

Day	2019 IMG KILIMANJARO CLIMB & SAFARI ITINERARY	February	June	July	September	December
1	The trip begins when we meet the arriving KLM group flight at Kilimanjaro Int'l Airport (JRO). Vehicle transfer to group hotel in Moshi.	Mon, Feb 4	Mon, Jun 24	Mon, Jul 22	Mon, Sep 23	Sat, Dec 21
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, Feb 5	Tue, Jun 25	Tue, Jul 23	Tue, Sep 24	Sun, Dec 22
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, Feb 6	Wed, Jun 26	Wed, Jul 24	Wed, Sep 25	Mon, Dec 23
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.	Thu, Feb 7	Thu, Jun 27	Thu, Jul 25	Thu, Sep 26	Tue, Dec 24
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, Feb 8	Fri, Jun 28	Fri, Jul 26	Fri, Sep 27	Wed, Dec 25
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, Feb 9	Sat, Jun 29	Sat, Jul 27	Sat, Sep 28	Thu, Dec 26
7	We're well acclimatized by now for our trek up to the Barafu High Camp (15,000').	Sun, Feb 10	Sun, Jun 30	Sun, Jul 28	Sun, Sep 29	Fri, Dec 27
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. <i>(Safari Only participants arrive evening KLM flight)</i>	Mon, Feb 11	Mon, Jul 1	Mon, Jul 29	Mon, Sep 30	Sat, Dec 28
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, Feb 12	Tue, Jul 2	Tue, Jul 30	Tue, Oct 1	Sun, Dec 29
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! <i>(Climb Only participants depart evening KLM flight)</i>	Wed, Feb 13	Wed, Jul 3	Wed, Jul 31	Wed, Oct 2	Mon, Dec 30*
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.	Thu, Feb 14	Thu, Jul 4	Thu, Aug 1	Thu, Oct 3	Tue, Dec 31*
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.	Fri, Feb 15	Fri, Jul 5	Fri, Aug 2	Fri, Oct 4	Wed, Jan 1*
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.	Sat, Feb 16	Sat, Jul 6	Sat, Aug 3	Sat, Oct 5	Thu, Jan 2

*December trip spends all 3 safari nights in lodges