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Kilimanjaro Climbs with Summits Africa

Overview

Summits Africa runs ethical, professionally led climbs. Our business partners sell our climbs to their clients on the basis of:

1. **Ethics:** Summits Africa works hand in hand with our crews, not in spite of them. We do not overload our porters and our payment policy is to ensure that our porters and crews are among the highest paid in the industry. Our ethical approach is the number one reason that our prices are higher than the average 'budget' trip.
2. **Professional Guides and crews:** We operate bi annual training programs for guides, assistant guides, trainees and camp crews. Our in house training also incorporates independent professionals from the Red Cross for CPR training and advanced first aid topics. Summits Africa also has "Constant Monitoring" practices that include pulse oximetry and scorecard monitoring of key aspects of altitude sickness. Is Kilimanjaro a dangerous hike? Yes. Blissful ignorance tends to surrounds most groups that ascend the mountain and most people are fine. It is the scenarios when unavoidable instances of high altitude sickness which poses the most threat where appropriate treatment are essential. Most instances of death on Kilimanjaro have been due to ignorance and bad decision making.
3. **Clients experience:** with sound ethical practices and excellent training Summits Africa has a well motivated professional team that not only guide clients safely on the mountain but also educate and inform clients about the environment they walk through. Endemic flora and the relationship of man and beast have all shaped Kilimanjaro's ecology and the geology is as fascinating as anywhere on earth.

Summits Africa highly recommends that **The Machame Route** be used as the default route of choice for three main reasons:

1. The Machame route has a higher success rate as the final ascent is via Stella Point which is much closer to Uhuru peak.
2. The alternative Marangu route is very crowded and porters have a history of being left out in the cold at night time when room needs to be taken for over bookings from companies.
3. The Machame route is more scenic – if people are going to make a once in a lifetime commitment to climb the highest freestanding mountain in the world, they might as well enjoy as much as the mountain as possible. The Marangu route ascends and descends via the same route and so people miss the most stunning parts of Kilimanjaro.

Kilimanjaro

Machame Route

7 days on Kilimanjaro / 9 days total

Why this itinerary?

Many people list Kilimanjaro as a lifelong dream adventure. This itinerary allows you the time to see all of Kilimanjaro's main areas and with a 7 day ascent it also allows you a great chance of successfully making it to the roof of Africa! If you are looking for a great adventure that does not compromise safety or ethics then climb with us.

Description

This is a 7 day Kilimanjaro hike starting at Machame gate and ascending via Stella Point. There is a night time ascent to the summit. The trip is fully supported with spacious guest tents, mattress and pillow as well as a mess tent with lightweight tables and chairs and all cutlery. Our trips also include a toilet tent in camp and most importantly knowledgeable professional guides that go through bi annual training. Our logistics team at our base monitors your trip from start to finish.

Highlights

Kilimanjaro: afromontane forest, Shira plateau, glacial valleys and alpine desert, views of Mawenzi, ascent of Kibo and possible views of Kibo caldera and ash pit. Glaciers and the roof of Africa!

In brief

- 1 Kilimanjaro - Machame
- 2 Kilimanjaro - Shira
- 3 Kilimanjaro - Barranco
- 4 Kilimanjaro - Karanga
- 5 Kilimanjaro - Barafu
- 6 Kilimanjaro - Summit / Mweka
- 7 End

Map



In Detail

DAY 1 KILIMANJARO / MACHAME

After breakfast you depart by vehicle to Kilimanjaro. At the gate your crew finalise packing and after finishing with formalities you start of from Machame gate. Today's hiking is through verdant afro-montane forest to Machame camp and on route you have a picnic lunch. Look out for pretty endemic flora and a gradation of forest zones!

Overnight Machame Camp (breakfast - lunch - dinner)

DAY 2 KILIMANJARO / SHIRA

From Machame camp you hike to Shira Camp. The first section is relatively steep and altitude is gained rapidly. A picnic lunch is taken on trail today. The zone you pass through today is known as the heath zone where attractive *Helichrysum* and *lobelia* plants become apparent. Various geologic features can be seen today from lava tubes to glacial valleys.

Overnight Shira Camp (breakfast - lunch - dinner)

DAY 3 KILIMANJARO / BARRANCO

Today is a walk high sleep low day. You ascend into alpine desert and for those that are feeling strong you can even head up to Lava Tower before descending to Barranco camp. Lunch is taken as a picnic lunch on route. This is long day but note that the next time you head to this altitude is in two days time - great acclimatisation day!

Overnight Barranco Camp (breakfast - lunch - dinner)

DAY 4 KILIMANJARO / KARANGA

From Barranco camp, famous for its' giant groundsels (*Senecio* species), you ascend the Barranco wall and hike glacial valleys to Karanga camp. Today is a relatively short day hiking and lunch is taken at Karanga camp. In the afternoon a walk can be taken with your guides for great views of the Southern walls of Kibo and deep glacial valleys.

Overnight Karanga Camp (breakfast - lunch - dinner)

DAY 5 KILIMANJARO / BARAFU

Today is another half day ascending to Barafu camp. Once again lunch is taken in camp allowing plenty of time to relax before the summit bid. Desolate alpine desert and at times strong winds rip over this camp and yet in the evening splendid views of Mawenzi

peak are the norm. A relatively early dinner is taken before heading to rest for the evening.

Overnight Barafu Camp (breakfast - lunch - dinner)

**DAY 6
KILIMANJARO / MWEKA**

Most people depart just before midnight for the final summit bid. Patience and persistence is the name of game to reach the summit and by dawn as the first rays of light start to appear, most arrive near the rim. Ascending via Stella Point affords a relatively short final section to Uhuru peak, the Roof of Africa! What goes up must come down and your goal today is to reach Mweka camp.

Overnight Mweka Camp (breakfast - lunch - dinner)

**DAY 7
ARUSHA**

After breakfast you descend once again through montane forest and around mid day after saying farewell to your crew, you are picked up and transfer back to your hotel.

End of Services

MACHAME KILIMANJARO CLIMB

Luxury Specification

RATE PER PERSON \$ 2200
Single Supplement \$200*

***single supplements only apply to those that request a single tent. If you can't find a partner to share your tent you will not be charged extra**

Includes

- Trained Kilimanjaro guides (1 guide to 2 clients)
- All relevant Kilimanjaro Park fees & rescue fees
- Emergency medical evacuation
- all accommodation as described in the itinerary
- Transfers as described in the itinerary
- Drinks on the hike (potable water, tea, coffee & hot chocolate)

Excludes

- International flights
- Entry visas
- Gratuities (guideline \$250 per person small groups, \$200 per person groups over 4 people)
- Items of a personal nature
- Alterations to this itinerary (i.e. if different accommodations and services are provided then the price will most likely vary up or down)
- Airport departure taxes (unless stated)
- Laundry
- Beverages in hotels (except those in your personal safari vehicle)
- Hospital bills and international evacuation in the event of an emergency

Booking

For anyone wanting to book this trip they must fill out our online booking form at www.summits-africa.com/booking-form-summits-africa-complete.htm. Once details are received a pro forma invoice is sent out for deposit payment of 10%. Full payment is then made at least 45 days prior to the date of travel.

Payment

Please pay by telegraphic transfer to our bankers:

Beneficiary

Name	Summits Africa LTD
Address	P.O. Box 14342, Arusha
Account Number	#0786090901
With Bank	Exim Bank Tz Ltd
Address of Bank	Arusha Branch, SWIFT EXTNTZTZ

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UNIV ID	370780
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