



CLIMB KILIMANJARO: SUMMITTING THE MACHAME ROUTE - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2024)

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Africa, Tanzania



9 days from AU\$13,200 pp



12 Guests

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Climb in confidence with A&K, the company with a successful Kilimanjaro summit rate of 97% — far above the industry average of 60–70%
- Trust in A&K's deep experience, which spans more than 50 years in Tanzania and 30 years trekking Mount Kilimanjaro
- Rely on A&K to ensure excellent staff quality of every trek by employing the finest chefs, porters and guides, the last of whom are also certified Wilderness First Responders
- Benefit from more time to acclimatise — a key component to a successful summit — with three more days on the itinerary than most other companies provide
- Utilise top-of-the-line camping gear and safety equipment, owned and maintained by A&K
- Stay in the largest and most comfortable sleeping tents on the mountain, while also enjoying private toilet facilities
- Carry only a daypack, as porters transport your luggage and equipment throughout the climb and descent



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Arusha, Tanzania

Arrive in Arusha and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a good night's rest as one of only 12 guests on this epic journey.

Lake Duluti Lodge

Day 2: Arusha | Scenic Parkland

In preparation for the climb ahead, acclimatise as you walk through Arusha National Park. Situated between the peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru, this scenic park houses a wide range of habitats, from its string of crater lakes populated by waterfowl to its highland montane forest and imposing summit views. The forest harbours a wealth of wildlife, including frolicking black-and-white colobus monkey and regal bushbuck. This evening, sit down to a welcome dinner with fellow guests.

Lake Duluti Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 3: Mount Kilimanjaro | 3,048 metres

Drive from Arusha to the Machame village on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro to begin your climb along the challenging and scenic Machame Route. Hike for about six hours through dense rubber-tree and giant-fig forests to your camp, set up near huts once used for shelter. As you make your way up through the forested terrain, keep an eye out for elephant. Settle into your first camp, poised at an altitude of 3,048 metres.

Machame Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Mount Kilimanjaro | 3,810 metres

Awake early to a piping-hot cup of coffee or tea. As you leave camp, absorb the commanding view of Uhuru Peak. Trek out of the forest up to the hagenia zone (upper limit of forest growth) through a savanna of tall grasses and haunting volcanic lava landscapes. After a six-hour hike, arrive at the Shira Plateau and your camp. At 3,810 metres, it boasts sweeping views across the Masai Steppe to distant Mount Meru and the Shira Needles.

Shira Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Mount Kilimanjaro | 4,000 metres

During a six-hour hike, skirt the Shira Plateau toward the Kibo Massif, continuing upward to the pass at Lava Tower (4,572 metres). Descend toward Barranco Camp through the immense, waterfall-punctuated Grand Barranco canyon, which is fed by streams from the Umbwe River. Today's camp is situated at an elevation of 3,962 metres.

Barranco Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Mount Kilimanjaro | Acclimatisation Day

Hike for about five hours along the Barranco Cliff with no increase in elevation. This allows you time to rest and adjust to the increasingly higher altitudes. In the afternoon, you may hike in the Karanga Valley, set beneath the icefalls of the Heim, Decken and Kersten glaciers.

Karanga Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Mount Kilimanjaro | Preparing for the Summit

Take a three- to four-hour trek on another day of acclimatisation as you near the mountain's peak, stopping at Kosovo Camp (4,870 metres). The highest camp on the mountain, Kosovo provides a morning head start on the routes' other climbers, and fresh lungs and legs for the ascent of Barranco Wall and the summit beyond.

Kosovo Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Mount Kilimanjaro | Summit Day

Rise very early to a hot cup of coffee or tea before setting out on 12 to 16 hours of trekking today. Should all go as planned, you will stand at the highest point in Africa in about seven hours' time. Make your way up a winding path flanked by the towering Ratzel and Rebmann glaciers to soaring Stella Point, found at 5,680 metres on the rim of Kibo Crater. As the sun rises, continue around the rim to Uhuru Peak (5,896 metres), the highest point in Africa, where the air is rarefied. Savour your achievement of summiting Mount Kilimanjaro, and then descend to your last campsite (3,109 metres).

Mweka Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Depart Arusha

Continue your descent to the base of the mountain, walking for two to three hours, to rendezvous with your A&K driver, who greets and transports you back to Arusha. During a farewell lunch, enjoy basking in your accomplishments with fellow guests. Comfortable dayrooms are provided until your departure flight.

Lake Duluti Lodge (dayroom) | Meals: BL

Journey Details

This journey is strenuous with steep ascents and high altitudes however, novice climbers are welcome.

A Medical Waiver signed by your doctor is required.

Minimum age is 16 years.

Each guest on this journey will receive an A&K Safari Duffel.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell lunch at 1:30 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Included with every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- Breakfast in Bed on Select Days
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Your Choice of Activity on Design Your Day
- Traveller's Valet Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

Customise this Journey

Talk to one of our expert Journey Designers or your travel agent about booking this tour as a private journey for your own small group with family or friends. Or, if you would prefer to travel privately, find out more about creating the perfect bespoke Tailor-Made Journey based on this itinerary.

Map



Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Sep 10, 2024 - Sep 18, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$13,200 pp	AU\$3,375	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Sep 24, 2024 - Oct 2, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$13,200 pp	AU\$3,375	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Oct 8, 2024 - Oct 16, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$13,200 pp	AU\$3,375	AU\$0	Call for Availability

Nov 5, 2024 - Nov 13, 2024

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
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