



Tanzania: Mount Kilimanjaro Extension

January 17 - 24, 2023

July 25 - 31, 2023

COVID-19 Update and FAQ

Due to the worldwide pandemic we've been unable to visit Tanzania since 2019, but we're excited to return winter 2023 for our signature Great Migration Safaris. That said, we recognize that there are some uncertainties associated with booking an international tour at this point in time. Rest assured that we remain strategic, flexible, and responsive to shifting scenarios that may occur.

Why book now?

By making your reservation early you are guaranteed a spot on the safari at the date you selected for the current price. Most of our 2021 and 2022 tours sold out early and we've had to turn away dozens of "last minute" travelers who were anxious to travel, but didn't have reservations locked in. A \$500 deposit per traveler ensures your reservation. The deposit is fully refundable within 30 days, and after that you may elect to transfer the deposit to a different departure—or a different Gondwana tour—if you wish. The remaining balance is due 90 days prior to departure.

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What if Gondwana decides to operate the 2023 safaris, but I don't feel comfortable traveling?

While we hope you will join us, we completely understand. In the event that you decide to cancel before final payment is due, you're welcome to either forfeit your deposit or transfer the deposit to a different departure date, or another domestic or international tour. If you've made your final payment and decide to cancel within 90 days of departure, please understand that your refund is based on our flexible booking policy. We always recommend third party travel insurance for all of our tours, which offers additional protections and peace of mind.

We're excited to head back to Tanzania as it's one of our favorite destinations, but also to support our friends and local guides, drivers, cooks, and cleaning staff who have been without work and income from us for more than a two years due to the worldwide pandemic. We hope you will join us on this incredible adventure to the heart of Africa!

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What's Included

- Park fees, camping fees and rescue fees
- Mountain tents and sleeping pads
- Transport to and from the mountain
- Professional guides, cooks and porters
- 3 meals daily and filtered water throughout trek
- 4-Star hotel for your night before & after the trek
- Emergency Medical Kit
- Airport pickup and dropoff
- Additional porter per person to carry daypack
- Hyperbolic cylinder

We pay for Carbon Neutralization for each guest to minimize your trip's impact on the environment.



Tour Departures

This extension is available on demand and can be done either before or after your safari. We will arrange for a hotel night before or after your trek depending, which makes this an 8-day extension. Our guides will arrange transportation to transfer you from one part of your Tanzania adventure to the other. This trekking adventure begins and ends in Arusha, a small city near the base of the mountain.

Scheduled Departure Date: January 17 - 24, 2023

Pricing

- 1 guest – \$3,590 per person
- 2 guests – \$2,940 per person
- 3 guests – \$2,780 per person
- 4 guests – \$2,700 per person
- 5 guests – \$2,680 per person
- 6 guests or more – \$2,640 per person



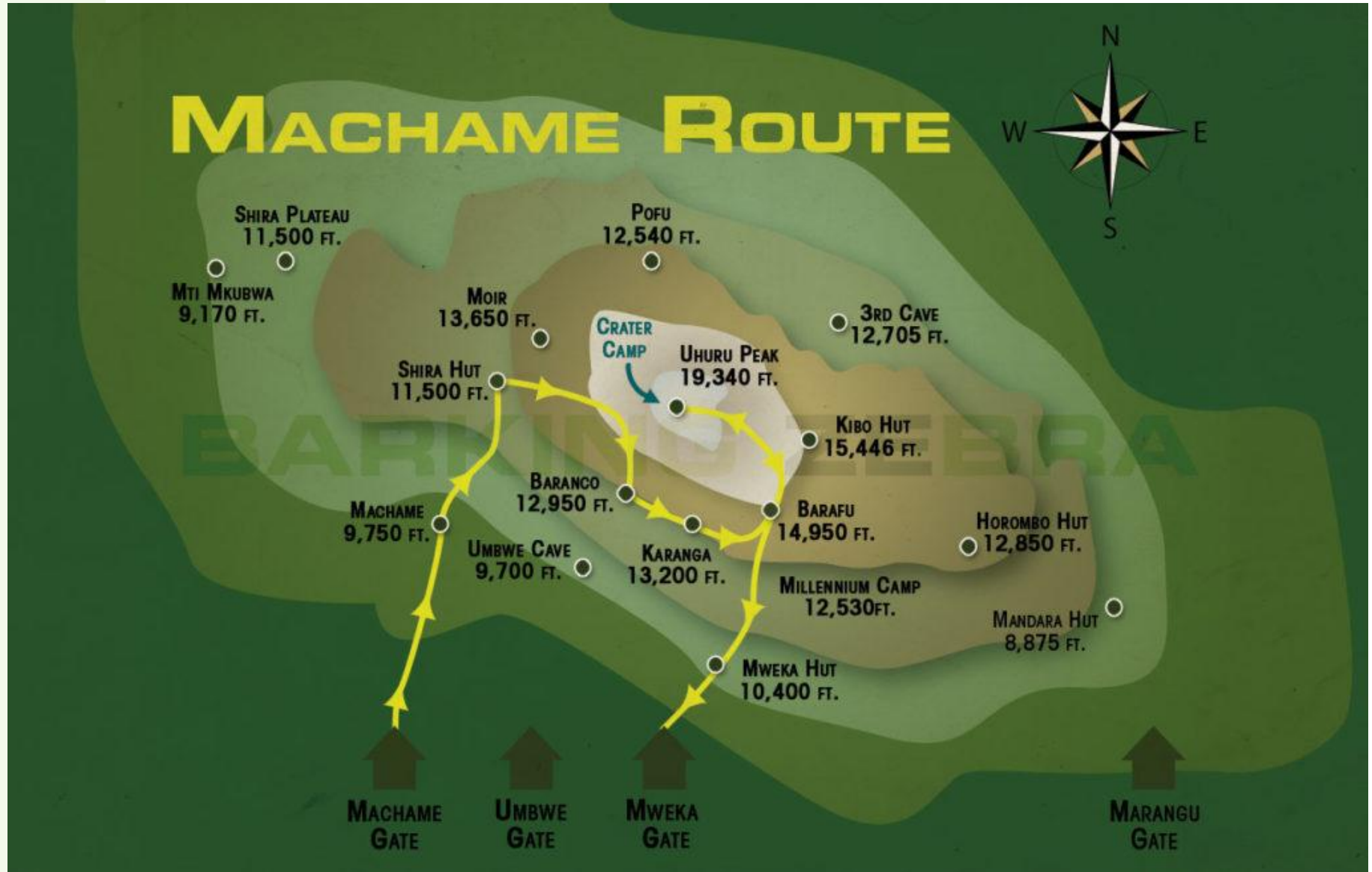
Climb the Tallest Peak in Africa with Expert Local Guides!

Mount Kilimanjaro is the tallest peak in Africa with an elevation of 19,341 feet (5,895 meters). The mountain is a stratovolcano and summitting doesn't require climbing skills or technical gear — it's simply a long, multi-day hike at high altitude.

While some people summit Mount Kilimanjaro in five days, we are offering the 7-day "Machame" route with local guides. Using this longer acclimatization schedule gives you a 90 percent chance of reaching the summit. We also prefer this route for its incredible scenery, safety, and relatively little foot traffic. This is an extreme hike and only appropriate for people in good shape who are ready for a week-long hiking and camping adventure.

This adventure is designed to be done before or after your Tanzania safari, and hotel accommodations for the night before or night after your trek is included in the trip price.

Mount Kilimanjaro Trail Map





TOUR ITINERARY

Day One

Machame Gate to Machame Camp

It is about a 2-hour drive from Arusha through the low lying hills and the village of Machame, to the National Park gate where you will stop to complete park entry requirements.

We begin the hike through the forest and up a ridge. This part can sometimes be muddy and slippery so poles and ankle gaiters are recommended. Your guides/porters will set up camp and cook dinner. Rest for the night.

Elevation: 5,400-9,400 ft; **Distance:** 6.8 miles;
Hiking Time: 5-7 hrs; **Habitat:** Rainforest

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Climbing Kili was an amazing experience! Our guides and porters made things so easy for us, and it was great to bond with them during downtime every day. It was a challenge in every sense of the word. If you want a once in a lifetime experience, go climb to the Roof of Africa.”

- Paul S.

Day Two

Machame Camp to Shira Camp

After breakfast, we leave the rainforest and continue through the valley walking along a ridge covered with heather. The route then turns west into a river gorge. Relax, eat and save up your energy!

Elevation: 9,400-12,500 ft; **Distance:** 3.1 miles;
Hiking Time: 4-6 hrs; **Habitat:** Grasslands

Day Three

Shira Camp to Barranco Camp

From the Shira Plateau we continue to east up a ridge towards the "Kibo" peak. We will pass the Lava Tower, also called the "Shark's Tooth." Shortly after the tower, we head to Arrow Glacier at an altitude of 16,000ft. Then we head down to the Barranco Hut at an altitude of 13,000ft. Here we rest, enjoy dinner, and spend the night. Although you end at the same elevation as when you started, this day is very important for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit day.

Elevation: 12,500-13,000 ft; **Distance:** 6.2 miles; **Hiking Time:** 6-8 hrs; **Habitat:** Semi-Desert



Day Four

Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

We continue on a ridge passing the Barranco Wall to the Karanga Valley campsite. A short day to continue acclimatization.

Elevation: 13,800-13,100 ft; **Distance:** 3.1 miles;
Hiking Time: 4-5 hrs; **Habitat:** Alpine Desert

Day Five

Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

After breakfast, we leave Karanga and connect with the Mweka Trail. We continue up to the Barafu Hut. At this point, you have completed the South Circuit, and can enjoy views of the summit from many different angles. Here we set up camp, rest, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the summit day. The two peaks "Mawenzi" and "Kibo" can be seen from this position.

Elevation: 13,100-15,300 ft; **Distance:** 2.5 miles;
Hiking Time: 4-5 hrs; **Habitat:** Alpine Desert



Day Six

Barafu Camp to Summit to Mweka Hut

Around midnight we start our push for the summit. Pass by glaciers on the way towards Stella Point on the crater rim. This is the most physically challenging portion of the trek. At Stella Point you will stop for a short rest and to enjoy a magnificent sunrise if the weather allows. There is likely to be snow from this point forward. At Uhuru Peak, you have reached the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa. Faster hikers will see the sunrise from the summit.

From the summit, we now make our descent continuing straight down to the Mweka Hut camp site, stopping at Barafu for lunch. You will want ankle gaiters and trekking poles for the loose gravel going down. 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 rest.

Elevation: 15,300-19,345 ft, then down to 10,000 ft;

Distance: 3.1 miles ascent, then 7.5 miles descent;

Hiking Time: 7-8 hrs ascent, then 4-6 hrs descent;

Habitat: Arctic



Day Seven

Mweka Hut to Arusha

Complete your descent and receive your summit certificate at the park gate. A vehicle will be ready to drive you to your hotel in Arusha to enjoy dinner and rest for the night.

Elevation: 10,000-5,400 ft; **Distance:** 6.2 miles;
Hiking Time: 3-4 hrs; **Habitat:** Rainforest

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So many people have been asking me about how I take such amazing trips and I get so excited to tell them about this company. I have met some of the kindest, funniest people along the way and all without having to stress about whether or not I am missing any beautiful or interesting sights because the guides with Gondwana know...exactly what's worth seeing, eating and drinking and when to go! I can't recommend this company enough.”

- Emily York



We hope you'll join us on an upcoming Kilimanjaro Trekking Adventure!

A \$500 per person deposit is all that's needed to reserve this adventure. Contact us via phone or email to reserve your spot!

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