you're ready for even more adventure, you have the option to extend your trip with a safari in the Northern Circuit of the Serengeti.

Departure Airport: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)

*Read more about our [Treks](#) up Alternative Routes, such as the [Machame](#) and [Rongi Routes](#)



Optional 4-Day Tanzania Serengeti Extension

Day 1: Arusha / Moshi to Serengeti National Park

Meals: D

Breakfast: Fill up on a delicious breakfast before we continue our journey onwards into the Serengeti National Park for the start of our safari experience.

Morning: Today we'll journey into the heart of the Serengeti. We will pass through rural villages and observe the "Big Five": the lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and buffalo enroute.

Lunch: Enjoy a packed lunch at Serengeti Nabi gate.

Afternoon: We will continue our journey to Serengeti National Park, enjoying wildlife viewing along the way before arriving to our camp in the afternoon.

Dinner: After a day full of amazing encounters, enjoy a delicious dinner as you relax around the campfire, surrounded by the sounds of the night wildlife. As the stars appear, search out familiar and new constellations before falling asleep.

Accommodation: Classic Safari Tent or Lodge | Serengeti National Park

Day 2: Serengeti National Park

Meals: B,L, D

Breakfast: Enjoy a delicious breakfast at camp before setting out to explore new sights.

Morning: In the morning we will set out again to see the wildlife and might get a chance to experience the renowned Great Migration, where masses of wildebeest and other game animals migrate across the rivers and plains of the Serengeti (seasonal). This attracts predators in the region, so spectators are guaranteed to see an abundant variety of animals.

Note: By October the wildebeest herds are migrating again with more accord: all are heading south, through western Loliondo and the Serengeti National Park's Lobo area, returning to the green shoots which follow the rains on the short-grass plains of the southern Serengeti in November.

Lunch: Stop for lunch and enjoy the beautiful scenery around you while taking a break from the hottest part of the day.

Afternoon: Set out on a sunset game drive while the animals are out and about after the heat of the day has passed. Continue onwards to the Ngorongoro Crater for dinner & overnight.

Dinner: After an exciting day, enjoy a delicious dinner as you relax around the campfire, listening to the sounds of the wild. As the night sky rolls in, fall asleep under countless stars.

Accommodation: Classic Safari Tent or Lodge | Serengeti National Park

**Day 3: Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater****Meals: B, L, D**

Breakfast: Wake up early and fill up on a delicious breakfast at camp before we embark on our safari in the Ngorongoro Crater.

Morning: The final day of our Serengeti adventure will take us deep into the Ngorongoro Crater, which holds some of the world's most famous safari land. The crater is a large, unbroken, un-flooded caldera, formed when a giant volcano exploded and collapsed some three million years ago. The Ngorongoro crater sinks to a depth of 610 meters, with a base area covering 260 square kilometers. Approximately 40,000 Maasai people live in the conservation area. They share the land with an incredible amount of wildlife. The Ngorongoro Crater is also referred to as 'the Garden of Eden' due to its dazzling beauty and being a paradise for animals. The crater is one of the best locations in Africa to spot various animals—marvel at majestic flamingos, playful elephants, and grazing giraffes. There's also always the possibility of spotting lions preying on animals lounging at the water's edge.

Lunch: Enjoy lunch back at camp with your traveling companions before we embark on another adventure.

Afternoon: Embark on another game drive to catch sight of the abundant wildlife as they roam the safari land under the fiery fingers of the setting sun.

Dinner: Be delighted by a flavorful dinner of East African cuisine. Afterwards, transfer to Arusha to spend the night in camp and prepare for the next day.

Accommodation: Classic Safari Tent or Lodge / Arusha

Day 4: Arusha/ Moshi**Meals: B, L, D**

Breakfast: Wake up to one last breakfast in Tanzania before departing for the airport

Morning: Spend the morning relaxing in Arusha and visiting some of Tanzania's best artisan markets (if time permits). In the afternoon, it's time to catch our flight back home. Get ready to tell your friends and family all about your unforgettable experience exploring the Serengeti!

Travel to Kilimanjaro International Airport to catch your flight back home or, if you have opted to participate in one of our other tour extensions, we will continue onwards to explore Uganda and see gorillas.

Departure Airport: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)