

Day	2020 IMG KILIMANJARO CLIMB & SAFARI ITINERARY	February	Early July	Late 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 17	Mon, Jul 6	Mon, Sep 21	Mon, 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 18	Tue, Jul 7	Tue, Sep 22	Tue, 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 19	Wed, Jul 8	Wed, Sep 23	Wed, 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 20	Thu, Jul 9	Thu, Sep 24	Thu, 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 21	Fri, Jul 10	Fri, Sep 25	Fri, 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 22	Sat, Jul 11	Sat, Sep 26	Sat, Dec 26
7	We're well acclimatized by now for our up to the Barafu High Camp (15,000').	Sun, Feb 23	Sun, Jul 12	Sun, Sep 27	Sun, 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 24	Mon, Jul 13	Mon, Sep 28	Mon, 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 25	Tue, Jul 14	Tue, Sep 29	Tue, 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 26	Wed, Jul 15	Wed, Sep 30	Wed, 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 27	Thu, Jul 16	Thu, Oct 1	Thu, 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 28	Fri, Jul 17	Fri, Oct 2	Fri, 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 29	Sat, Jul 18	Sat, Oct 3	Sat, Jan 2

*December trip spends all 3 safari nights in lodges