

Exploradus, LLC

2024 Mt. Kilimanjaro Expedition

02 January – 19 January 2024 (9 days on the mountain)
Lemosho – Northern Circuit
High Altitude Mountaineering
Driving Game Safari (5 days on safari)



ITINERARY – January 2024 Mt. Kilimanjaro Expedition

Imagine traveling over dry, arid African plains inhabited by large varieties of wildlife. Everything is flat, not a hill in site, until Kilimanjaro. Considered one of the world's most massive, extinct volcanoes, Kilimanjaro is a mountain all its own. With a vertical gain from the plains to the summit being over 15,000 ft., Kilimanjaro is the world's highest freestanding mountain and is called the Roof of Africa. With an unprecedented elevation gain, climbing Kilimanjaro is a spectacle of diversity as one traverses its many ecosystems and climactic changes. Enhanced with complex volcanic geology and glaciations, Kilimanjaro is a brilliant encounter with the mystery and awe of nature. Complete your cultural immersion on a safari tour while experiencing the wonders of the Serengeti, home to all of Tanzania's most iconic animals and the great migration. Travels include the Olduvai Gorge – a world heritage site and home to Leakey's discoveries, and the Ngorongoro Crater - the world's largest inactive, unbroken, and unfilled volcanic caldera!

We will follow the Lemosho Route to the summit, one of the least travelled routes on Kilimanjaro. It is also the longest route at 90 km, allowing the team a good chance to fully acclimatize.

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Proposed Itinerary:

KILIMANJARO CLIMB

Day	Date	Description of Services
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0	01-02 January 2024	Depart USA for JRO Airport
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International flights into JRO – Kilimanjaro International Airport include Delta/KLM via Amsterdam, Qatar Airways via Doha, Ethiopian Airways via Addis Ababa and more. International air tickets are not included in the cost.

1	03 January 2024	Arrival, Pick up and transfer to Africa Amini Life Lodge
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Evening arrivals. Driver will meet you upon clearing customs to take you to the Africa Amini Lodge, nestled between Mount Meru and Mount Kilimanjaro. [Africa Amini Life Lodge](#)

2	04 January 2024	Africa Amini Life Lodge
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Rest and recover from jetlag. Team briefing with local guides. Review packing and weigh in – trek duffle needs to be 20 pounds or less. Maasai cultural activities. Evening dinner and pre-trek celebration.

3	05 January 2024	Climb begins at Lemosho Gate (2600 meters above sea-level)
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Today we have an early breakfast and drive along the western slopes of Kilimanjaro to the Londorossi Park gate for registration. Another short drive takes us to the Lemosho starting point. Here we meet the crew and after a brief introduction and a picnic lunch we set off for a 3 to 4-hour uphill hike to the Mti Kubwa (Giant Forest) Camp at 2650m. This will be the first night in the tents that will be our homes for the next week.

4	06 January 2024	Hike to Shira Hut Camp 1 (3200 meters above sea level)
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Today we begin our uphill climb with a 4-to-5-hour ascent of about 600m ahead of us. We leave the forest after an hour. The trail gradually steepens and gets to the giant heather moorland zone. After 2 more hours of climbing up the “elephants’ rump” we reach the Shira Plateau where we reach camp for lunch. Camp at Shira Hut Camp 1 is at 3200m. The crew has the tents pitched and serve a delicious lunch and dinner.

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5	07 January 2024	Hike to Shira Hut Camp 2 (3800 meters) Klute Peak option
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Today we will continue our gentle climb ascending another 600m to the upper edge of the Shira Plateau to Shira Camp 2. This slow pace will help us build a base for acclimatization. There will be an option to climb Klute Peak for a spectacular view and some extra walking. Camp will be in tents.

6	08 January 2024	Hike to Moir Hut (4250 meters)
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Today after breakfast we continue hiking towards the Lava Tower but branch off about halfway towards Shark Tooth and Moir Hut just below the Lent Group. The hike takes about 6 hours. The route offers excellent views over the Shira Plateau and the Arrow Glacier above. From the Moir hut where we set camp we will take an acclimatization hike to view the plains of Amboseli in Kenya to the north. On a clear day, one might see as far as Mt. Kenya, 300 km away. Dinner and overnight stay will once again be in tents.

7	09 January 2024	Hike to Bofu Camp
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Today again we have a long walk ahead of us. After breakfast we continue hiking along the Northern Circuit route with the Northern Ice Fields simmering above us. Soon Mawenzi, the second oldest of the three Kilimanjaro calderas appears. The walk takes us past the only water source along the route, the Bofu camp. We should arrive for lunch and have plenty of time to rest and acclimatize. We will be in our tents. This is a spectacular camp with stunning views from our perch on the northern side of Kilimanjaro.

8	10 January 2024	Hike to 3rd Cave Camp (3900 meters)
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Today is another short day that we will use to acclimatize. The walk takes us around to the 3rd Cave Camp on the northeastern slope of Kilimanjaro. We should arrive in time for lunch Camp in tents. From this camp we will begin our climb of Uruhu peak on Kilimanjaro over the next 2 days.

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9	11 January 2024	Hike to School Hut (4750 meters)
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Today we have an 8 km uphill hike before us. Due to the altitude, it takes us 4 to 5 hours. The views are spectacular as we walk through the rocky moonlike landscapes. This path leads to the School Hut, which is our base for the summit ascent. In the afternoon, we relax and watch the cloud formations below us. An early dinner and sleep before sunset are necessary in preparation for the next day's early and challenging summit climb.

10	12 January 2024	Summit Day/ Ascend Uhuru (5895 meters)
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After a short night and a hot drink, the final ascent starts about midnight. The path gradually gets steeper, taking us to the Gillman's point (5685m) where we can watch the sunrise over the Mawenzi Peaks and the magnificent Northern Ice Fields. After a short break, we proceed along the crater rim to the Uhuru Summit Peak (5895m), reaching there at about 8:30 am. After the summit photo, we descend through Stella point to the Millennial camp for a hot lunch. A final 3-hour descent takes us to Mweka hut where we spend the night in tents.

11	13 January 2024	Descend to Mweka gate, transfer to Africa Amini Life Lodge
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At breakfast we share our summit experiences with our entire team once more, as we feel humbled by the Kibo Crater towering above us. We prepare to say good-bye to our wonderful staff as the climb will end by the time we reach the Mweka gate. After a good-bye dance and thank-you, we start our final descent (3 to 4 hours) to Mweka gate (1400m). Here we are awarded our well-deserved certificates of achievement. Our drivers will be waiting to take us to a tasty final lunch, well-deserved beers and gift shopping. We will continue to Arusha for a celebratory dinner and an overnight stay in comfort and the delight of a hot shower at the [Africa Amini Life Lodge](#)

END OF KILIMANJARO CLIMB

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GAME DRIVE AND SAFARI

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12 14 January 2024 Safari Adventures Begin –Fly into to central Serengeti.

Today is a leisurely start. Following our breakfast, we will begin our Safari Adventures with a flight from Arusha to the Seronera Serengeti airstrip. After a short flight and drive, we arrive at the Semetu Camp located in the central plains of the Serengeti <https://karibucamps.com/visit-serengeti/serengeti-sametu-camp/> After exploring the site, relaxation follows with cold drinks and snacks, before settling in for a delicious dinner.

13 15 January 2024 Safari Adventures – Serengeti Semetu Camp

We depart after breakfast and head for a full day of game drives in the Serengeti. We will spend the entire day in Safari Jeeps, as we begin looking for the “Big 5” safari animals. We will end the full days game drive back at Semetu Camp, with a relaxing evening and African dinner.

14 16 January 2024 Safari Adventures – Serengeti Woodlands Camp

Our safari adventures continue with a morning departure from the Semetu Camp. We drive in our safari jeeps to the Southern Serengeti, where we enjoy a boxed lunch while continuing our game drive in new areas. At the end of our day, we arrive at the Serengeti Woodlands Camp, a spectacular, luxury mobile camp that strategically placed to be among the antelope calves. January is in the middle of the calving season so Lots and lots of babies!!!: <https://karibucamps.com/visit-serengeti/serengeti-woodlands-camp/>

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15	17 January 2024	Safari Adventures – Olduvai Gorge - Lions Paw
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Our safari adventures continue with a departure from the Mbugani Camp via a jeep drive to the Olduvai Gorge – a world heritage site. Here we explore the area where the Leakey’s discovered some of the world’s oldest evidence of human evolution. Departing in the afternoon, we travel towards the Ngorongoro Crater and spend the night at an incredible lodge on the crater rim, the Lions Paw Camp: [Lions Paw Camp](#)

16	18 January 2024	Safari Adventures – Ngorongoro Crater - The Retreat at Ngorongoro
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Our safari adventures today continue with a game drive to another world heritage-site, the Ngorongoro Crater. A crater tour includes a packed lunch. Departing the crater, we will head to a Maasai Boma (village) to be welcomed with a traditional dance and explanation of life as a Maasai. We will visit the local village school, and then arrive at the Retreat at Ngorongoro: [The Retreat at Ngorongoro](#)

17	19 January 2024	Travel back to Arusha
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We sadly leave the wonderful staff and beautiful gardens of the Retreat at Ngorongoro for a morning return trip to Arusha. Once in Arusha, we arrive at the Kilimanjaro International Airport to begin our journeys home.

END OF SERVICES

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

World-renowned host:

Expert Leadership and Impeccable Safety Record – Jim Williams

Jim Williams has been touted as the Ernest Shackleton (a renegade Polar explorer of the 1900s) of our time. From successfully guiding the Seven Summits (the highest mountains of each of the seven continents) in under one year, summiting Everest four times, to retracing Shackleton's epic crossing of South Georgia Islands in the hazardous Antarctic, to co-leading the first Ski Expedition to the South Pole, Jim has earned a world-class reputation as an explorer and mountain guide. He was bestowed the prestigious Lowell Thomas Award by the Explorers Club in 2009.

You can read more about Jim's legendary exploits here: [Exploradus LLC](#) and on this YouTube interview: [The Risk - Reward Equation](#)

Itinerary Information:

This itinerary is designed only as a guideline, to give you an idea of what you can expect on the Lemosho – Northern Circuit Kilimanjaro Traverse organized by Exploradus LLC. Inherent in international exploration, there are many things that may happen on this journey that are beyond our control. There may be flight cancellations, overbooking of hotels and airplanes, changes in weather, local problems unique to the countries you are visiting, and many other unimaginable surprises that are a part of international travel and the alpine environment on the mountain. At Exploradus, we will do our best to prevent, but are not responsible for, such occurrences. Details of the itinerary may change for reasons beyond our control; any changes or alterations to the above itinerary, which result in additional charges, will be the direct responsibility of the members of the trip. Exploradus and its representatives are not responsible for any extra charges for services that are not described in this itinerary.

Note: This is a mountaineering expedition to high altitudes. All members need to be aware that a climbing traverse of Kilimanjaro is challenging and difficult due to altitude, sudden weather changes, and variable conditions caused by such changes. Every member assumes the risk of exposure to illnesses associated with high altitude mountaineering. In the event of illness, decisions to continue on the climb will be up to the Expedition Leader and not up to the members. The Expedition Leader may or may not participate in any summit attempt. Clients may NOT be permitted to attempt the summit without the presence of the Local Lead Guide. They assume all risks of accident, injury, or death.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Conditioning

A well-thought-out conditioning program with a planned rest for 3 to 5 days before departure seems to work for most people. At 5985 meters, Kilimanjaro is an endurance-demanding alpine climb. Some experience at high altitude is important to fully realize the difficulties to be encountered.

Services included:

- Lodging at these or similar properties:
 - Africa Amini Lodge
 - Sametu Camp
 - Woodlands Camp
 - Lions Paw Camp
 - The Retreat at Ngorongoro
- Airport transfers to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport – JRO
- Domestic air tickets to Seronera airstrip in Serengeti
- Transportation to and from Kilimanjaro and safari
- Park fees and climbing permits.
- All food in camps
- All food on the safaris and upon arrival at the Africa Amini Lodge
- InReach- Garmin for emergency use
- Tents, stoves, and mountain equipment (non-personal)
- Local mountain staff; porters, cooks and English-speaking guides
- Kilimanjaro climbing staff tips only.

Services not included:

- International airfare
- Tanzania visas
- Meals while traveling and in cities in Tanzania
- Personal expenses: laundry, telephone, drinks and shopping
- Personal equipment including gear rentals
- Trip Insurance (cancellation and medical) – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Local, drivers, staff, and Endeavor Expedition and Exploradus guide tips

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Visas: not include in Trip Cost

Visas for Tanzania are now processed online before you depart USA. You will need an electronic copy of your passport as well as air ticket in order to make the visa application.

<https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/>

Trip Cost – Land Cost: (does not include international air fare)

Cost per member: Contact Jim Williams jim@exploradus.com +1 307 690 3354

Schedule of Payment:

Refunds and Cancellations:

Full payment for a trip is expected forty-five (45) days in advance of the departure date. Any one signing up for a trip less than forty-five (45) day before departure is expected to make payment in full at the time of signing up for the trip. Contact Jim Williams jim@exploradus.com for details. Unless otherwise stated, for all cancellations Exploradus LLC will refund the cost of your trip less the following per-person charges: Refunds will be given only after the trip has been paid in full. Charges shown include the \$2,000 trip development fee. Exploradus will establish the “departure date”. The term selling refers to the amount you have agreed to pay to Exploradus for the trip. For cancellations made 46 days or more prior to departure date, a charge of \$2,000.00 will be made for Trip Development Fee. Any cancellation made 45 days or closer to departure date will result in a charge of 100% of selling price.

EXPLORADUS LLC recommends purchasing travel insurance. A policy quote can be provided after the initial trip payment is received.

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