



Treks

Kilimanjaro Extensions



OVERVIEW

Having travelled all the way to Tanzania, why not add a few days before, or after (or both) to your holiday to enjoy some of the other diverse aspects of this fascinating region. Our leader will usually travel home with the rest of the group after your Kilimanjaro climb. However we leave you in the very capable hands of our African partners.

You may like to improve your chances of success on Kilimanjaro by first making an ascent of Kili's little neighbour, Mt. Meru. Alternatively, more appealing may be some rest and relaxation after the climb, wildlife watching in some of Tanzania's National Parks.

AFRICAN SAFARI EXTENSION

A real 'must' for anyone visiting Africa for the first time!

We are happy to tailor your safari to fit the time you have available. The following is just an example of what can be seen in 3 days. This safari can be offered with a choice of accommodation to suit your budget, either camping in the comfortable camp sites around the national parks (we will supply your camping equipment, and an experienced chef to prepare your meals), or you can choose to stay in lodges.

After a good breakfast at the hotel all meals are included until lunch on the third day. If you have just climbed Kilimanjaro, you will be picked up from your hotel by your friendly safari team in your specially adapted safari vehicle on the following day and the adventure begins.

If you are starting your safari before going on to climb Kilimanjaro or Mt Meru, you will be met by your team at the airport and taken to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha for a relaxing evening before setting off on safari the next day.

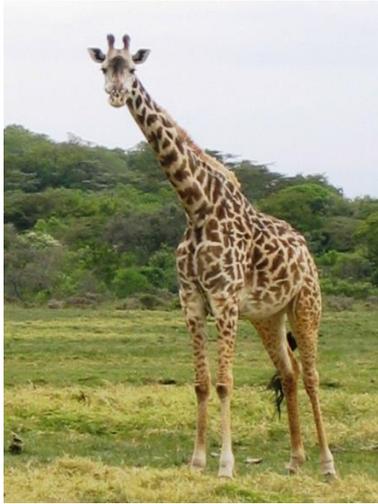


Itinerary (starts the day after you finish Kilimanjaro)

Day 1

After breakfast at your hotel, you will be picked up by your team, driving our special safari vehicles. We will drive to the Tarangire National Park, where we will have a picnic lunch on the way, before our first game drive in the afternoon. Then we will drive to the Tarangire River which attracts a large range of mammals and birds. We might see over 500 elephants in their family groups during the course of the day.

The bird life is spectacular, ranging from fish eagles and palm nut vultures, storks, and brightly coloured barbets. After experiencing your first close-ups of giraffes, elephants, buffalos, and a huge variety of exotic birds, you will return for dinner and overnight at the Maramboi Tented Lodge or the Haven Nature Camp Site.



Day 2

After breakfast, we will drive to the Ngorongoro Crater. We will enter the Crater and enjoy a game drive (with packed lunch), where we hopefully will see black rhinos, basking hippos, lions, elephants and some of the amazing bird life which lives in the crater. For example, the extraordinary Kori Bustard, which is arguably the heaviest flying bird. Male birds weigh on average 13.5 kg, but exceptional birds may weigh up to 20 kg. They are fairly common in the Crater and often carry a cargo of bee eaters on their backs, living on the ready supply of insects in the bustard's feathers. It is hard to miss a bustard strutting along puffing out its long white neck feathers.

We will also see clouds of flamingoes on Lake Magadi and hippos in the Mandusi Swamp. The Ngorongoro Crater animals never leave the vast extinct volcano crater surrounded by its 600m high walls. It is home to one of the densest wild animal populations, including an abundance of lions, rhino and elephants. We will have dinner and overnight at the Ngorongoro Farm House or the Haven Nature Camp Site.

Day 3

After breakfast we drive to the nearby Manyara National Park, famous for its unique tree-climbing lions. Lake Manyara is a shallow alkaline lake at the base of a steep stretch of the Western Rift valley. The 330 square-km National Park comprises two-thirds water, but it has a surprising variety of land animals in the open grassy flood plains and the acacia woodland.

We will see a variety of monkeys, giraffes, hippos, and of course, a huge variety of birdlife. We will enjoy a game drive through the National Park including a packed lunch, before driving to Moshi or directly to Kilimanjaro Airport.

Please see Adventure Peaks Website for Prices. Prices are based on 2 people travelling together and sharing a room. Single supplement applies.

Price Includes: All park fees, vehicle and driver, 2 nights' accommodation on safari, 1 night in Moshi before the safari, all meals from breakfast on day 1 to lunch on day 3.



MOUNT MERU EXTENSION



The ascent of Mount Meru (4566m) is a four day trip and easily undertaken as an extension prior to either the Rongai or Machame routes. Mount Meru is Kili's little sister and makes for a superb training and acclimatising trip before the main ascent. You can also expect to see wildlife on the lower slopes and in the Arusha National Park which we drive through after the climb.

Itinerary

Day 1 Depart UK and arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport. Transfer to hotel. *Overnight hotel in Moshi.*

the trail enters the forest, in which you will hear the wonderful calling sounds of monkeys and birds amongst other animals. The forest opens out as you arrive at the plateau of Miriakamba. Two huts sleep 48 in bunk beds with spectacular views up to the ash cone, the crater rim cliffs and the summit. *Overnight Miriakamba Hut (2525m).*

Day 3 Trees give way to giant heathers then moorland as you climb up the East Ridge of the crater rim. Good views down into the crater floor and of Kilimanjaro floating above the cloud. A shorter day allows a late afternoon ascent of Little Meru 3820m (50mins). There are two sleeping huts with rooms of 4 beds. Each room has a key to lock when climbing on summit day. *Overnight Saddle Hut (3570m).*

Day 4 We start early at 2am to climb to Rhino point 3800m, commemorating the last Rhino in Arusha National Park shot by poachers. Rocky undulating ground leads up to Cobra Point 4350m, and with lightening skies continues to the rough summit rocks and the summit (4566m). The walk around the crater rim is exhilarating, the sheer cliffs on one side, the dramatic views of the Ash Cone and Kilimanjaro in the distance. Descent is by the same route stopping for lunch at Saddle hut then down to stay overnight at Miriakamba. *Overnight Miriakamba Hut (2525m).*



Day 5 Descend to Momella gate (3 hours). Enjoy a safari drive through Arusha National Park before returning to the hotel in Moshi for a refreshen upø and meeting other people joining for the Kilimanjaro climb. *Overnight hotel in Moshi.*

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Price Includes: All park fees, local guide, cook and porters, accommodation as shown above, all meals from breakfast on day 2 to lunch on day 5.

Participation Statement

Adventure Peaks recognises that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.

Adventure Travel – Accuracy of Itinerary

Although it is our intention to operate this itinerary as printed, it may be necessary to make some changes as a result of flight schedules, climatic conditions, limitations of infrastructure or other operational factors. As a consequence, the order or location of overnight stops and the duration of the day may vary from those outlined. You should be aware that some events are beyond our control and we would ask for your patience.