

KILIMANJARO

AFRICA | 7 SUMMIT PEAK | 19,340', 5896M



KILIMANJARO CLIMB & SAFARI WITH IMG

Kilimanjaro is one of the Seven Summits of the world and highest mountain in Africa! Since organizing our first Kilimanjaro expedition in 1989, every one of our Kilimanjaro teams has had a high percentage tag the summit of this majestic peak. We are proud of the track record we have established over 35 years with our Kilimanjaro trips and we know that we offer a fantastic trip for the money. We hope you can join us!

THE CLIMB

We climb the Machame Route, taking us past some of Kilimanjaro's most spectacular scenery and away from the crowds on the normal route. Since we have a large difference in altitude between the start of the climb and the summit, we get the opportunity to go through many vegetation zones. We don't rush our ascent! Our program gives you a seven-day climb. We have learned that the extra time is well worth it for a successful and fun trek, giving climbers a far greater chance of standing on top and far less chance of altitude sickness. We will descend via the Mweka Route, the descent route required by Kilimanjaro National Park. The Kilimanjaro National Park staff has done a lot of work in recent years on this trail (it is now much better drained, so less muddy than in the past). The camps have also been improved, and there are Park rangers stationed at the camps to ensure that porters are not overloaded, and that rubbish is removed. There is also emergency rescue available (by jeep) from the second camp (Shira Plateau). While Kilimanjaro is considered a trek rather than an actual climb, keep in mind that Kilimanjaro is very physically demanding. The group equipment and most of our personal equipment will be carried by our Chagga porters. Our Chagga staff will also take care of the cooking chores.

SCHEDULE

Kilimanjaro Climb & Safari
Scheduled Program Dates

LAND COST

Climb & Safari \$6,850
Climb Only \$4,800
Single Supplement Climb \$300
Single Supplement Safari \$400

PREREQUISITS

No previous climbing skills are required, participants should be fit and have some experience hiking/trekking.

QUICK LINKS

[Kilimanjaro Climb & Safari Program Itinerary](#)
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REGISTER

- [IMG Application Package](#)
- Application Fee \$1,500*
- Passport copy

FEE SCHEDULE

Non-refundable application fee* due at registration applies to program fees. **Final balance of fees are due 120 days prior to trip departure.** Please refer to application package for payment instructions. Program fees are quoted in US dollars. All fees and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable. Payments must be received by IMG on or before the due dates. Bank wire instructions are provided on request.

While non-technical, Kilimanjaro is a high-altitude summit and must be taken seriously. Climbers are at health risk from the altitude. Our guides always carry a Gamow (hyperbaric) Bag, pulse oximeter, and supplemental oxygen in case of Altitude Sickness. A couple hours in the bag can turn around Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS) before it forces you down or becomes life threatening.

THE ITINERARY

Here's a look at the schedule (itinerary is approximate and may be subject to change).

Day	IMG KILIMANJARO CLIMB & SAFARI ITINERARY
1	The trip begins when we meet the arriving KLM group evening flight at Kilimanjaro Int'l Airport (JRO). Vehicle transfer to group hotel in Moshi.
2	Team meeting in the morning, followed by a visit to Moshi for sightseeing. Lunch at Hotel. After lunch finish gear checks and packing personal gear into duffel bag for porters (up to 30 pounds or so). Leave one bag with travel and safari clothes at the hotel in storage. Dinner at hotel.
3	After breakfast, we'll drive by 4WD vehicles to the Machame Gate (about 6000') where the climb begins. The first day is a nice hike through the rain forest to Machame Camp (about 10,000').
4	We climb out of the forest to the Shira Plateau (12,000'), in the zone of "weird plants" like the Lobelia and Groundsel, native to high mountains of Africa.
5	We climb to over 14,500' and then drop back to camp at Barranco 13,000'. This is really neat hiking and great acclimatization.
6	Cross the Barranco Wall (a bit of scrambling in places) and traverse below the Southern Glaciers. This is our favorite day on the approach, with great scenery and hiking en route to Karanga (13,000').
7	We're well acclimatized by now for our up to the Barafu High Camp (15,000').
8	Summit Day! Start climbing around Midnight with about 8 hours to the true summit (Uhuru Peak at 19,340'). Descend to Mweka Camp in the forest. A long and rewarding day.
9	Continue descent via the Mweka route to park gate. 4WD vehicle pickup and transfer to hotel. Shower and celebrate our climb! Overnight at hotel.
10	Fly to Serengeti, game drive, transfer to deluxe wildlife camp. Spend the evening discussing the tons of animals spotted! (" <i>Climb Only</i> " participants transferred to JRO and depart on morning flights).
11	Full day Serengeti game drive with a picnic lunch. Overnight at deluxe wildlife camp. Celebrate a successful day with a campfire under the stars.
12	Morning Game drive, visit Olduvai Gorge, transfer to Ngorongoro Area. Overnight at premium safari lodge. Bring a jacket. It can be chilly at night, but you'll rest easy your last night in Tanzania.
13	Morning at our luxury lodge relaxing, then finish up with the drive back to Arusha for some final shopping, re-packing, and then on to the JRO airport for the evening flights home. End of the program.

THE SAFARI

Following your climb, you'll embark on a four day/three night safari where you'll enjoy animal viewing in the classic Serengeti and Ngorongoro Game Parks. Our longtime African Safari outfitters use 4WD Land Rovers or Land Cruisers for the safari, with "pop top" roofs that allow participants to stand up for viewing and photography. The drivers do a great job finding critters for some world-class game viewing. Depending on the time of the year, we will visit different areas of northern Tanzania to take advantage of the seasonal differences.

We add the benefit of a beautiful one-way Serengeti flight over Africa (easier, faster, more time to see animals, less time spent driving). Our groups usually fly out to Serengeti and drive back to Arusha with stops at Olduvai and Ngorongoro along the way, depending on the season (safari plans are subject to change).

We offer a "Hybrid" style safari where our teams will stay two nights in a traditional "bush" safari with deluxe tents under the stars, followed by a final evening at one of Tanzania's premium lodges. You'll enjoy comfortable accommodations

and restful evenings in the heart of the bush around the campfire as well as fine African hospitality and dining. The tent camps and lodge complement the Tanzanian experience, providing the best authentic and natural safari offered in conjunction with a climb of Kilimanjaro.

THE GUIDES

Our climbs are led by a top-notch IMG high-altitude mountain guide, well-trained in all elements of climbing as well as wilderness medical procedure. IMG Senior Guides have climbed and trekked all over the world and are always excited to visit Tanzania.

Assisting our IMG Guide is a first-class staff of registered African Chagga guides and porters, all local people from the Chagga tribe who live right at the base of Kilimanjaro. Many of them have been on dozens of IMG trips over the years. They know we'll be coming back, they like working with us, and they deliver high quality service. We also employ a chief cook, several assistant cooks, and servers.

LOCAL CONCERNS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

We take great pride in the long-term relationships we have built with our local staff. They do a great job, we pay and tip them well, and they enjoy working for IMG. IMG supports the Recommended Guidelines for Proper Porter Treatment. We make sure that the IMG porters have adequate clothing, equipment, shelter, sleeping arrangements, food, cooking equipment and water. Sick or injured porters are properly cared for. All loads are weighed to ensure that porters are carrying loads that don't exceed their physical ability or legal limits. Porters are paid a fair wage for their work and are paid tip money directly from the tip pool at the end of the climb (no middleman taking a cut). We encourage our team members to observe and participate in the staff tipping session at the end of the climb.

LEAVE NO TRACE

IMG is committed to Leave No Trace. On Kilimanjaro, this means working with the Kilimanjaro National Park staff to ensure that the Park regulations are followed. Garbage is carried down from the climb and turned into the Park Rangers, per the regulations. Pit toilets are used at the camps to ensure that human waste is disposed of correctly. We will have our own private toilet, in addition to the Park toilets at the camps.

THE DEAL:

Here is what is included and not included in your land cost fee.

Included

- IMG Leadership, local guides, porters and cook staff
- Transfer to/from JRO International Airport for advertised itinerary
- All ground transportation when traveling with group on advertised itinerary
- Double occupancy in a nice hotel (2 nights before climb and 1 night after climb in Moshi)
- Double occupancy in deluxe tent camps/lodges during Safari (3 nights)
- Kilimanjaro National Park Entrance/Use Fees
- Game Park Entrance/Use Fees
- Shared accommodations in tents on climb + toilet tent
- Group equipment (kitchen, tents, etc.)
- All meals during group itinerary
- Serengeti charter flight (Safari)
- IMG buff

Not Included

- International airfare/tax/baggage fee/travel expenses
- Visa fee for Tanzania (approx. \$100 USD cash)
- Single supplement accommodations in hotels, tents, lodges
- Personal snacks while climbing
- Alcoholic and bottled beverages and personal sundries
- [Personal gear/climbing equipment](#)
- Items of a personal nature
- Required evacuation & medical expense coverage (travel Insurance)
- Optional but advised trip cancellation coverage

- Evacuation, hospital or medical costs
- Any expense resulting from Covid-19 resulting in delays or quarantine and testing
- Lodging/meals & transportation outside of scheduled itinerary
- Group tip pool for local staff, \$300 USD
- IMG Guide gratuities

THE ODDS & ENDS:

Single Supplement

Accommodations are based on double occupancy. If you would like a single room in the hotel in Moshi before and after the climb and a single tent during the climb, this is available for an additional \$300. A single room during the safari is available for an additional \$400. If we cannot pair you with a roommate, you will be charged the single supplement fee.

Travel Insurance

Evacuation & medical expense coverage sufficient for your activities and destination is required, and must be inclusive of 6000 meters in elevation for the duration of the IMG program. Trip cancellation/interruption coverage is strongly suggested due to our no-refund policy.

Flights

There are many carriers that provide service to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). We recommend the Delta/KLM flight as our itinerary is built around the KLM arrivals and departures at JRO. Those arriving/departing on the KLM flight according to our itinerary will be provided airport transfers at no extra cost. If you arrive or depart outside of the scheduled itinerary, we can assist with arranging your transfer and additional hotel nights but you will be responsible for any additional cost for transportation/lodging. CLIMB ONLY participants, please contact our office for details on your itinerary.

Passport & Visa

A valid passport with at least 6 months of validity is required. A "well-traveled" passport should have extra blank pages available for visa stamps. We suggest that you make a copy of your passport and keep it with you during your travels. Familiarize yourself with Travel Advisories and entry requirements available on the [U.S. State Department website](https://www.state.gov). Advanced visas are not required for entry into Tanzania, and you can obtain a tourist visa on arrival at the JRO airport for \$100 USD (cash). It is also possible to get the visa online before departure.

Immunizations

Immunizations are not required for this program, but we will provide a list of recommended immunizations for you to discuss with your doctor.

Participants are required to comply with the covid vaccination and documentation requirements of the destination country or area. For the most up to date information, visit the website of your destination country embassy in the USA, US Embassy website for your destination country, the CDC, and US State Dept Travel pages. In general, a digital vax certificate (with QR Code) is the gold standard for international travel (available from your State health department).

Start preparations early so you can complete before your departure. For more info, consult your physician, travel clinic or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Weather

January and February and mid-June through mid of October are normally very stable weather periods. December can get a bit wetter but is still a good time to climb. It is always difficult to predict the exact weather conditions we will encounter during our ascent. Warm rain can occur down low and we can experience cold and windy conditions higher on the mountain any time of the year. It is not unusual for the temperatures to be well below freezing on summit day before the sun comes up. A down jacket (or equivalent) is required. The Outdoor Research Chaos or Virtuoso jackets work perfectly as the required parka. You should prepare for all possible weather conditions. Safari and travel days should be comfortably warm and the evenings may require a light sweater or jacket.