



## Tanzania

Kilimanjaro



# PIONEER EXPEDITIONS



## ITINERARY

Tanzania • Kilimanjaro

11 DAYS • 10 NIGHTS

Northern Circuit  
Kilimanjaro

## HIGHLIGHTS

- This route has 98% success rate.
- Additional rest day and longer time on mountain to acclimatize vastly increases your chance of reaching the summit.
- Camping rather than sharing huts provides extra flexibility.
- This private trip provides flexibility so you can walk at your own pace to give you a higher chance off successfully completing the trek.
- Dedicated cook team ensures high level of hygiene
- Less utilized, more scenic route

## TOUR ESSENTIALS

Tour Style	Hard Trekking
Tour Start	Kilimanjaro
Tour End	Kilimanjaro
Accommodation	Hotel, Camping
Included Meals	10 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 7 Dinners
Difficulty Level	Very Difficult

## CLIMB MT KILIMANJARO



Situated south of the equator - in Tanzania - at 19,340 feet, (5895m) this is Africa's highest mountain and the highest "free standing" mountain in the world. Huge permanent glaciers flow down from the summit, and spectacular views and beautiful ice formations are the reward for the successful trekker, as well as the satisfaction of conquering this mighty peak.

The main problems encountered can be altitude sickness, which can be countered by use of medicines and good basic acclimatization. The standard route is a hike - no climbing as such.

This trek is a "once in a lifetime" challenge and must not be taken lightly. We ensure that all our climbers have all the facts - medical list, equipment list, etc. long before they travel - possibly the reason for our success rate.



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# MT KILIMANJARO *an overview*

On this route we utilize tents, which we supply, as well as lightweight camping mattresses etc. The Northern Circuit is the newest and longest Kilimanjaro route. It is also one of the most scenic offering stunning views of Mount Kilimanjaro.

All your supplies and camping equipment are portered up for you (tents, 25 mm mattresses, awnings, stools, lights, etc.), and your meals are prepared. Your personal baggage limit is 12 kg for the climb.

Tents and sleeping mattresses are supplied on this trip.

The guides employed are excellent (some have climbed Kili over 120 times!) and look after all our clients who attempt the climb. Each trip is led by a senior guide, with other guides in a ratio of approximately one guide per 2 or 3 climbers - if you are a bit slower than the rest, a guide will always be with you. This allows you to walk at your own speed so you can successfully reach the summit. Food served on the mountain is generally plain and wholesome, including carbohydrates and fresh vegetables. Vegetarians are catered for.

## WHY PIONEER EXPEDITIONS?

We really are one of the few specialists that really “do” off the beaten track and unique adventures in Tanzania. We are driven by a passion for adventure travel and wildlife, and continuously collaborate with our local partners and tour guides to ensure that you have the best experiences on your dream Tanzania adventure – this focus is reflected in our uniquely wonderful itineraries.

Even better, our small group tours have a maximum of 8 people, making it a much more personal experience. Furthermore, we don't expect you to pay a single supplement, perfect for solo travellers!

Pioneer work in some of the world's most spectacular, remote and extraordinary places worldwide.



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1: KILIMANJARO ARRIVAL

Meet on arrival in Kilimanjaro and transfer to the hotel. Your climb briefing will take place today, or tomorrow.

**NB:** If you need to hire any extra gear, advise the hotel shortly after your arrival. Leave any excess clothing and valuables at the hotel- they will lock them up for you. Pack your bag carefully for the climb - remember the weight limit of 12kg. Leave some 'bin bags' in an outer pocket of your bag, and show the porters where they are so that in case of rain they can quickly cover your bag. Keep one out for your personal daypack too! Liaise with staff at reception, and leave them your air tickets to be reconfirmed during your climb. It is your responsibility to ensure that flights are reconfirmed, as any schedule changes will be advised at that time.



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**N/A**



Distance:  
**Transfer to hotel**



Activities:  
**Arrival**

## DAY 2: Londorossi Gate – Mti Mkubwa

We depart Moshi for Londorossi Gate, which takes about 4 hours, where you will complete entry formalities. Then drive to the Lemosho trailhead. Upon arrival at trailhead, we begin hiking through undisturbed forest which winds to the first camp site at Mti Mkubwa.



Overnight:  
**Hotel**



Meals:  
**B**



Distance:  
**3-4h Walk**



Activities:  
**Trekking**

## DAY 3: Mti Mkubwa – Shira One Camp



We continue on the trail leading out of the rain forest and into a savannah of tall grasses, heather and volcanic rock draped with lichen beards. As we ascend through the lush rolling hills and cross several streams, we reach the Shira Ridge before dropping gently down to Shira One Camp. Here we catch our first glimpse of Kibo across the plateau.



Overnight:  
**Camping**



Meals:  
**B,L,D**



Distance:  
**6 hr walk**



Activities:  
**Trekking**





#### DAY 4: Shira One Camp – Shira Two Camp

After an early breakfast, you hike east across the Shira Plateau past the Shira Cathedral towards Shira Two camp. We only gain about 100m in elevation which allows you to acclimatize slowly to the altitude. The views of the plateau are spectacular. Overnight at Shira Two Camp.



**Overnight:**  
**Camping**



**Meals:**  
**B, L, D**



**Distance:**  
**7 hr walk**



**Activities:**  
**Trekking**

#### DAY 5: LAVA TOWER – Moir Hut

Today we will do an acclimatization walk to Lava Tower at 4600m. Then divert westwards to Moir Camp site. This will take around 7 hours (5 hours up, 2 hours down) and we will have a packed lunch as opposed to a hot lunch.



**Overnight:**  
**Camping**



**Meals:**  
**B, L, D**



**Distance:**  
**7 hr walk**



**Activities:**  
**Trekking**

#### DAY 6: Moir Camp to Buffalo Camp

From Moir Camp site you trek through a valley with a moderately steep climb, then over the summit of Lent Hills before returning to the main trail. You cross a rock field and then you reaching Buffalo Camp. You will have great views across the plains that lie north of Kilimanjaro and stretch out to the Kenyan/Tanzanian border



**Overnight:**  
**Camping**



**Meals:**  
**B, L, D**



**Distance:**  
**5-7hrs Walk**



**Activities:**  
**Trekking**

#### DAY 7: Buffalo Camp to Third Cave



As we head up Buffalo Ridge, the terrain becomes increasingly sparse. This route is rarely travelled and we will enjoy its mountain wilderness feel. We trek through remote valleys on to the northern slopes of Kilimanjaro until we arrive at Third Cave.



**Overnight:**  
**Camping**



**Meals:**  
**B, L, D**



**Distance:**  
**5-7hrs Walk**



**Activities:**  
**Trekking**

#### DAY 8: Third Cave – School Hut

We climb steadily up and over the “Saddle,” which sits between Kibo and Mawenzi. We continue on to our camp, School Hut. Once here we rest, enjoy an early dinner to prepare for the summit day.



**Overnight:**  
**Camping**



**Meals:**  
**B, L, D**



**Distance:**  
**4-5hrs Wals**



**Activities:**  
**Trekking**



## DAY 9: STELLA POINT & TOP TO UHURU PEAK

Early attempt on summit! You will be woken at approx. midnight for your final ascent. Dress warmly, and your guide will lead you to Stella Point on the crater ridge, and then along the top to Uhuru Peak. It's a very long day - reaching the peak in the early morning light, and then descending during the day, arriving at a camp an hour out of Mweka in the late afternoon.



*Overnight:*  
**Camping**



*Meals:*  
**B, L, D**

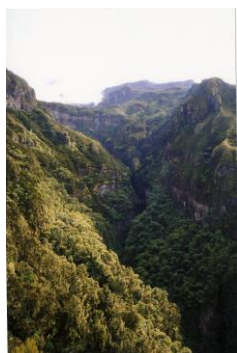


*Distance:*  
**14+ hrs walking**



*Activities:*  
**Trekking**

## DAY 10: MWEKA CAMP – MWEKA GATE



After breakfast, we will have a short celebration with our guides and porters. This is the time we may consider to pay tips if we are well satisfied with the service of guides and porters then start a long trek mostly downhill through the tropical rainforest to Mweka Gate and collect the summit certificates. A vehicle will meet us here and drive us back to the hotel in Moshi booked in bed and breakfast.

## DAY 11: TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

Transfer to the airport for onward travel or other activities.



*Overnight:*  
**N/A**



*Meals:*  
**B**



*Distance:*  
**Transfer to airport**



*Activities:*  
**Departing**



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### INCLUDED

- All meals as described (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Return airport transfers
- 3 nights hotel accommodation on continental breakfast basis.
- 7 nights camping on the Kilimanjaro mountain on full board
- All park fees, hut and camping fees (incl. tents & mats) and medical rescue fees
- All guides as stated above, porters and park ranger
- Mountain rescue while on trek

### NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to/from Kilimanjaro, taxes and visas.
- All meals not stated above.
- Personal travel and medical insurance.
- Extra drinks and spending money.
- Sleeping bags
- Tips

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACTIVITY DURATION	More than 7 hours
SEASON	Dec – Mar, July – Oct
BEST TIME TO GO	Jan, Feb, Sept
GROUP SIZE	2 – 8 pax
EXPEDITION SCHEDULE	For scheduled expeditions, which coincide with the full moon, please see



website or contact us.

#### DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Our grades have been designated based on our perception of the degree of physical activity you are likely to require to enjoy the adventure. These are only a guideline. This itinerary has a very difficult level (more than 7 hours per day). This means that you will need to be fit and training will be required.

#### ADVICE

When travelling (flying), we strongly suggest you wear or carry on you, your boots, wet weather gear and cameras - these are crucial for your climb and you do not want to risk losing them in the hold.

Make sure you have your yellow fever certificate with you (if travelling from a country at risk of yellow fever) - whilst it probably will not be asked for on arrival in Tanzania, when you return home it may be requested.

Please refer to our separate advice sheet for medical and training suggestions.

