

Day	IMG KILIMANJARO CLIMB AND SAFARI ITINERARY-- 2012	8 SEPTEMBER 2012	9 SEPTEMBER 2012	10 DECEMBER 2012
1	Depart USA on DELTA/KLM to Amsterdam. Arrive in Amsterdam early on the morning of Day 2 in Amsterdam. (Some team members may choose to depart a day or two earlier than the group in order to explore Amsterdam and to avoid jet lag.)	Sun 9-Sep	Fri 21-Sep	Wed 19-Dec
2	Transfer in Amsterdam to flight to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). Flight arrives JRO in the evening. The group flight leaves at 10:35am, arrives JRO at 8:20 pm. On days with two KLM flights from AMS, this would be the earlier flight. We will meet in the arrival area at JRO and arrange group pickup at the airport and vehicle transfer to hotel in Moshi. Overnight at hotel.	Mon 10-Sep	Sat 22-Sep	Thu 20-Dec
3	Free morning to relax, stroll around Moshi and explore a bit. Group meeting in afternoon. Pack personal gear into duffel bag for porters (up to 30 pounds or so). Leave one bag with travel and safari clothes, etc. at the hotel in storage. Dinner / overnight at hotel.	Tue 11-Sep	Sun 23-Sep	Fri 21-Dec
4	After breakfast, we'll drive by 4WD vehicles to the Machame Gate, where the climb begins. The first day is a nice hike through the rain forest to Machame Camp (10,000').	Wed 12-Sep	Mon 24-Sep	Sat 22-Dec
5	We climb out of the forest to the Shira Plateau (12,000'), in the zone of "weird plants" native to high mountains of Africa, ie. Lobelia and Groundsel. Wild!	Thu 13-Sep	Tue 25-Sep	Sun 23-Dec
6	We climb to over 14,500' and then drop back to 13,000', which is great acclimatization. We'll camp at Baranco (13,000'). This is really neat hiking.	Fri 14-Sep	Wed 26-Sep	Mon 24-Dec
7	Cross the Breach Wall (a bit of pretty steep scrambling in a few places, sporty!) and traverse below the Southern Glaciers. This is our favorite day on the approach, with great scenery and rugged hiking. Overnight at Karanga Valley (13,000').	Sat 15-Sep	Thu 27-Sep	Tue 25-Dec
8	By now we're well acclimatized and we move up to High Camp at Barafu (15,000').	Sun 16-Sep	Fri 28-Sep	Wed 26-Dec
9	Summit Day! Start climbing around Midnight with about 8 hours to the true summit (Uhuru Peak at 19,340'). Descend to Mweka Camp in the forest. A long and rewarding day.	Mon 17-Sep	Sat 29-Sep	Thu 27-Dec
10	Continue descent via the Mweka route to Mweka Gate. 4WD vehicle pickup and transfer to hotel. Shower and celebrate our climb! Overnight at hotel.	Tue 18-Sep	Sun 30-Sep	Fri 28-Dec
11	Drive to Arusha for lunch. In afternoon, fly to Serengeti, game drive, transfer to private camp.*	Wed 19-Sep	Mon 1-Oct	Sat 29-Dec *Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge.
12	Full day Serengeti game drive with a picnic lunch. Overnight in private camp.*	Thu 20-Sep	Tue 2-Oct	Sun 30-Dec *Overnight at Ndutu Lodge.
13	Morning Game drive, visit Olduvai Gorge, transfer to Ngorogoro Area. Overnight in private camp.*	Fri 21-Sep	Wed 3-Oct	Mon 31-Dec *Overnight at Ngorogoro Sopa Lodge.
14	Morning game drive and then drive back to Arusha. Transfer to JRO airport in the evening in time for the KLM flight.	Sat 22-Sep	Thu 4-Oct	Tue 1-Jan-13
15	Connect in Amsterdam for flights back to USA.	Sun 23-Sep	Fri 5-Oct	Wed 2-Jan-13