



Mt. Kilimanjaro: Lemosho/Shira Plateau/Stella Point Route (8day summit ascent)

This is the ultimate experience on Africa's greatest mountain, Kilimanjaro. Beginning at the rarely visited western edge of Kilimanjaro, we traverse the wild and unspoiled Shira Plateau to approach the crater rim. We take more days to acclimatize because we will actually sleep inside the crater of Kilimanjaro, at 18,700 feet. This is an exceptional chance to look closely at the marvels of Kili's inner crater, set against the backdrop of towering glacial walls of ice.

Camping at this elevation is a serious objective. Equipment of the highest quality is used to ensure the comfort and safety of our climbers and our Chagga staff, as well as to protect the delicate and unique environment within the crater. We carry medical oxygen and bring with us years of experience and judgment gained on the highest peaks of the world.

September 18 / Day 1 ~ Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport. You will be met by our staff and transferred to your hotel.

September 19 / Day 2 ~ Team orientation at 8 a.m. Packing and trip preparation. Afternoon for hiking, a visit to the town of Arusha, or sleeping off jet lag.

September 20 / Day 3 ~ Drive to Lemosho Glades 6,890 ft (2100m). Meet local staff and porters. Hike to Big Tree Camp 9,200 ft (2804m) in a beautiful old growth forest.

September 21 / Day 4 ~ We cross the spectacular and remote Shira Ridge, then descend a short distance to Shira I Camp on the Shira Plateau 11,450 ft (3500m).

September 22 / Day 5 ~ Today we move even higher to the Moir Camp, 13,500 ft (4114m). This spectacular camp is located beneath the Northern ice fields of Kilimanjaro.

September 23 / Day 6 ~ We ascend through the moorland and alpine desert zones to the Lava Tower Camp at 15,090 ft (4600m).

September 24 / Day 7 ~ Travel from Lava Tower Camp to Karanga Valley Camp, 13,900 feet (4235m).

September 25 / Day 8 ~ From Karanga Valley Camp we climb past the crowded Barafu Camp and make our way to the Kossovo Camp 15,970 feet (4867m).

September 26 / Day 9 ~ Today we reach the crater where we will spend the night and wake early the next day to reach the summit during daylight hours, camping at 18,700 feet (5700m).

September 27 / Day 10 ~ Summit day. In less than two hours from camp, a measured pace will get us to the highest spot in Africa, Uhuru Point (19,339 ft / 5894m). We descend the Barafu Route all the way to 10,000 feet at the top of the forest.

September 28 / Day 11 ~ We walk through the forest to the park gate, where our Land Cruisers are waiting to take us back to Arusha.

For those on the **climb only** program, there may be time for last-minute shopping and you will have the opportunity to freshen up at the hotel in Arusha before leaving for your evening flight from Kilimanjaro International Airport.

Ngorongoro Crater and Olduvai Gorge, Tangire National Park and Serengeti National Park (3 or 6-Day Safari)

September 29 / Day 12 ~ Our safari adventure begins after a restful morning back at the hotel in Arusha. We will drive through a classic African landscape; Tarangire National Park is the land of baobab trees, and the best place to view an undisturbed elephant society. It has been the favorite park of many experienced travelers to Tanzania over the years, and you will see why once you enter its peaceful expanses.

September 30 / Day 13 ~ The best wildlife viewing is in the morning and we will take advantage of this as we drive to visit Lake Manyara before lunch. We will stop for lunch at the Serena Lodge on the rim of the Great Rift Valley Escarpment before we make our way to Ngorongoro Crater. We will then drive to visit our favorite Masai boma, or village, which is located nearby. Tonight we will spend the first of two nights at Ngorongoro.

October 1 / Day 14 ~ You will find yourself waking to have tea or coffee at the lodge in the early morning darkness. The next few hours could be the highlight of anyone's East African safari dream. Our driver / guides always ready for a pre-dawn departure to drop from the rim down into the expanse of Ngorongoro. We will be looking for lions, cheetahs and leopards. We will gaze in awe at herds of wildebeest, zebra and buffalo. We may see massive black rhinos. We usually return exhausted and satisfied for a lunch at our lodge on the Crater rim and an afternoon of relaxing.

For those on a **3 day safari** you will return to Arusha in the afternoon where you will have the opportunity to freshen up before your evening flight from Kilimanjaro International Airport.

October 2 / Day 15 ~ Today we leave Ngorongoro and visit Olduvai Gorge, “the cradle of mankind”. It was here that Mary Leakey found fossil remains of our ancestors who walked the swamps of Africa long before Kilimanjaro was formed. Later we enter Serengeti National park. The endless African landscape stretching out in every direction is, like Kilimanjaro, strangely familiar and inviting. Our lodge is in the heart of Serengeti National Park and will offer access to superb game viewing drives during our two night stay.

October 3 / Day 16 ~ Up in the early morning again for tea and coffee. We will drive through the wild dawn, perhaps seeing lions and other predators active in the morning chill, on our way to the launch point for the balloon ride over Serengeti National Park. The balloon ride is optional and involves a supplemental charge (see land costs not included). The ride is an unforgettable experience, but if you choose not to go, we will have the guides and vehicles available for game viewing while the balloon is in the air, and your morning will be full and rewarding. We will all be back together by mid morning and will continue exploring the park for the rest of the day.

October 4 / Day 17 ~ If you choose your guide will be up early again to take you to see more wildlife on your last morning in the Serengeti, or you might decide to relax in the morning at the lodge. In the afternoon we will take you back to Arusha where you will have the opportunity to freshen up at the hotel before leaving for your evening flight from Kilimanjaro International Airport.

Please note that safari itineraries may change slightly due to lodge availability. We are confident that our custom safari itineraries will allow you to have an optimum safari experience.

Land Costs Include:

1. Deluxe hotel accommodations in Tanzania (double occupancy)
2. All transportation in Tanzania for those on the regular (official) schedule
3. All meals while on the mountain and during safari
4. All park fees and climbing permits for participants and staff
5. All group equipment for the climb
6. Breakfasts and welcome dinner while in Arusha

Land Costs Do Not Include:

1. International round-trip airfare to Tanzania
2. International visas for Tanzania

3. Meals and hotels outside the regular itinerary
4. Excess-luggage charges and airport taxes
5. Personal gear
6. International vaccinations (yellow fever required)
7. Single-room supplement for hotels
8. Medical/Evacuation trip insurance
9. Charges incurred as a result of delays beyond the control of Berg Adventures International
10. Tips and gratuities
11. Meals in Arusha excluding breakfast and welcome dinner
12. Alcohol and Bottled Drinks
13. Additional options for Luxury Safari Accommodations, call to inquire
14. Balloon ride over Serengeti National Park (\$500 per person. NOTE: price subject to change without notice)

Land Costs:

Climb via Western Breach with Six Day Safari: USD\$6,650

Climb via Western Breach with Three Day Safari: USD\$5,600

Climb Only via Western Breach: USD\$3,950

Six Day Safari Only: USD\$3,300

Group Discounts Include:

5% discount for team members