



SNOWS OF KILIMANJARO

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries



Africa, Tanzania



9 days from AU\$16,295 pp



Private

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Summit Africa's highest peak on a quality private expedition with a wholly A&K appointed team
- Utilise A&K owned and maintained top-of-the-line camping and safety equipment
- Stay in the largest and most comfortable tents on the mountain, with private toilet facilities
- Carry only a daypack, as porters transport your luggage and equipment throughout the climb and descent



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Arusha

On arrival, transfer to your hotel in Arusha. Remainder of the day at leisure, with a full briefing this afternoon on the coming climb.

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Day 2: Arusha

Day at leisure with the opportunity for an acclimatising walk in Arusha National Park.

Lake Duluti Lodge / Meals: BLD

Day 3: Machame Camp (3,000m)

Transfer to Machame village, where your trek begins. Walk for 2-3 hours through a forest of fig and rubber trees, begonias and other tropical vegetation. Stop for lunch before continuing the ascent. Arrive at your first campsite late this afternoon.

Machame Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 4: Shira Camp (3,780m)

Early morning wake-up before trekking onwards up a steep track through tall grasses, volcanic rock and bearded heather. Encounter giant groundsels through the ghostly landscape of volcanic lava, caves and foaming streams. Stop for lunch below the Shira Plateau, then continue the ascent, arriving into camp mid-afternoon.

Shira Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 5: Barranco Camp (3,900m)

A steady walk takes you up to the pass at Lava Tower (4,572m), where you stop for lunch. Crossing the Bastain stream, descend towards Barranco Camp. Along the way, see numerous waterfalls converging here to form the Umbwe River. Arrive into camp late afternoon.

Barranco Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 6: Karanga Camp (3,900m)

This morning, begin the trek to Karanga Camp. The first section takes climbers up the Barranco wall where some light rock climbing is required and then over moraine ridges to camp. This afternoon you have the opportunity to hike in the Karanga Valley, where giant senecio and lobelia grows.

Karanga Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 7: Barafu Camp (4,600m)

Today, the scenic climb to Barafu is mostly on a moraine and lava ridge with striking views of Mawenzi and Kibo peaks. Climbers who choose to ascend the peak tomorrow will retire very early tonight for a wake-up call just after midnight.

Barafu Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 8: Summit - Mweka Camp (3,000m)

Wake just after midnight and begin the climb around 1am. Climb for approximately six hours before reaching the edge of the crater. Another hour of climbing brings you to the summit: at 5,895m. Commence your descent to Kibo Hut, where you can rest before continuing. Arrive at Mweka Camp late this afternoon to celebrate your achievement.

Mweka Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 9: Depart Kilimanjaro

This morning you descend to the base, arriving at the gate around midday. A room is booked so you can freshen up for lunch before transferring to the airport for your onward flight.

Meals: BL

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