

# Detailed Itinerary

**Trip Name:** [15 days] Mount Kilimanjaro Climb & Safari

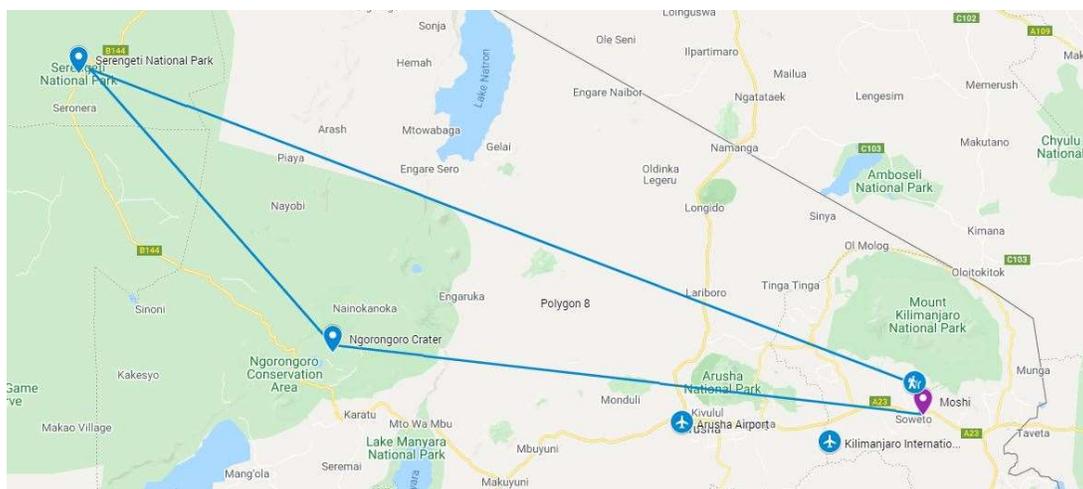
## GENERAL

**Dates:** Flexible; bookable from June – October and December – March.  
Contact Yūgen Earthside for your preferred start date.

*During this trip, you'll participate in climbing and summiting Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, via the popular Machame ("Whiskey") Route. Then, you'll do a relaxing 4-day safari in the Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Conservation Area.*

### Main Stops:

Moshi – Kibosho Magharibi (near Machame Route trailhead) – Kilimanjaro National Park – Serengeti National Park – Ngorongoro Conservation Area



### About the Tour:

Our focus is organizing tours which are responsible and ethical to all responsible travelers in the world. We offer ethical climbs and safaris to all responsible travelers. Our dream is to satisfy our guests by providing an unforgettable adventurous experience with us. We participate in community development, cultural tourism, and conservation projects, and aspire to support the cultural ethics of our community while simultaneously assisting the community to embrace change. We share the profit with our community by supporting local projects, carbon offset our climbs, and provide health insurance for a child in Moshi (on map in purple) for one year for each client who books with us. In addition, we donate money to planting trees in Moshi.

## DAY BY DAY ITINERARY



### **Day 1: ARRIVE AT KILIMANJARO AIRPORT** (arrival day)

Arrive at the Kilimanjaro International Airport. You will be met by our guide at the airport and transferred to the hotel in Moshi.

*Accommodation: Panama Garden Resort*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy*

### **Day 2: RELAXING DAY IN MOSHI**

After a long flight, this day you will relax at your hotel and spend the day stroll around or you can walk to this small town of Moshi with view of the mountain is as good as it reveals. We will gather in the late afternoon for a pre-climb briefing and an equipment check.

*Accommodation: Panama Garden Resort*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy*

*Included Meal: Breakfast*

### **Day 3: MOSHI-MACHAME CAMP**

A one-hour drive from Moshi lays the gate to the Machame Route, where you will complete park formalities, meet your crew of porters and start to climb!

The first section of the route climbs steadily and involves real jungle bashing through magnificent forest.

This path is less well trodden and is often wet and muddy underfoot.

- **Trekking Time:** 4-6 hours

- **Distance:** 9 km
- **Altitude Gain:** 1210m.

*Accommodation: Camping at Machame Hut (3100m)*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy (2 people will share 1 tent)*

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*



#### **Day 4: MACHAME HUT – SHIRA CAVES**

The route continues on up through the forest until reaching the steep ascent on the Shira Plateau, where there are rewarding views of the mountain. Looking back, you will be able to see Mt. Meru rising high above Arusha town.

- **Trekking Time:** 4-6 hours
- **Distance:** 5 km
- **Altitude Gain:** 740m.

*Accommodation: Camping at Shira Caves (3840 m)*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy (2 people will share 1 tent)*

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*

#### **Day 5: SHIRA CAVES - BARRANCO CAMP**

Walking now on high moorland, the landscape changes the entire character of the trek. You will traverse the southwest side of Kilimanjaro, passing underneath the Lava Tower and the final section of the Western Breach, finally reaching Barranco Camp (3900 m). The day has been spent at altitude (up to 4600 m), but you will have followed the mountaineering code of 'walk high, sleep low' to avoid altitude sickness by aiding your bodies in acclimatization.

- **Trekking Time:** 6-7 hours
- **Distance:** 10 km

- **Altitude Gain:** 60m.

*Accommodation: Barranco Camp*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy (2 people will share 1 tent)*

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*



#### **Day 6: BARRANCO CAMP - KARANGA VALLEY**

Start the day by descending into the start of the Great Barranco, a huge ravine. Then exit steeply, up what has been termed the Breakfast Wall, which divides you from the southeastern slopes of Kibo. It is a climb over rocks, although not technical. Passing underneath the Heim and Kersten glaciers, head towards the Karanga Valley (4000 m) to camp overnight.

- **Trekking Time:** 4-5 hours
- **Distance:** 5 km
- **Altitude Gain:** 100m.

*Accommodation: Karanga Valley*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy (2 people will share 1 tent)*

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*

#### **Day 7: KARANGA VALLEY - BARAFU CAMP**

The day is characterized by a short hike on terrain formed by scree. Walk through arid land towards Barafu Camp (4600 m) where you have the entire afternoon to rest before ascending towards the summit.

- **Trekking Time:** 2-4 hours
- **Distance:** 4 km
- **Altitude Gain:** 600m.

*Accommodation: Barafu Camp*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy (2 people will share 1 tent)*

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*

### **Day 8: BARAFU CAMP – UHURU PEAK – MILLENNIUM CAMP**

We avoid walking too long in the heat of the sun today by starting around midnight, walking steeply upwards to the summit glaciers. You will be climbing scree for 5 to 6 hours, but you gain incredible height over a short distance. The views are spectacular. You should be on the crater rim at Stella Point (5750 m) as the first rays of the sun emerge. Spectacular ice cliffs within the crater surround you and the views to Mawenzi peak and beyond are breathtaking. Another hour's walk takes you to your goal, the summit of Uhuru (5896 m), the highest point. Uhuru means freedom in Swahili.

- **Trekking Time:** 6-8 hours
- **Distance:** 7 km
- **Altitude Gain:** 1296m.

After a quick celebration and photos at the top, you will begin the descent by returning to Stella Point and then descending on scree slope back to Barafu Camp for breakfast and a short rest before finally heading down to Millennium Camp (3000 m) for a well-earned rest. On the descent, you will have fabulous views of the plains and Mawenzi peak.

- **Trekking Time:** 6-8 hours
- **Distance:** 12 km
- **Altitude Loss:** 289m.

*Accommodation: Millennium Camp*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy (2 people will share 1 tent)*

*Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*



### **Day 9: MILLENNIUM CAMP – MOSHI**

A gentle trek takes you down through the rainforest to the Mweka Gate (1640 m), where park formalities will be completed, you will be met by our vehicles, and receive your certificate of ascent courtesy of the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority. Thereafter, drive back to Moshi where you can treat yourself to a well-earned shower and a cold beer or two.

- **Trekking Time:** 4-5 hours
- **Distance:** 10 km
- **Altitude Loss:** 1360m.

*Accommodation: Panama Garden Resort*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy*

*Included Meals: Breakfast and Lunch*

### **Day 10: RELAXING DAY IN MOSHI**

After successfully summiting Kilimanjaro, today you will relax at your hotel and spend the day strolling around, or you can walk to the small town of Moshi which has mountain views as good as they get! We will gather in the late afternoon for a safari briefing.

*Accommodation: Panama Garden Resort*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy*

*Included Meals: Breakfast*



### **Day 11: CENTRAL SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast we head towards the central Serengeti National Park, also known as the Seronera. We descend into the heart of wild Africa with its endless plains rolling into the distance as far as the eye can see. The Seronera area, one of the richest wildlife habitats in the park, features the Seronera River, a valuable water source to this area. Thanks to

this water source, the area attracts wildlife that represents most of the Serengeti's species very well.

*Accommodation: Embalakai Tented Lodge or similar tented camp in the Central Serengeti*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy*

*Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*

### **Day 12: CENTRAL SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK – FULL DAY**

On this day you will spend your time on the plains of the Serengeti doing game drives. Here you have the choice to do the early morning game drives if you so wish. This will give you the chance to see nocturnal species retire from a night out as well as the diurnal majority waking up for a new day.

*Accommodation: Embalakai Tented Lodge or similar tented camp in the Central Serengeti*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy*

*Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*



### **Day 13: SERENGETI TO NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA**

After breakfast in the morning, we drive back slowly through the Central Serengeti with game viewing on the way until we reach the Naabi Hill Gate where we will check out of the Serengeti National Park.

From there, we will drive to the Ngorongoro Crater rim. The Ngorongoro Crater is famous for being the largest, fully intact volcanic crater in the world. It's also well-known for attracting lots of big-game animals.

You will have a chance to visit the Olduvai Gorge or Maasai Village (at extra costs) if you wish. After arriving at the Rhino Lodge, we'll drive to the starting point on the Crater rim about 5 kilometers away from the lodge. We'll walk along the western rim of the Crater

past the Oloirobi viewpoint. There are patches of forest to begin with, and later it opens up into thicket and grassland, giving beautiful views down into the Crater on your right and eventually equally good views towards Olduvai Gorge, the Serengeti, and the Gol mountains to your left. This is an easy-paced walk with no arduous climbs, just a few short gradients. It lasts about 2 hours and can be done at any time of day.

*Accommodation: Rhino Lodge*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy*

*Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner*

#### **Day 14: NGORONGORO CRATER DRIVE BACK TO MOSHI**

Very early in the morning, we'll drive down the Ngorongoro Crater walls to the Crater floor where we will spend the better part of the day doing game drives in this 8th wonder of the world, also referred to as the Eden of Africa. Here we will get the chance to spot the animals that we might have missed at Serengeti. With a little luck, you can spot the Big 5 (elephants, lions, leopards, buffaloes, and rhinos) in a single day's game drive. In the late afternoon we will head to Moshi and this will conclude our safari time.

*Accommodation: Panama Garden Resort or similar accommodation in Moshi*

*Room plan: Double Occupancy*

*Included meals: Breakfast and Lunch*



#### **Day 15: MOSHI (departure day)**

We will transfer you from the hotel in Moshi to the Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) where you will fly back home. If you have more time you can extend your tour to Zanzibar for an additional cost.

*Included Meal: Breakfast*

## INCLUSIONS

- **Accommodation:**
  - 5 nights in a hotel in Moshi on a bed & breakfast basis with Double Occupancy (2 nights before trekking, 2 nights after trekking, and 1 night after the safari).
  - Hotel accommodation includes storage facilities for excess luggage during hikes.
  - Full boarding at safari lodges or tented camps as per itinerary.
- **Meals:**
  - 14 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 9 dinners.
  - 3 full meals daily during the climb. We provide plentiful, fresh food on the mountain and it's well prepared by skilled professional chefs who join us on the trek. We also consider your choice of food that you would prefer (vegetarian and non-vegetarian). Menu is especially designed for climbers.
  - 3-4 liters of mineral water (per climber) provided daily during the climb.
  - Hot drinks on the mountain and hot water for washing will be provided every day on the mountain.
  - Wine & beer during the safaris.
  - 03 x 0.5L mineral water per person per day during game drives.
- **Transportation:**
  - 2-way transfer to and from Kilimanjaro Airport.
  - 2-way transfer to and from the route gate(s).
- **Permits, Fees, Guides:**
  - All park fees, camping fees, rescue fees, and team fees.
  - Government taxes.
  - The adequate and appropriate number of guides, porters, & cooks for your trek.
  - Tanzania 18% VAT on tourism activities and park fees.
  - Kilimanjaro National Park rescue fees (Kilimanjaro Rescue Team).
  - Porter to carry your duffel bag, with a maximum weight of **15kg / 32 lbs**, from one camp to the next camp.
  - Salaries for the mountain support crew, as per required by MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND NATURAL RESOURCES and KPAP.
  - Services of a professional, licensed, English-speaking safari guide during the safari.
  - All wildlife reserve entry fees.
  - Concession fees.
- **Other:**
  - Chief guide carries a Pulse Ox meter which is used to take blood-oxygen level readings of clients twice a day.

- Sleeping mattress pad(s), dining tent(s), sleeping tent(s), and crew's equipment (dining tent and sleeping tent) for Kilimanjaro trek.
- Portable toilets with a tent for the Kilimanjaro trek.
- Emergency oxygen (for use in emergencies only – not as summiting aid).
- Basic first aid kit (for use in emergencies only).
- Kilimanjaro National Park certificate for your successful summit attempt.
- Emergency evacuation covers with Kilimanjaro SAR helicopter (the climber must have insurance which covers up to 6000 meters above the sea level for this).
- The climb and safari trip are carbon offset, and you'll receive a certificate stating this.

## EXCLUSIONS

- **Accommodation:**
  - Extra night at the hotel in Moshi costs **\$120** for Double Occupancy, **\$90** for single occupancy on the bed and breakfast basis.
- **Meals:**
  - Any meals not mentioned in itinerary.
  - Drinks and beverages in hotel in Moshi and at the safari lodge.
- **Transportation:**
  - International flights to/from Tanzania.
- **Permits, Fees, Guides:**
  - Airport taxes (amount depends on where you're flying from).
  - Extra porter (personal porter) for excess gear: costs **\$30** per day.
  - Extra day on the mountain: you will need to pay **\$350** per person.
  - Single Supplement (Single Tent and Single Room during the climb) for the trip: costs **\$250** per person.
  - Single Supplement (Single Lodge/ Room during the safari) for the trip cost **\$450** per person.
  - Gratuities (tips) for safari guides & lodge staff (please tip approximately \$30-50 USD per day per car. Cars hold 4-7 passengers.)
  - Tipping for the Mountain Crew.

### MOUNTAIN CREW TIPPING RECOMMENDATION

- Guide - **\$15** to **\$20** per day.
- Assistant Guide - **\$10** to **\$15** per day.
- Cook - **\$10** to **\$15** per day.
- Porters - **\$5** to **\$8** per day per porter.
- **Other:**

- Personal hiking/trekking gear – you can rent some of the gear in Tanzania.
- Sleeping bag rental (Mountain Hardware Lamina, synthetic -30F): **\$50** per trip.
- Snacks, personal medicine, and water purifying tablets.
- Trekking poles rental, telescopic: costs **\$20** per trip.
- Visits to the Olduvai Gorge or Maasai Village (approximately \$30-50 USD per person).
- Hot Air Balloon Safari (approximately \$600 USD per person; typically starts around sunrise and lasts for 3 hours. Can be done on the first safari day, in the early morning and then travelers can meet up with the game drive.)
- Travel insurance.
- Visa fees, to be paid upon arrival (ranges from \$50 to \$100 USD, depending on where you're coming from).