



The Snows of Kilimanjaro (2015)

Luxury Small Group Journeys: The finest small-group travel experience

Limited to 12 guests

Days: 9 | From: \$5,695

Ascend soaring Mount Kilimanjaro in comfort with A&K's dedicated team, skirting highland montane and dense rubber tree forests, haunting volcanic lava landscapes and breathtaking canyons en route.

A&K Advantages

- 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
- A&K ensures the quality of every trek by directly employing all of our chefs, porters and guides, the last of which are certified Wilderness First Responders
- Benefit from more time to acclimate - a key component to a successful summit - with three more days on the itinerary than most other companies provide
- Utilize 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
- Porters transport your luggage and equipment; you carry only a daypack

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Arusha, Tanzania

Arrive in Arusha and transfer to your lodge.

Lake Duluti Serena Hotel

Day 2: Arusha | Scenic Parkland

In preparation for the climb ahead, acclimatize 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 harbors a wealth of wildlife, including frolicking black-and-white colobus monkeys and regal bushbucks, sometimes glimpsed in the glades between the ancient cedar trees. This evening, sit down to a welcome dinner with fellow guests.

Lake Duluti Serena Hotel | Meals: B L D

Day 3: Mount Kilimanjaro | 10,000 feet

Drive from Arusha to the Machame village on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro to begin your climb. Hike for about six hours through dense rubber tree and giant fig forests to your camp, set up near huts once used for shelter on the mountain. As you make your way up through the forested terrain, keep an eye out for elephants. Settle in to your first camp, poised at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

Machame Camp | Meals: B L D

Day 4: Mount Kilimanjaro | 12,500 feet

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, 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 12,500 feet, it boasts sweeping views across the Masai Steppe to distant Mount Meru and the Shira Needles.

Shira Camp | Meals: B L D

Day 5: Mount Kilimanjaro | 13,000 feet

During a six-hour hike, skirt the Shira Plateau toward the Kibo Massif, continuing upward to the pass at Lava Tower (15,000 feet). 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 13,000 feet.

Barranco Camp | Meals: B L D

Day 6: Mount Kilimanjaro | Acclimatization Day

Hike for about four 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: B L D

Day 7: Mount Kilimanjaro | Preparing for the Summit

Take another short, four- to five-hour trek and a day of acclimatization as you near the mountain's peak, stopping at Barafu Camp (15,200 feet) on a moraine, with views of majestic Mawenzi Peak to the right and looming Kibo Peak overhead. The surrounding, scenic alpine desert terrain is largely mineral and features some lichens and moss. Turn in early this evening — tomorrow, you make an early start for the summit.

Barafu Camp | Meals: B L D

Day 8: Mount Kilimanjaro | Summit Day

Rise very early to a hot cup of coffee or tea, then begin the final ascent to soaring Stella Point, at 18,630 feet on the rim of Kibo Crater. Make your way up a winding path flanked by the towering Ratzel and Rebmann glaciers. As the sun rises, continue around the rim to Uhuru Peak (19,341 feet), where the air is rarefied. Should all go as planned, you will stand at the highest point in Africa in about seven hours' time. Savor your achievement, and then descend to your last campsite (10,200 feet). Trek for about 13 hours today.

Mweka Camp | Meals: B L D

Day 9: Depart Arusha

Continue your descent to the base of the mountain, where your A&K driver 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 Serena Hotel (dayroom) | Meals: B L

Tanzania Safari Post-Tour Extension

5 days, priced from \$3,195; internal air priced from \$295



Available on all departures.

DAY 1: Drive to Ngorongoro Crater and your lodge perched on the rim of the caldera. ***Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: D***

DAY 2: Descend into the crater where you discover a sanctuary for lions, hyenas, elephants, wildebeests and endangered black rhinos. Later, visit a Maasai village and meet with a village elder. ***Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: B L D***

DAYS 3-4: Continue to Serengeti National Park, pausing en route for a tour of Olduvai Gorge. Take a game drive after settling into your rondavel (round hut). Spend the next day on game drives on the Serengeti, in search of cheetahs, crocodiles and leopards.

Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge | Meals: B L D

DAY 5: Fly to Arusha, where you may relax in your dayroom before your flight home. ***Lake Duluti Serena Hotel | Meals: B***

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Oct 21, 2015 - Oct 29, 2015	\$5,695 ^	\$950	N/A	Call for Availability
Nov 19, 2015 - Nov 27, 2015	\$5,695 ^	\$950	N/A	Call for Availability

^ Optional post-tour extension available on this departure.

Journey Details

Child Policy: Minimum age: 16