

12 Day View over Africa -Heights of Kilimanjaro AEA1909

Machame Route 12 Days / 11 Nights

This 12-day adventure offers the most superb views over Africa. Starting with a steady climb to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro, the roof of Africa. Enjoy unique mountain topography and vegetation as the climb gathers momentum. A rewarding day and plenty of celebrating as the summit is reached. Soak up the breathtaking views and sense of achievement, and be rewarded with three luxurious nights at Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, providing yet more spectacular views over pristine African wilderness.

* Mount Kilimanjaro – Africa's highest mountain

* Ngorongoro Crater – world's largest intact caldera



Day 01: Arusha

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be met and transferred to the Arusha Hotel. You will spend the afternoon with your mountain guide who will brief and prepare you for your climb. Overnight at the Arusha Hotel (half board).

Day 02: Kilimanjaro - Machame

Today you will be transferred to Machame Gate to begin your climb. Climb to Machame Hut, depending on weather conditions this can be a moderate to a very demanding climb through forest then up to the overnight stop on the edge of the forest. Overnight camping in mountain tents by Machame Hut (3 000m) (full board)

Day 03: Shira

Rising early you cross a valley and a stream and then climb up a steep ridge for 3-4 hours. The path then drops into a river gorge before ascending more gently onto the moorland of the Shira Plateau, one of the most fascinating areas of the Mountain. Overnight camping in mountain tents by the Shira Hut at 3 840m (full board).

Day 04: Kilimanjaro - Barranco

Today you walk for 5-6 hours enjoying sightings of the typical Kilimanjaro mountain vegetation (Senecios, Lobelia, Helichrysum) and rewarding views of the spectacular Barranco Valley. Overnight camping in mountain tents by the Barranco Hut (3 950m) (full board).

Day 05: Karanga

From the Barranco Hut, you ascend up to the Barranco wall and walk across scree and ridges to Karanga Valley (4 100m) with breathtaking views of the West Breach and the southern glacier. Lunch is often taken here, depending upon progress. In the afternoon there may be a chance to head up the Karanga Valley to aid acclimatisation, or simply relax in camp as required. Overnight Karanga Camp (full board)

Day 06: Barafu

About 2 hours from Karanga, you will come out on the Barafu path (part of the Mweka Trail). It is a further 1-2 hours to Barafu Hut. The last stage to Barafu hut is quite steep, and as always we advise taking it as easy as possible. Being as relaxed as possible both mentally and physically is the best advice. We often try to camp a little higher (around 4 700 metres) when possible to make the morning ascent that little bit easier. In the evening you will be briefed for your final ascent, and preparing clothing and water before you rest for the night is a good idea to give you the best start in the morning. Overnight Barafu Camp (full board)

Day 07: Summit - Mweka

You rise early in the morning and begin your climb to the summit. You pass through the gap between the Ratzel and Rebmann glaciers and continue to Uhuru peak (5 896 m) where you can watch the sunrise from the rooftop of Africa! You then descend to Mweka Camp for your overnight stay in mountain tents (3 100m) (full board)

Day 08: Arusha

Today you descend to the Mweka Gate and then continue by vehicle to the Arusha Hotel. It's time to relax, take a hot shower or a swim in the pool before a final dinner with the other members of your group to celebrate the achievement of conquering Mount Kilimanjaro. Overnight at the Arusha Hotel (full board)

Day 09, 10 & 11: Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area

Enjoy breakfast before your transfer to Arusha Airport for your scheduled flight to Manyara Airstrip. On your arrival at the airstrip, you will be met by a representative from Ngorongoro Crater Lodge for your road transfer of approximately 2 hours to the Lodge.

Spend three nights at Ngorongoro Crater Lodge. Accommodation is in a sumptuous double suite. Each suite is tended by a butler. Your stay is on a full board basis including scheduled activities and park fees.

Activities include two game-drives on the Crater floor. Additional activities may be booked directly at the lodge, subject to extra cost and availability of vehicles. Such activities include excursions to Olduvai Gorge and Shifting Sands, a visit to a Maasai village and walks at Empakai Crater. Massages are offered for those who need to relax after a day's game-viewing.

Day 12: Arusha

After breakfast you will be transferred to Manyara Airstrip for your scheduled flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport where our services end.



Notes:

Rates 2008:

From: USD \$ 5547 per person sharing

To: USD \$ 7182 per person sharing

* Rates are based on no single supplement at Ngorongoro Crater Lodge for the first two single rooms booked per reservation. Thereafter single supplement will apply

* Rates are based on a minimum of two guests travelling

INCLUDES

- Meet and assist on arrival
- Twin or single accommodation
- Scheduled road transfers: Kilimanjaro International Airport / Mount Kilimanjaro / Arusha Airport
- Fully trained guides for your trek
- Mountain mess tent, client tents (with mattress & pillow) and toilet tent
- Water for the duration of your climb (filtered with puritabs)
- Scheduled domestic flights: Arusha Airport / Manyara Airstrip / Kilimanjaro International Airport
- Meals as specified above
- Soft drinks, house wine, local brand spirits, local beer, teas and coffees at Ngorongoro Crater Lodge
- Scheduled road transfers: Manyara Airstrip / Ngorongoro Crater Lodge / Manyara Airstrip
- Scheduled game activities as specified
- Laundry at Ngorongoro Crater Lodge
- Personal butler service at Ngorongoro Crater Lodge
- Tanzania National Park fees
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance

EXCLUDES

- Gratuities and all items of a personal nature



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- Meals and drinks not specified above
- Alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks: Day 01 – Day 09
- Porterage
- Visa fees (please thoroughly check requirements, for the countries being visited, prior to travel)
- Scheduled flights to / from Kilimanjaro International Airport



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