

Day	2023 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.	Monday, February 13, 2023	Monday, June 19, 2023	Monday, July 17, 2023	Monday, September 18, 2023	Wednesday, December 20, 2023
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.	Tuesday, February 14, 2023	Tuesday, June 20, 2023	Tuesday, July 18, 2023	Tuesday, September 19, 2023	Thursday, December 21, 2023
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').	Wednesday, February 15, 2023	Wednesday, June 21, 2023	Wednesday, July 19, 2023	Wednesday, September 20, 2023	Friday, December 22, 2023
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.	Thursday, February 16, 2023	Thursday, June 22, 2023	Thursday, July 20, 2023	Thursday, September 21, 2023	Saturday, December 23, 2023
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.	Friday, February 17, 2023	Friday, June 23, 2023	Friday, July 21, 2023	Friday, September 22, 2023	Sunday, December 24, 2023
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 en route to Karanga (13,000').	Saturday, February 18, 2023	Saturday, June 24, 2023	Saturday, July 22, 2023	Saturday, September 23, 2023	Monday, December 25, 2023
7	We're well acclimatized by now for our up to the Barafu High Camp (15,000').	Sunday, February 19, 2023	Sunday, June 25, 2023	Sunday, July 23, 2023	Sunday, September 24, 2023	Tuesday, December 26, 2023
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. (Safari Only participants arrive evening KLM flight)	Monday, February 20, 2023	Monday, June 26, 2023	Monday, July 24, 2023	Monday, September 25, 2023	Wednesday, December 27, 2023
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.	Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Tuesday, June 27, 2023	Tuesday, July 25, 2023	Tuesday, September 26, 2023	Thursday, December 28, 2023
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! (Climb Only participants depart evening KLM flight).	Wednesday, February 22, 2023	Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Wednesday, July 26, 2023	Wednesday, September 27, 2023	Friday, December 29, 2023
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.	Thursday, February 23, 2023	Thursday, June 29, 2023	Thursday, July 27, 2023	Thursday, September 28, 2023	Saturday, December 30, 2023
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.	Friday, February 24, 2023	Friday, June 30, 2023	Friday, July 28, 2023	Friday, September 29, 2023	Sunday, December 31, 2023
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.	Saturday, February 25, 2023	Saturday, July 1, 2023	Saturday, July 29, 2023	Saturday, September 30, 2023	Monday, January 1, 2024

\*December trip spends all 3 safari nights in lodges