

Day	2013 IMG KILIMANJARO CLIMB & SAFARI ITINERARY	Early September	Late September	December
1	The trip begins when we meet the arriving KLM flight at Kilimanjaro Int'l Airport (JRO). On days with two flights from AMS, this would be the earlier flight. Vehicle transfer to hotel in Moshi. Overnight.	Mon, Sep 9	Sat, Sep 21	Fri, Dec 20
2	Team meeting in the morning, followed by a visit to Moshi for sightseeing. Lunch at Hotel. After lunch finish gear checks and packing personal gear into duffel bag for porters (up to 30 pounds or so). Leave one bag with travel and safari clothes at the hotel in storage. Dinner at hotel.	Tue, Sep 10	Sun, Sep 22	Sat, Dec 21
3	After breakfast, we'll drive by 4WD vehicles to the Machame Gate (about 6000') where the climb begins. The first day is a nice hike through the rain forest to Machame Camp (about 10,000').	Wed, Sep 11	Mon, Sep 23	Sun, Dec 22
4	We climb out of the forest to the Shira Plateau (12,000'), in the zone of "weird plants" like the Lobelia and Groundsel, native to high mountains of Africa. Wild!	Thu, Sep 12	Tue, Sep 24	Mon, Dec 23
5	We climb to over 14,500' and then drop back to camp at Barranco 13,000'. This is really neat hiking and great acclimatization.	Fri, Sep 13	Wed, Sep 25	Tue, Dec 24
6	Cross the Barranco Wall (a bit of scrambling in places) and traverse below the Southern Glaciers. This is our favorite day on the approach, with great scenery and hiking enroute to Karanga (13,000').	Sat, Sep 14	Thu, Sep 26	Wed, Dec 25
7	We're well acclimatized by now for our up to the Barafu High Camp (15,000').	Sun, Sep 15	Fri, Sep 27	Thu, Dec 26
8	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, Sep 16	Sat, Sep 28	Fri, Dec 27
9	Continue descent via the Mweka route to park gate. 4WD vehicle pickup and transfer to hotel. Shower and celebrate our climb! Overnight at hotel.	Tue, Sep 17	Sun, Sep 29	Sat, Dec 28
10	Drive to Arusha for lunch. In afternoon, fly to Serengeti, game drive, transfer to private camp.*	Wed, Sep 18	Mon, Sep 30	Sun, Dec 29 *Overnight at Ngorogoro Sopa Lodge.
11	Full day Serengeti game drive with a picnic lunch. Overnight in private camp near Ngorongoro Crater.*	Thu, Sep 19	Tue, Oct 1	Mon, Dec 30 *Overnight at Ngorogoro Wilderness Camp (Ndotu area).
12	Morning Game drive, visit Olduvai Gorge, transfer to Ngorongoro Area. Overnight in private camp.*	Fri, Sep 20	Wed, Oct 2	Tue, Dec 31 *Overnight at Serengeti Sopa Lodge.
13	Morning game drive and then drive back to Arusha for late lunch and re-packing. Transfer to JRO airport in the evening in time for the KLM flight. End of the program.	Sat, Sep 21	Thu, Oct 3	Wed, Jan 1, 2014