

TANGANYIKA TREKKERS PHOTOGRAPHIC SAFARIS invite you to explore just one of the possibilities available to mountain climbers. Following is a sample itinerary of a 8-day Mount Kilimanjaro climb. Tented accommodations are provided, as there are no huts along this particular route.

A representative of Tanganyika Trekkers will meet you upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport and escort you to a lodge on the slopes of Mount Meru for a light dinner and overnight accommodation.



#### DAY 1 - THE CLIMB BEGINS

The day will begin at about 7:30 a.m. with breakfast being served at the lodge. After breakfast the guides will verify that you have the equipment needed for the climb.

At approximately 8:15 am we will depart from your lodge and begin the scenic drive to Lemosho, a small village on the west side of Kilimanjaro. The drive is approximately two hours long and will take us through the Village of Boma Ngombe, then through Sanya Juu which will lead us to the Lemosho Gate 2,150 meters (7,050 ft). We will leave the vehicles here and start our ascent on foot. After a 3 to 4 hour hike through the rainforest we will arrive at Mti Mkubwa (Large Tree) Camp where we will spend our first night in tents at 2,255 meters (8,365 ft). Along this hike, we may encounter elephants, other animals, and if fortunate, the rare Colobus Monkeys.





#### DAY 2 - HIKE TO SHIRA PLATEAU

Shira is believed to have once been higher than Kilimanjaro. Now it is a magnificent plateau frequented by eland and buffalo migrating during the dry season. The hike to Shira Plateau will take about 6 hours. During the course of the hike, the vegetation will vary from rainforest to Heath and Moorland. On a clear day we will have spectacular views of Ol Donyo Lengai (Mountain of the Masai God). After a brief rest, we will spend the remainder of the day exploring the plateau at 3,500 meters (11,480 ft).

#### Day 3 - HIKE FROM SHIRA PLATEAU TO SHIRA CAMP

Hiking across the Shira Plateau into the moorland is gradual. This is generally a short day and one can use the time to enjoy and explore the plateau. After 4 hours we will reach Shira camp at 3,800 meters (12,470 ft). Here we will have our first glimpse of the rare Giant Lobelia and Senecia plants. At dusk we will see the remarkable image of the sunset upon the glaciers.

#### DAY 4 - BARANCO CAMP VIA LAVA TOWER

On this day we will hike from Shira camp towards the Kibo Massive and leave the plateau behind. The hike leads us right past Lava Tower at 4,400 meters (14,435 ft) and offers a spectacular view of the Western Breach. During today's hike we experience

a change in vegetation from Heath and Moorland to highland Desert before reaching Baranco camp at 3,900 meters (12,800 ft). The climb is fairly challenging taking about 7 hours.

#### DAY 5 - KARANGA VALLEY

Our destination site on this day is Karanga valley. The hike takes about 6 hours and we will have to conquer the Great Baranco Wall also known as "Breakfast Wall" as it is conquered in the morning. The southern ice fields can be observed from various points during this hike. The elevation of camp will be 4,000 meters (13,125 ft) where the temperatures could fall below freezing at night.

#### DAY 6 - BARAFU CAMP

This is our last day hike before the great charge for the summit. This ascent to the rocky slopes of Barafu camp is a tough trek, but rewarding nonetheless. 'Barafu' is the Swahili word for ice, illustrating the cold we will experience at this camp. The elevation is 4600 meters, (15,000 ft) and the hike will take about 4 hours. You will need to get plenty of rest because we will be waking you up at midnight for our final climb to Uhuru Peak 5,900 meters (19,340 ft).

#### DAY 7 - UHURU PEAK

This day will start around midnight and lead us to the highest point in Africa, 5,900 meters (19,340 ft); the sight and the feeling will never leave you. The



climb from camp to Uhuru Peak is approximately 8 hours. After enjoying the spectacular view from the summit, we will proceed to Mweka camp. The descent will take about 4 hours to an elevation of 3,100 meters (10,170 ft) at Mweka camp. We will have a special dinner to celebrate your hard earned accomplishment.

#### DAY 8 - FINAL DAY

Our last day on the mountain - we will hike for approximately 5 hours to the gate where our drivers await your return. We will drive to the lodge for an evening of enjoyment and celebration. For some trekkers, rest and relaxation are more to be desired. The choice will be yours.

