

Day	2016 IMG KILIMANJARO CLIMB & SAFARI ITINERARY - MACHAME ROUTE	Early February	June	Early July	Late July	August	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, Feb 6	Mon, Jun 20	Sat, Jul 2	Mon, Jul 18	Sat, Jul 30	Sat, Dec 17
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, Feb 7	Tue, Jun 21	Sun, Jul 3	Tue, Jul 19	Sun, Jul 31	Sun, Dec 18
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, Feb 8	Wed, Jun 22	Mon, Jul 4	Wed, Jul 20	Mon, Aug 1	Mon, Dec 19
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, Feb 9	Thu, Jun 23	Tue, Jul 5	Thu, Jul 21	Tue, Aug 2	Tue, Dec 20
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, Feb 10	Fri, Jun 24	Wed, Jul 6	Fri, Jul 22	Wed, Aug 3	Wed, Dec 21
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, Feb 11	Sat, Jun 25	Thu, Jul 7	Sat, Jul 23	Thu, Aug 4	Thu, Dec 22
7	We're well acclimatized by now for our up to the Barafu High Camp (15,000').	Fri, Feb 12	Sun, Jun 26	Fri, Jul 8	Sun, Jul 24	Fri, Aug 5	Fri, Dec 23
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 13	Mon, Jun 27	Sat, Jul 9	Mon, Jul 25	Sat, Aug 6	Sat, Dec 24
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 14	Tue, Jun 28	Sun, Jul 10	Tue, Jul 26	Sun, Aug 7	Sun, Dec 25
10	Drive to Arusha for lunch. In afternoon, fly to Serengeti, game drive, transfer to deluxe wildlife camp.* Spend the evening discussing the tons of animals spotted!	Mon, Feb 15	Wed, Jun 29	Mon, Jul 11	Wed, Jul 27	Mon, Aug 8	Mon, Dec 26 *Overnight at safari lodge.
11	Full day Serengeti game drive with a picnic lunch. Overnight at deluxe wildlife camp.* Celebrate a successful day with a campfire under the stars.	Tue, Feb 16	Thu, Jun 30	Tue, Jul 12	Thu, Jul 28	Tue, Aug 9	Tue, Dec 27 *Overnight at safari lodge.
12	Morning Game drive, visit Olduvai Gorge, transfer to Ngorongoro Area. Overnight at premium safari lodge.* Bring a jacket. It can be chilly at night, but you'll rest easy your last night in Tanzania.	Wed, Feb 17	Fri, Jul 1	Wed, Jul 13	Fri, Jul 29	Wed, Aug 10	Wed, Dec 28 *Overnight at safari lodge.
13	Morning at our luxury lodge relaxing, then finish up with the drive back to Arusha for some final shopping, re-packing, and then on to the JRO airport for the evening flights home. End of the program.	Thu, Feb 18	Sat, Jul 2	Thu, Jul 14	Sat, Jul 30	Thu, Aug 11	Thu, Dec 29