

Day	2014 IMG KILIMANJARO CLIMB & SAFARI ITINERARY - MACHAME ROUTE	Late January	February	June	Early July	Late July	August	Early September	Late September	December
1	The trip begins when we meet the arriving KLM flight at Kilimanjaro Int'l Airport (JRO). Vehicle transfer to group hotel in Moshi. Goal for today: Get some shut eye.	Sat, Jan 25	Sat, Feb 8	Mon, Jun 23	Sat, Jul 5	Mon, Jul 21	Sat, Aug 2	Mon, Sep 8	Sat, Sep 20	Sat, 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.	Sun, Jan 26	Sun, Feb 9	Tue, Jun 24	Sun, Jul 6	Tue, Jul 22	Sun, Aug 3	Tue, Sep 9	Sun, Sep 21	Sun, 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').	Mon, Jan 27	Mon, Feb 10	Wed, Jun 25	Mon, Jul 7	Wed, Jul 23	Mon, Aug 4	Wed, Sep 10	Mon, Sep 22	Mon, 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!	Tue, Jan 28	Tue, Feb 11	Thu, Jun 26	Tue, Jul 8	Thu, Jul 24	Tue, Aug 5	Thu, Sep 11	Tue, Sep 23	Tue, 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.	Wed, Jan 29	Wed, Feb 12	Fri, Jun 27	Wed, Jul 9	Fri, Jul 25	Wed, Aug 6	Fri, Sep 12	Wed, Sep 24	Wed, 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').	Thu, Jan 30	Thu, Feb 13	Sat, Jun 28	Thu, Jul 10	Sat, Jul 26	Thu, Aug 7	Sat, Sep 13	Thu, Sep 25	Thu, Dec 25
7	We're well acclimatized by now for our up to the Barafu High Camp (15,000').	Fri, Jan 31	Fri, Feb 14	Sun, Jun 29	Fri, Jul 11	Sun, Jul 27	Fri, Aug 8	Sun, Sep 14	Fri, Sep 26	Fri, 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.	Sat, Feb 1	Sat, Feb 15	Mon, Jun 30	Sat, Jul 12	Mon, Jul 28	Sat, Aug 9	Mon, Sep 15	Sat, Sep 27	Sat, 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.	Sun, Feb 2	Sun, Feb 16	Tue, Jul 1	Sun, Jul 13	Tue, Jul 29	Sun, Aug 10	Tue, Sep 16	Sun, Sep 28	Sun, Dec 28
10	Drive to Arusha for lunch. In afternoon, fly to Serengeti, game drive, transfer to private camp.* Spend the evening discussing the tons of animals spotted!	Mon, Feb 3	Mon, Feb 17	Wed, Jul 2	Mon, Jul 14	Wed, Jul 30	Mon, Aug 11	Wed, Sep 17	Mon, Sep 29	Mon, Dec 29 *Overnight at lodge/fixed camp.
11	Full day Serengeti game drive with a picnic lunch. Overnight in private camp.* Celebrate a successful day with a campfire under the stars.	Tue, Feb 4	Tue, Feb 18	Thu, Jul 3	Tue, Jul 15	Thu, Jul 31	Tue, Aug 12	Thu, Sep 18	Tue, Sep 30	Tue, Dec 30 *Overnight at lodge/fixed camp.
12	Morning Game drive, visit Olduvai Gorge, transfer to Ngorongoro Area. Overnight in private camp.* Bring a jacket. It can be chilly at night, but you'll rest easy snuggled in one of the camp cots.	Wed, Feb 5	Wed, Feb 19	Fri, Jul 4	Wed, Jul 16	Fri, Aug 1	Wed, Aug 13	Fri, Sep 19	Wed, Oct 1	Wed, Dec 31 *Overnight at lodge/fixed camp.
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.	Thu, Feb 6	Thu, Feb 20	Sat, Jul 5	Thu, Jul 17	Sat, Aug 2	Thu, Aug 14	Sat, Sep 20	Thu, Oct 2	Thu, Jan 1