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Day	IMG KILIMANJARO CLIMB & SAFARI ITINERARY - MACHAME ROUTE	Early February	Late February	June	Early July	Late July	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.	Mon, Feb 5	Mon, Feb 19	Mon, Jun 25	Mon, Jul 9	Mon, Jul 23	Mon, Sep 10	Mon, Sep 24	Sat, Dec 22
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 6	Tue, Feb 20	Tue, Jun 26	Tue, Jul 10	Tue, Jul 24	Tue, Sep 11	Tue, Sep 25	Sun, Dec 23
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 7	Wed, Feb 21	Wed, Jun 27	Wed, Jul 11	Wed, Jul 25	Wed, Sep 12	Wed, Sep 26	Mon, Dec 24
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, Feb 8	Thu, Feb 22	Thu, Jun 28	Thu, Jul 12	Thu, Jul 26	Thu, Sep 13	Thu, Sep 27	Tue, Dec 25
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 9	Fri, Feb 23	Fri, Jun 29	Fri, Jul 13	Fri, Jul 27	Fri, Sep 14	Fri, Sep 28	Wed, Dec 26
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 10	Sat, Feb 24	Sat, Jun 30	Sat, Jul 14	Sat, Jul 28	Sat, Sep 15	Sat, Sep 29	Thu, Dec 27
7	We're well acclimatized by now for our trek up to the Barafu High Camp (15,000').	Sun, Feb 11	Sun, Feb 25	Sun, Jul 1	Sun, Jul 15	Sun, Jul 29	Sun, Sep 16	Sun, Sep 30	Fri, Dec 28
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, Feb 12	Mon, Feb 26	Mon, Jul 2	Mon, Jul 16	Mon, Jul 30	Mon, Sep 17	Mon, Oct 1	Sat, Dec 29
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 13	Tue, Feb 27	Tue, Jul 3	Tue, Jul 17	Tue, Jul 31	Tue, Sep 18	Tue, Oct 2	Sun, Dec 30
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!	Wed, Feb 14	Wed, Feb 28	Wed, Jul 4	Wed, Jul 18	Wed, Aug 1	Wed, Sep 19	Wed, Oct 3	Mon, Dec 31
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 15	Thu, Mar 1	Thu, Jul 5	Thu, Jul 19	Thu, Aug 2	Thu, Sep 20	Thu, Oct 4	Tue, Jan 1
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 16	Fri, Mar 2	Fri, Jul 6	Fri, Jul 20	Fri, Aug 3	Fri, Sep 21	Fri, Oct 5	Wed, Jan 2
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 17	Sat, Mar 3	Sat, Jul 7	Sat, Jul 21	Sat, Aug 4	Sat, Sep 22	Sat, Oct 6	Thu, Jan 3