Kilimanjaro Expeditions 2007

January 2 to 10
June 27 to July 5
July 7 to July 15
December 23 to 31

Expedition Notes
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The highest point in Africa, Kilimanjaro is a romantic destination and perhaps one of the best known mountains of the world. Immortalised by Ernest Hemingway in his book 'The Snows of Kilimanjaro', the peak to this day elicits emotions of travel and adventure. The Adventure Consultants expedition to Kilimanjaro captures some of that intrigue on this entracing journey with a non-technical climb of this great peak with expansive views across Africa and of diverse flora and landscapes.

The climb of Kilimanjaro can be followed by a Safari through the wonders of the Serengeti, Rift valley and Norongoro crater, where the variety of wildlife will completely captivate you.

Being the highest point in Africa, the summit of Kili, as it’s known, is at 5895m or 19,340ft, one of the Seven Summits – the highest peak on each of earth’s seven continents.

Kilimanjaro is like an island, surrounded by the hot and dry plains of Africa. It amazes all with its widely contrasting vegetation; from rain forest to moorlands to its towering cliffs and glaciers. Kilimanjaro is the highest free standing mountain in the world.

It is a dormant volcano and lies 400km south of the Equator, just inside Tanzania’s border with Kenya.

We climb the mountain by the picturesque Machame Route which traverses several of the scenic micro-environments found at the different elevations on the mountain.
The route and how the expedition will operate

The first ascent of the peak itself was in 1889 by German, Hans Meyer and Swiss guide, Ludwig Purtscheller. Like most dormant volcanoes, the slopes on Kilimanjaro are mostly of reasonably low angle with occasional steeper sections, none of which are more famous than the Breach Wall - a towering cliff of snow and ice descending dramatically from the summit slopes.

The climb itself is little more than trekking on well-formed tracks and the camps are at sites established by the Tanzanian National Park Service. At each camp there are Rangers in residence, usually living in small huts, and hence each camp is named with ‘hut’ after the name of the camp.

Each day we climb for 4-6 hours between camps. Our final summit day begins in the early hours of the morning to reveal a magnificent sunrise and panoramic wonder from the summit.

Porters, cooks and local guides accompany the group allowing you to enjoy the experience and focus on the climb. Your Adventure Consultants guide will assist you with the climb and oversee the local staff, and provide an additional level of safety for you during the climb.

No trip to Africa is complete without experiencing a Safari and as Tanzania has some of the most incredible animal populations on the continent, we highly recommend that after the climb you sit back and enjoy the Safari experience!

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**Machame-Barafu Route**

**Day 1:** Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport in Tanzania. Transfer to Arusha and stay in the ambient Karama lodge. Evening team meeting, meal and gear check.

**Day 2:** Drive to Machame village. The trek begins from the gate of the National Park, winding up to the lush tropical forests and out into heather moorland. Overnight camping at Machame Camp. (3000m)

**Day 3:** Trek to Shira Plateau, walk/trek through the fine open moorlands. Overnight at Shira Cave camp. (3840m)

**Day 4:** A long trek to Barranco camp. This camp lies in a sheltered area below the spectacular cliffs of the Breach Wall. The Breach Wall, the dome of Uhuru and the edge of the Heim Glacier dominate the head of the valley. Overnight at Barranco Camp. (3900m)

**Day 5:** In the morning we take the trek to Karangru. Huge glaciers and cliffs can be seen which mark this part of the mountain. Here is the last water point. Overnight Karangru Camp. (4200m)

**Day 6:** A short day takes us to Barafu (4600m) which is the top camp and staging point for the summit bid that night.
Day 7: At midnight the trek begins up to the final steep, scree section to reach Stella Point. We walk steadily up the ridge and around the crater to reach Uhuru Peak at 5895m. From the summit the trek descends to overnight at Mweka Hut (3000m).

Day 8: Covering the last section of the mountain, the trek continues down through the forests to the gate. Your vehicle will be waiting to transport you back to Arusha where a shower and a real bed await you!

Day 9: Depart Arusha for Safari or return home for those not doing Safari.

5 Day Safari Itinerary

Day 9: Drive from Arusha to Lake Manyara National Park. Have a picnic lunch in the park, followed by an afternoon game drive, a great opportunity to see its marvelous concentration of game, including 350 species of birds. Stay overnight at Migunga Tented Forest Camp, just outside Lake Manyara National Park.

Day 10: Drive to Serengeti, visiting Olduvai Gorge enroute. The Serengeti is the largest of all the parks in Tanzania, famous for both its migratory and resident animal population. Stay overnight at Serengeti Ikoma Tented Camp in the Serengeti where, at an extra cost, you can do a nighttime game drive!

Day 11: Morning game drive in the Serengeti. In the afternoon drive to Ngorongoro Conservation Area and around the rim of the Crater to your camp to take in the spectacular view. Stay overnight at Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge overlooking the Crater.

Day 12: Descend into the Ngorongoro Crater for a full day crater tour. This 100 square mile natural amphitheatre is host to an astonishing array of wildlife and you may see everything from elephant and lion, and if you’re lucky, the near-extinct black rhino, all amongst large herds of zebra and wildebeest. A picnic lunch will be taken in the crater before returning to your lodge. Exit the conservation area and spend a blissful night at Ngorongoro Farmhouse.

Day 13: Enjoy a fresh breakfast in the gardens of the Lodge and drive back to Arusha via the craft markets of Mto Wa Mbu where you will be greeted by smiling Maasai selling authentic Maasai curios and crafts for a fraction of the Arusha prices. Stay another evening at Karama Lodge.

Day 14: Depart Arusha for Kilimanjaro airport and international flights

The Expedition Fee

The cost of the Kilimanjaro Expedition is US$4,200 per person ex Arusha, Tanzania.

Optional (but highly recommended!) 5-Day Safari; from US$1,300

The expedition fee includes:
- Adventure Consultants mountain guide
• All expedition organisational requirements
• Airport transfer from Kilimanjaro International airport to hotel and return when arriving/departing on scheduled arrival date.
• Hotel in Arusha based on shared rooms (single room supplement available for US$150)
• All lodging and food while on the expedition apart from last night (also on optional Safari).
• Group climbing equipment, food, tents and fuel in Kilimanjaro region.
• Transport to and from the park.
• Porters, drivers, park fees and climbing permits.

**The expedition does not include:**

• Personal clothing and equipment
• Entry Visa for Tanzanian and/or Kenya
• Airport transfers not on scheduled arrival/departure dates ($100 per vehicle)
• Travel insurance or any rescue costs
• International round trip travel costs into and out of Tanzania and/or Kenya
• Spending on personal items such as gifts etc
• International vaccinations
• Excess baggage charges and airport taxes
• Bottled beverages
• Tips and Gratuity (members to contribute $100 each to tip pool for local staff)

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**Visas**

All foreigners from non-Commonwealth countries are required to have a valid visa unless their countries have agreements with Tanzania, under which the visa requirement is waived. Check for updates before travelling. Visas can be obtained on arrival for most nationalities.

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**Equipment List**

Adventure Consultants will supply all group gear (e.g. tents, stoves, utensils etc) whilst expedition members are to provide their own personal clothing, day pack, duffel bag, footwear and sleeping bag. An equipment list will be provided to expedition members upon confirmation of your participation.

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**Safety Communications and Insurance**
To safeguard members of the expedition we will be carrying a satellite telephone. We require expedition members to carry additional insurance for evacuation and repatriation as well as normal travel medical expenses. Contact us for expedition insurance advice.

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**Deposit**

A non-refundable deposit of US$500 is payable to secure a place on the expedition.

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**Balance**

The balance of US$3,700 is payable 60 days prior to the expedition start date, US$5,000 if doing the optional 5-day safari.

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**Payments**

All payments should be made by bank transfer to the following bank and account:

**Bank of New Zealand**
Offshore Branch
1 Willis Street
Wellington
New Zealand

for the account of **Adventure Consultants Limited**
Account # 1000-594771-0000

The corresponding USA bank to the Bank of New Zealand is **Citibank, New York**

We can accept your **deposit payment** by credit card – Visa, Mastercard or Amex. The balance payment must be made by bank transfer to our account in US dollars, as above.

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**Cancellation & Refund Policy**

An expedition member may cancel his/her participation on the following basis:

A Prior to 30 days to departure, a refund of 50% of the balance payment.
B Within 30 days prior to departure there will be no refunds.
Team members should take out private insurance if they wish to be covered against cancellation due to medical or personal reasons.

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**Team Membership**

The team will have a **minimum size of 4 members and 1 guide** and a **maximum size of 12 members and 2 guides**.

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**Food**

Food will be of the highest standard possible, given the remoteness of the situation. Please inform us if you have any special dietary requirements.

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**Marketing**

While the official name of the expedition will remain the “Adventure Consultants’ Kilimanjaro Expedition 2007”, you can for personal marketing purposes use another name if it will assist you in any way. You will also be completely free to enter into personal agreements with sponsors or supporters if you wish.

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**Medical Examination**

Expedition members will be provided with a medical questionnaire and asked to visit their family physician to receive a full medical examination. This information will be sighted only by Adventure Consultants’ doctor and treated with full confidentiality. Advice on immunizations will be provided at this time.

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**Documentation and photographs**

Expedition members will need to provide a photocopy of their passport bio-data page.
How to join this expedition

If you would like to join the expedition please contact us for an expedition application form. If you require more information please contact us at:

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