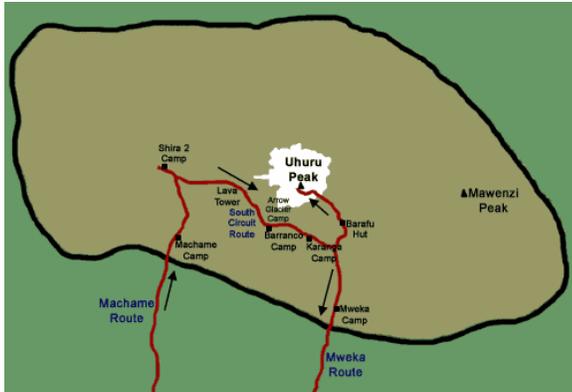


THE CLIMB - KILIMANJARO

Astride the equator yet permanently snow-capped at 19,340 feet, Mount Kilimanjaro is the Roof of Africa. While Kilimanjaro is the world's highest free standing mountain, it can be climbed by any physically fit person.

Mount Kilimanjaro is composed of three peaks: Kibo whose highest point is Uhuru Peak at 19,340 feet; Mawenzi, which is a technical climb, at 16,896 feet; and Shira at 12,998 feet. Its mass rises 15,748 feet above a rolling African plain that averages 3,280 feet above sea level. An awe inspiring site – and an amazing climb through five ecosystems: rain forest, heather forest, the moorlands, alpine desert, and the snow- and glacier-covered summit ecosystem.



As a member of the Kilimanjaro/Safari Benefit Expedition you will climb Kilimanjaro by the Machame or "whiskey" route, one of the most scenic routes on the mountains. All climbers sleep in tents (tents are included) and meals are served in a dinner tent or on a blanket outside. The climb will take 7 days to ensure that all climbers have a chance to acclimate, greatly increasing the success rate. Climbing by the Machame route, you will circle halfway around the mountain, hiking approximately 35 miles, with great views of the mountain from all angles. We will descend down the Mweka trail and stay at the Mweka camp the final night on the mountain. This route is for physically fit people with some hiking experience.

All transportation, tents, and meals are included. You will carry only a day pack with water, a few warm clothes, rain gear, a camera, and maybe a few of your favorite snacks. Porters will carry all group gear, including tents and food, as well as most of your personal equipment such as sleeping bags, pads, toiletries, and clothing. There will be at least 25 to 35 support people – guides, assistant guides, and porters – on the climb for 16 clients.

Overview – Kilimanjaro Itinerary

Dates	Activity
June 12	Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport/transfer to Springlands Hotel, Moshi
June 13	Meet the group, climb overview, pack for the mountain (or tour)
June 14 – 20	Kilimanjaro climb; return to Moshi June 20 – overnight Springlands Hotel
June 21	Celebrate! Get ready for the safari – overnight at Springlands Hotel

THE SAFARI – LAKE MANYARA, SERENGETI, AND NGORONGORO CRATER

After climbing Kilimanjaro and enjoying a day of celebration in Moshi, get ready to head out on a 4 day/3 night African safari! The safari will include game drives in Lake Manyara National Park, where you will see birds, elephants, and giraffe; the amazing Serengeti plains, where you can witness the wildebeest and zebra migration; and Ngorongor Crater, where you may be fortunate enough to see one of only a few black rhinos still living in the wild.

We will be camping in large tents with mosquito tenting at established campgrounds, usually with flush toilets and hot showers. Some of the campgrounds even have “clubhouses” where you can dine, get a drink, and enjoy evening entertainment. All transportation, tents, and meals are provided. Before returning to Moshi, you’ll also have a chance to shop at Mto Wa Mbu.



**Bull Elephant at Lake Manyara
Photo by Marshall Ulrich 2003**

Overview – Safari Itinerary

Dates	Activity
June 22	Drive from Moshi to Lake Manyara; game drive at Lake Manyara
June 23	Drive to Serengeti; game drive in the Serengeti
June 24	Game drive in the Serengeti; drive to Ngorongoro Crater; game drive in the crater
June 25	Game drive in the crater; drive to Moshi – overnight at Springlands Hotel
June 26	Relax, enjoy Moshi – overnight at Springlands Hotel
June 27	Transfer to airport to return home...OR...fly to Zanzibar!



**The migration across the Serengeti
Photo by Marshall Ulrich 2003**

PRICE FOR THE KILIMANJARO CLIMB AND SAFARI

We suggest that you do your own fundraising to pay for your trip, as all profits (for tax purposes, approximately 40 percent of the trip cost) will be donated to our carefully selected charities.

Kilimanjaro/Safari Benefit Expedition **\$4,000 USD**

A \$750 deposit, including a \$250 non-refundable application fee, is due with your application. The remaining portion (\$3,250) is due no later than March 11, 2006. The \$4,000 USD price includes:

- Kilimanjaro (7 days/6 nights)¹
- Safari (4 days/3 nights)
- 6 nights lodging at the Springlands Hotel, Moshi
- Ground costs only (no airfare)

¹ For information regarding the option for non-climbers, see the Non-Climbing-Tour Option link. After completing the tour, team members that have chosen the tour option will rejoin the group for the safari and optional Zanzibar extension. This non-climbing tour option is offered for the same price.

The \$4,000 Price Includes:

- Transport from the Kilimanjaro airport to Springlands Hotel, Moshi
- Two nights, including breakfast and dinner, at Springlands Hotel, Moshi before the climb
- Extra gear storage at Springlands Hotel during the climb and safari (if needed)
- Transportation from Moshi to the start of the climb at Machame
- All park/mountain entrance fees, climbing permits, and rescue fees
- All drivers, guides, cooks, and porters (EXCLUSIVE of tips)
- Tents, stoves, cooking and eating utensils, water purification, and ALL meals for 7 day/6 night climb
- Transportation from Mweka to Moshi after the climb
- Two nights, including breakfast and dinner, at Springlands Hotel, Moshi after the climb
- All transportation, drivers/guides, and cooks (EXCLUSIVE of tips) for 4 day/3 night safari
- All National Park entrance fees and campground fees for safari
- Tents, stoves, cooking and eating utensils, water purification, and ALL meals for 4 day/3 night safari
- Two nights, including breakfast and dinner, at Springlands Hotel, Moshi after the safari
- Transport from the Springlands Hotel, Moshi to Kilimanjaro airport after safari

Additional Costs (NOT included in the \$4,000 Price)

- International round-trip airfare to Kilimanjaro airport, Tanzania
- Excess baggage charges and airport taxes
- \$25 Wire Transfer Fee (if applicable)
- Tanzanian visa (currently \$50)
- International vaccinations
- Personal gear (see the packing list)
- Bottled beverages
- Lunches while staying at the Springlands Hotel, Moshi
- Tips for mountain guides, porters, and cooks; and safari driver/guide and cooks; tips will be **approximately** \$200 USD per person
- Meals, transport, and lodging outside the regular itinerary
- Optional single room supplement: \$450 USD
- Optional Serengeti Balloon Ride: \$400 USD
- Charges incurred as a result of delays beyond the control of Team Stray Dogs

All prices and dates subject to change.

DETAILED KIILIMANJARO CLIMB ITINERARY

The following details the Stray Dogs Adventure Travel itinerary for climbing Kilimanjaro along the Machame route, then descending along the Mweka trail.

DAY 1 – Machame Gate to Machame Camp

Elevation: 6,000 to 10,200 feet
Distance: 11 miles
Hiking Time: 5 to 7 hours
Habitat: Montane (Rain) Forest

The drive from the Springlands Hotel in Moshi to the Mount Kilimanjaro National Park gate takes about 50 minutes. We'll pass by coffee and banana plantations and go through the village of Machame which is located on the lower slopes of the mountain.

Departing from the park gate we will walk through the rain forest on a winding trail, climbing over 4,000 feet. The trail can be muddy and slippery, so gaiters and trekking poles are a good idea here.

Just above the rain forest, entering the heather ecosystem, we continue a short distance until we reach the Machame Hut. Here we make camp, rest, enjoy our dinner, and overnight.

DAY 2 –Machame Camp to Shira Camp

Elevation: 10,200 to 12,600 feet
Distance: 5.5 miles
Hiking Time: 4 to 6 hours
Habitat: Heather Forest to Moorland

After breakfast, we leave the glades of Machame Camp and continue on an ascending path, crossing the little valley walking along a steep rocky ridge, covered with heather. When the ridge ends, the route turns west above a river gorge and the start of moorland ecosystem. We arrive at the Shira Plateau in time for rest, dinner, and overnight at the Shira campsite.

DAY 3 – Shira Camp to Lava Tower to Barranco Camp

Elevation: 12,600 to 15,990, then back down to 12,700feet
Distance: 9.5 miles
Hiking Time: 6 to7 hours
Habitat: High alpine, semi-desert

From the Shira Plateau, we continue to the east, passing the junction towards the peak of Kibo. As we continue, our direction changes to the southeast towards the Lava Tower, called the "Shark's Tooth." For those who choose to, we can climb the Lava Tower for an amazing view of the plateau and, if the weather is clear, the summit. Shortly after the tower, we come to the second junction which brings us up to the Arrow Glacier at an altitude of 15,990 feet. We now continue down to the Barranco Hut at an altitude of 12,700 feet. Here we rest, enjoy dinner, and overnight.

Although you end the day at almost the same elevation as when you started, this day is very important for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit day.

Day 4 -- Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

Elevation: 12,700 to 13,800 feet
Distance: 4.5 miles
Hiking Time: 4 to 5 hours
Habitat: Alpine Desert

After breakfast, we leave Barranco and continue on a steep ridge, climbing the Barranco Wall. Weather permitting, you will enjoy yet another amazing view of the summit from atop the wall. We will then descend down into the Karanga Valley to the Karanga campsite, where we will stop, rest, eat, and overnight. Adding this extra night in the Karanga Valley will increase your acclimation and greatly increase your chance for a successful summit.

DAY 5 – Karanga Valley to Barafu Camp

Elevation: 13,800 to 15,100 feet
Distance: 4 miles
Hiking Time: 5 hours
Habitat: Alpine Desert

After breakfast, we leave Karanga Valley passing the junction which connects with the Mweka Trail. We continue to the Barafu Hut, high camp. We have now completed the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we make camp, rest, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the summit day. The two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo can be seen from high camp.

DAY 6 – Barafu Camp to Summit to Mweka Hut

Elevation: 15,100 to 19,340 feet (and down to 10,200 feet)
Distance: 4.5 miles ascent / 14.5 miles descent
Hiking Time: 6 to 8 hours ascent / 7 to 8 hours descent
Habitat: Stone scree and ice-capped summit; down into the rainforest

Very early in the morning (midnight to 2 a.m.), we begin our climb to the summit. We head in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. At Stella Point (18,650 feet) we will stop for a short rest and, weather permitting, will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see.

From Stella Point, we will begin to encounter snow and we will climb in this summit environment for approximately 2 hours until we reach the summit! At Uhuru Peak, we have reached the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa. Faster hikers will see the sunrise from the summit.

It can be very cold at night at these elevations, but it will be quite warm by the end of the hiking day. You will want clothing for both extremes with you.

From the summit, we now make our descent. You will want gaiters and trekking poles for the loose gravel going down. We will stop briefly at Barafu camp for lunch, then continue straight down to the Mweka Hut camp site. Mweka Camp is situated in the upper forest and mist or rain can be expected in the late afternoon.

Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep. Beer and soda may be available for purchase at the Mweka Hut – the only location on this route where beverages may be available for purchase. So, remember to bring a bit of cash.

DAY 7 –Mweka Camp to Moshi

Elevation: 10,200 to 6,000 feet

Distance: 9.5 miles

Hiking Time: 3 to 4 hours

Habitat: Rain Forest

After breakfast, we continue the descent down to the Mweka park gate. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy, so you'll want your gaiters and trekking poles. Shorts and t-shirts will probably be plenty to wear, but keep rain gear and warmer clothing handy. At the ranger station you will receive your summit certificates.

From the gate, we continue another hour to Mweka Village. A vehicle will meet us at Mweka Village to drive us back to the Springlands Hotel in Moshi. It is time for celebration!

DETAILED SAFARI ITINERARY

The following details the Stray Dogs Adventure Travel itinerary for the 4 day/3 night safari portion of the Kilimanjaro/Safari Benefit Expedition. We will be camping during the safari, staying in medium sized canvas tents (tall enough to stand up in) with mosquito tenting. We will stay at established campgrounds, most of which have flush toilets and hot shower. Some of the campgrounds even have clubhouses where you can dine and enjoy evening entertainment.



DAY 1 – Moshi to Lake Manyara

Early morning, drive from Moshi to Lake Manyara. Afternoon game drive in the park with lunch boxes. Dinner and overnight at Lake Manyara at the Twiga or Jambo campsites. There is a clubhouse, including evening entertainment at the Twiga (giraffe) campsite, as well as flush toilets and showers.

DAY 2 – Lake Manyara to Serengeti

Early morning drive to the Serengeti with lunch boxes. Afternoon game drive around the Seronera area. Dinner and overnight at Seronera campsite.

DAY 3 – Serengeti to Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, morning tour of Serengeti and then drive to Ngorongoro Crater. Afternoon game drive in the crater with lunch boxes. Dinner and overnight at the Crater, probably at the crater highlands Balati campsite (possibly in the Crater at the Simba or Kudu campsites).

DAY 3 – Ngorongoro Crater to Moshi

After breakfast, continue game drive in the Ngorongoro Crater with lunch boxes. Afternoon drive to Mto Wa Mbu for mini shopping. Return to Moshi via Arusha.