

PROPOSED CAMPING SAFARI ITINERARY KENYA-TANZANIA

DAY 1: 25.07.08: ARRIVAL NAIROBI ex KQ/BA Flight /whichever! Met at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and transferred to Upper Hill Campsite/ Bush House & Camp on Bed & Breakfast. Overnight at the Camp/Youth Hostel/Similar

DAY 2: 26.07.08: NAIROBI-NYERI-NAKURU

After breakfast, we depart around 8.30 am for Nyeri approx: 170 Km from Nairobi to explore the Grave yard and Caves of former Boy Scout Founder Baden Powell. Lunch at the Nyeri Outspan Hotel before proceeding with a 1 ½ hrs drive to Lake Nakuru. We have a picnic stop at the spectacular Nyahururu Falls for a photo session!

Check in at a budget hotel/Camp in Nakuru, followed by an afternoon game drive in the park famed for its array of water bird life. Lake Nakuru is referred as pink lake for it's thousands of pink flamingos and other bird life-it's a bird watchers paradise. It has a surprisingly number of animals, it is a rhino sanctuary and the "Big Five" except the elephant can be seen here, afternoon game drive .Dinner and overnight at a Campsite/Budget hotel outside the park.

DAY 3: 27.07.08: NAKURU-MAASAI MARA. - 320 Km 4-5 hrs

Depart Nakuru after breakfast around 8:00 am in the morning for Masai Mara passing through the dramatic Great Rift Valley. Ascend the western rim of the valley crossing the Loita plains (Maasai-land), see red-clad Maasai warriors tend their multi-colored herds amongst plains game. Game viewing en route to the camp for lunch. Afternoon game drive inside the most scenic park in Kenya where great concentration of game is seen including the "Big Five". Dinner and overnight at Camp site.

DAY 4: 28.07.08: MASAI MARA.

Morning and afternoon game viewing inside the Park. Search for wild game black manned lion for which Mara is famous for, cheetah, buffalo, wildebeest, zebra, leopard, grants gazelle are quite common, even the rare rhino might come out of the thicket for you, hyenas are plentiful, Extend your drive to the hippo point where schools of hippo submerge on the approach of vehicles only to surface seconds later to shot and gamble their displeasure as the crocodiles sunbathe on the river banks mouths agape. Between meals there is optional visit to the Maasai villages for an insight to their culture if clients so wish. Meals and overnight at Campsite.

DAY 5: 29.07.08: MASAI MARA-NAIROBI.

Early morning (before breakfast) game viewing drive in the Mara in search of any wild game you might have missed previously. Return to camp for breakfast and afterwards depart for Lake Nairobi arriving in the early afternoon. (Lunch NOT included) Dinner and overnight at Upper Hill Campsite/ Youth Hotel/Similar

DAY 6: 30.07.08: NAIROBI-ARUSHA

Morning departure 8.30 am departure by Arusha bound shuttle. On arrival have lunch at Arusha (**extra approx \$ 5-10 pp**). Arrive in Arusha and check into a comfortable hotel

6 Days Kilimanjaro The Machame Route

Often called the "Whiskey Route" this is a scenically beautiful trail, longer and much gentler than Umbwe or Marangu. Our itinerary provides valuable acclimatisation by having shorter walking days during the trek.

DAY 7: 31.07.08: From Arusha drive to the Machame route, often called the "Whiskey Route". From the Machame Park gate is a gentle climb up through the original montane forest, carpeted with unique 'busy lizzie' flowers, begonias and ferns. First camp amongst the giant heather at 3,000m. Ascent of 1,200m and 5 – 6 hours walking.

DAY 8: 01.08.08: Emerge from the giant heather zone and hike through fine open moorland to camp by the Shira Cave at 3,840m. Herds of eland up here (& occasional lion!) and there are fascinating geological features in the old volcanic caldera which can be viewed during a half-hour optional walk in the afternoon. Ascent 840m and 4 – 5 hours walking.

DAY 10: 02.08.08: From Shira, climb towards the main peak Kibo, with the western glaciers clearly visible across the rugged high-altitude desert of volcanic rocks and boulders. Skirting around its base and under the imposing western Breach, descend into the sheltered Barranco Valley for mid-way camp at 3,950m. 6 – 7 hours walking and only 110m total ascent — but having climbed much higher and dropped back down assists acclimatization.

DAY 11: 03.08.08: Up the steep Barranco wall with some sections of very easy scrambling and drop down again to the Karanga Valley where you take a break for lunch.

After lunch hike on to Barafu Hut 4600m, having hiked a total of 7 – 8 hours and ascended 650m. You have fantastic views across to Mawenzi peak from the camp after having completed a longer day of hiking which now requires you to adequately relax in preparation of the challenging summit hike early the following morning.

DAY 12: 04.08.08: A bracing 1am start to climb the steep frozen scree. This is unavoidable on any route but we aim to go past Gillman's Point to reach Stella Point on the crater rim for sunrise — another 40 minutes and you're at the highest point on the continent (Kibo:5900m), usually in warm sunshine. Return on the Kidia descent route.

Ascent of 1,300m and about 7 hours trek to the summit; 2,600m descent and 6 – 7 hours trek to the Rau campsite (3400m) above Kidia gate. This is a long hard day but you feel absolutely ecstatic when you've done it!

DAY 13: 05.08.08: From Rua campsite it is a 4 – 5 hours descent through the forest to Kidia gate (depending on individual fitness) to collect certificates and meet the vehicle. Return to Arusha for the night.

DAY 14: 06.08.08: NAIROBI-ARUSHA:

Trip ends. Depart for Nairobi with the morning shuttle to arrive in the afternoon. Transfer to the JKIA for your return flight.

END OF SERVICES

COST PER PERSON: US \$ 1550

Rates may be subject to change**

SYNOPSIS:

Season: the best times are January to March and June to December.

Cost Includes:

- All transport by private vehicle to and from the mountain
- All transfers as per itinerary
- Accommodation in Nairobi as specified
- Accommodation as detailed on the itinerary.
- Services of a private mountain guide, cook and adequate porters to carry both trip provisions and client's private bags.
- National Park entrance, accommodation and camping fees.
- All food and catering equipment — breakfasts, lunches (packed when necessary) and evening meals prepared by our own cook. — Special dietary requirements are catered for with prior arrangements at no extra cost.
- Certificate of Achievement /appreciation from us.
- Free storage of excess baggage not required on the mountain hike.
- Crisis management apparatus — VHF 2-way radio, basic first aid kit and an on call vehicle.

Cost excludes:

- Travel and personal accident insurance.
- Visa, passport, vaccinations, medicines.
- Personal Mountain equipment.
- Tips.
- Expenditure on alcoholic drinks, souvenirs and other personal items.
- Optional excursions not detailed in the itinerary.
- Additional optional accommodation added at the base hotel or extra days on the mountain added.
- Treated drinking water other than boiled.
- Extra costs incurred in case of own intentional change of itinerary while already on trek.

Porters to carry excess of 15 Kg. personal luggage per client.

General: Accommodation is camping throughout in 3 person mountain tents shared by two people. All your equipment will be carried by vehicles or local porters; you only carry a daypack with personal gear. When camping you will not have to participate in camp chores. We buy fresh produce locally and to ensure good standards of hygiene all food is prepared by our own staff. We can cater for special dietary requirements and there are no extra food-kitty payments.