



Summiting the Machame Route 08 nights



Summary

View highland montane, volcanic lava landscapes and breathtaking canyons as you ascend Mount Kilimanjaro with an excellent summit rate thanks to more days than the usual programs.

Overview

Interest: group-family-couples

Level of Comfort: 2/5

Minimum # of passengers: 2

Maximum # of passengers: 12

Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful holidays
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
- High quality service & strong commitment to customer satisfaction
- Permanent assistance from Wild Discovery Head Office at any moment
- Attention to details that make the difference

Information about the destination

- **Currency:** Chinese yuan
- **Language:** Swahili - English
- **Dialing Code:** +255
- **Recommended vaccine :** none
- **Banks & currency exchange:** Availability of ATMs is limited to large cities.

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Day 1: Arusha, Tanzania

Upon arrival in Arusha, meet greet and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a good night of rest.

Day 2: Arusha

In preparation for the climb ahead, start to acclimatize with a walk through Arusha National Park situated between the peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru, this scenic park is home to a wide range of habitats, from a string of crater lakes populated by waterfowl, to highland montane forest and imposing summit views. The forest is home to a wealth of wildlife, including black-and-white colobus monkeys and regal bushbucks. This evening there is a welcome dinner, a chance to meet your fellow adventurers).

Day 3: Mount Kilimanjaro (10,000 Feet)

Drive from Arusha to the Machame village on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro to begin your climb along the challenging and scenic Machame Route.

Hike for about six hours through dense rubber tree and giant fig forests to your camp, set up near huts once used for shelter on the mountain. As you make your way up through the forested terrain, keep an eye out for elephants. Settle in to your first camp, poised at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

Day 4: Mount Kilimanjaro (12,500 Feet)

Awake early to a piping-hot cup of coffee or tea and hearty breakfast, before leaving camp, taking in the commanding view of Uhuru Peak. Trek out of the forest up to the Hagenia zone, through a savannah of tall grasses and haunting volcanic lava landscapes. After a six-hour hike, arrive at the Shira Plateau and the next camp. At 12,500 feet, it has sweeping views across the Masai Steppe to distant Mount Meru and the Shira Needles.

Day 5: Mount Kilimanjaro (13000 Feet)

During another six-hour hike, skirt the Shira Plateau toward the Kibo Massif, continuing onwards and upwards to the pass at Lava Tower (15,000 feet).

Descend toward Barranco Camp through the immense waterfall-punctuated Grand Barranco canyon, which is fed by streams from the Umbwe River. Today's camp is situated at an elevation of 13,000 feet.

Day 6: Mount Kilimanjaro | Acclimatisation Day

Hike for about six hours along the Barranco Cliff with no increase in elevation. This allows time to rest and adjust to the increasingly higher altitudes. In the afternoon you may choose to hike the Karanga Valley set beneath the icefalls of the Heim, Decken and Kersten glaciers.

Day 7: Mount Kilimanjaro | Preparing For The Summit (15,200 Feet)

Hike for about four to five hours and a day of acclimatisation as you near Kilimanjaro's peak, stopping at Barafu Camp (15,200 feet) on a morain, with views of Mawenzi Peak to the right and looming Kibo Peak overhead. The surrounding scenic alpine desert terrain is largely mineral, featuring mainly lichens and moss. Turn in early this evening, ahead of an early start for the summit the following morning.

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Day 8: Mount Kilimanjaro | Summit Day (19,341 Feet)

Rise very early to a hot cup of coffee or tea before beginning the final ascent to soaring Stella Point at 18,630 feet on the rim of Kibo Crater. Start the 13 hour trek by making your way up a winding path flanked by the towering Ratzel and Rebmann glaciers. As the sun rises, continue around the rim to Uhuru Peak (19,341 feet), where the air is rarefied. Should all go to plan, you will stand at the highest point in Africa in about seven hours' time. Take some time to savour your achievement before descending to the campsite (10,200 feet).

Day 9: Depart Arusha

Continue the descent to the base of the mountain, where your A&K driver will be waiting to drive you back to Arusha. Enjoy a farewell lunch with your fellow climbers to celebrate your achievement. Comfortable dayrooms are provided until your departure flight.

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