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2020 CLIMB DATES

KILIMANJARO CLIMB

June 26 – July 3 *(plus travel time)*

KILIMANJARO CLIMB + 2-DAY SAFARI

June 26 – July 5 *(plus travel time)*

KILIMANJARO CLIMB + 2-DAY SAFARI + VISION TRIP

June 26 – July 8 *(plus travel time)*

KILIMANJARO 2020: CLIMB FOR CLEAN WATER

Join other Christian adventure seekers for the expedition of a lifetime. Summit Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, and provide clean water to an entire village.

The Machame (mah-cha-may) 7-day climb begins in the rain forest with hilly terrain and rich, green landscapes. This shorter route is steeper in the first two days of the climb and is considered by many to be the most scenic route on Kilimanjaro. After the climb, join us for an optional 2-day safari and/or an optional 2-day Vision Trip.

Together, we'll summit the highest peak in Africa to give clean water to families living in extreme poverty.

June 26th

Arrival in Tanzania

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport. You will be accompanied to the hotel where the team will stay the first night.

June 27th

Climb Day 1, Machame Camp

After a restful night and breakfast at the hotel, we travel to the Machame Gate while Climb Kili staff organize and prepare gear and supplies for the upcoming week. Our climb begins in the rainforest, the first of five climactic zones experienced on the climb. Welcomed by colobus monkeys hanging in the canopy of trees above, we climb in the shade most of the day. We complete this day and enter our first camp where your tent is set up with your personal belongings inside.

June 28th

Climb Day 2, Machame Camp to Shira Camp

Departing the rainforest, we enter the Heath and Moorland zone following the Shira ridge into the immensely high altitude desert plateaus. The expanse of Kilimanjaro's foothills unfold, and at the end of today's climb, the first views of Mt. Kilimanjaro open on the horizon.



June 29th

Climb Day 3, Shira camp to Barranco Camp

Today, we test our acclimatization with a climb to the base of Lava Tower. After resting, we descend upon the enormous Senecio forest, passing waterfalls that usher us in to Barranco Camp. Tonight's camp is set in the shadow of the massive Barranco wall with easterly breezes often carrying misty clouds from the Barranco Valley.

June 30th

Climb Day 4, Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

Our morning climb will be the face of the Barranco wall. After the ascent of the wall, the trail levels to open views of marbled ice and rock on the south face of Kilimanjaro.

July 1st

Climb Day 5, Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

This morning's climb is a slow and steady uphill hike as we enter the Arctic zone. The temperature becomes noticeably cooler; however, excitement fills our camp as we make final preparations for the summit day ahead. We retire early this evening in anticipation for our twilight start.

July 2nd

Climb Day 6, Barafu to Summit to Mweka Camp

Today is summit day! Our early start is set with a steady rest-step pace up switch backs on the face of Kilimanjaro. We focus on our pressure breathing until we reach Stella Point. Spectacular views coupled with the sunrise will warm the soul and strengthen the spirit as the iconic Uhuru Peak is now in sight. Only a gradual hike remains to the rooftop of Africa. After the elation of a well-earned summit, we descend back to Barafu Camp for a nice break and celebration before continuing on to our final camp.

July 3rd

Climb Day 7, Mweka Camp to Mweka Exit

Reflecting on the past week, our final trek off Kilimanjaro begins by traversing through the moorland and rainforest before exiting the Mweka Gate. Climb Kili Transportation will be waiting to travel back to our hotel for a hot shower and well-deserved rest and relaxation.



July 4th

Optional Safari, Day 1, Tarangire National Park and Flight Home

If you are participating in the safari, you will eat an 8am breakfast. Then, you will be picked up, provided a packed lunch, and driven to Tarangire National Park. If you are not participating in the safari, you will take a flight home today.

Tarangire National Park is almost 3000 sq km in size and is probably best known for its huge number of elephants and baobab trees. The name of the park comes from the Tarangire River which crosses through the park. Tarangire is especially spectacular during the dry season as wildlife concentrations rival that of the Serengeti. With its varied habitats and permanent water in the Tarangire River, the park is home to over 2,000 elephants and 500 bird species.

In the afternoon, travel to Ngorongoro Conservations Area for an overnight Ngorongoro Wildlife Lodge Dinner and an overnight stay at Ngorongoro Crater.

July 5th

Optional Safari Day 2, Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, we drive to Ngorongoro Crater and descend into the Crater with a picnic lunch. You'll enjoy a full day of Crater game drives. Included among the 7 Natural Wonders, this extinct volcano collapsed eons ago, turning it into a beautiful natural enclosure. The showpiece of the conservation area is undoubtedly the Ngorongoro Crater itself. It measures about 12 miles across with a rim rising almost 2,000 feet from the floor. It's no wonder that this Crater is numbered among the 7 Natural Wonders of the World.

The mineral-rich floor of this spectacular bowl is largely flat, open, and covered in grasses enjoyed by large herds of zebra and wildebeest. These extensive, open plains are also home to herds of buffalo, Thomson's gazelle, Grant's gazelle, and topi. Breeding herds of elephants pass through the Ngorongoro Crater itself only rarely, but you will see a scattering of old bulls, including some of the biggest tuskers remaining in Africa today.

July 6th

Optional Vision Trip Day 1 and Flight Home

If you are not participating in the Vision Trip, you will return home on a late evening flight out of Kilimanjaro International Airport.

If you are participating in the Vision Trip, we begin our day by visiting our new program office for all Lifewater work in Tanzania. From there, we'll step into the villages to experience stages of Lifewater programs. This involves visiting [Healthy Homes](#), homes that have starting practicing five simple, yet life changing habits that improve health. We will also visit remote schools Lifewater is serving in the Shinyanga District.



July 7th

Optional Vision Trip Day 2

Today we will visit a village in Tanzania that has not yet been served by Lifewater. You will see the need for clean water first hand and gain a greater understanding of the water and sanitation crisis.

July 8th

Flight Home

Today we will depart from the Kilimanjaro International Airport and fly home.