

KILIMANJARO



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TRIP OVERVIEW

Tanzania is home to Africa’s most vast and unique wilderness areas, the highest mountain in the continent, unique wildlife and vibrant culture. It is a land for expanding lenses, and shifting perspectives. The oldest evidence of human life has been discovered here, and it has been coined by archaeologists “The cradle of humankind.” On this expedition in Tanzania, you will immerse yourself in the adventure, the culture and the wilderness of Tanzania. You’ll visit a traditional Maasai Village and connect with communities in need. You will take a week long expedition to the Roof of Africa and climb the 19,341-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro. You’ll also get to explore Serengeti National Park, the Ngorongoro Crater, and see wildlife that only exists in this part of the world. This trip combines richness of adventure travel with the depth of experience that comes with giving back.



EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Trek the seven day Machame Route to the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the tallest free-standing mountain in the world

Work on a local community project in Tanzania's Lake Manyara region

Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of a traditional Maasai village

Explore the plains of the Ngorongoro Crater

Take a safari through Serengeti National Park

DAY 1-2

Fly to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania and meet your leaders and group. Once you have all gathered you'll orient yourself on East African time and travel together for your first night as a team in Arusha, Tanzania.

DAY 3-9

Travel to the Lake Manyara region to begin your trip working with the Red Sweater Project. This organization is focused on providing and empowering education in Tanzania by maintaining affordable schools for rural communities. You'll orient yourself to your African experience by getting to know and working with these students at their school, and touring their homes and villages. Past projects have included everything from harvesting crops in the organic garden to playing soccer with primary and secondary school children. You'll get to know the students who will invite you to join them on afternoon hikes and games. These days will be packed with adventure and immersion as you give back to the communities you'll be learning about. There's no better way to experience a place than by working with its people. Your time with the Red Sweater Project will be a life changing introduction to Tanzania.

**Itinerary and order of activities subject to variation.*





DAY 10-13

Travel from the Lake Manyara region to the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro, where you'll prepare yourself for an entire week of mountaineering to the roof of Africa. You'll spend a day meeting your expedition team which will include six guides and thirty porters. Towering over the landscape for miles and miles, you'll be able to finally get up close and personal with this iconic mountain. You'll begin climbing on the Machame Route which will take you through five entirely different ecosystems. You'll pass through the foothills to a tropical montane forest, through moorland, to alpine desert and finally to the arctic ice cap summit. You'll camp on the slopes, and spend your days cruising through incredible landscapes and changing flora and fauna as you increase altitude.

DAY 14-16

On day 5 of your climb, you'll awaken in the early morning for a summit bid of Uhuru peak as the sun rises at a staggering 19,341 feet. Standing on the roof of this spectacular continent, you'll see the expanse of Tanzania below you from the rim of a glaciated arctic crater. Kilimanjaro is a lifetime climb, and this experience will be an unforgettable accomplishment for you and your team. After your summit celebration, spend the next two days descending down the mountain from above the clouds, and enjoying the view.

DAY 17

You and your group will hop in the Land Cruisers and set out for the Ngorongoro Crater, which Tanzanians like to refer to as the eighth wonder of the world. Here you will visit a Maasai village. These semi nomadic people are known for their rich traditions, colorful dress, livestock practices, and for their commitment to maintaining their cultural heritage. An afternoon in a Maasai manyatta will widen your lens on ways to live on and with the planet, and give you a deeper appreciation for the diversity of the human experience.



DAY 18-20

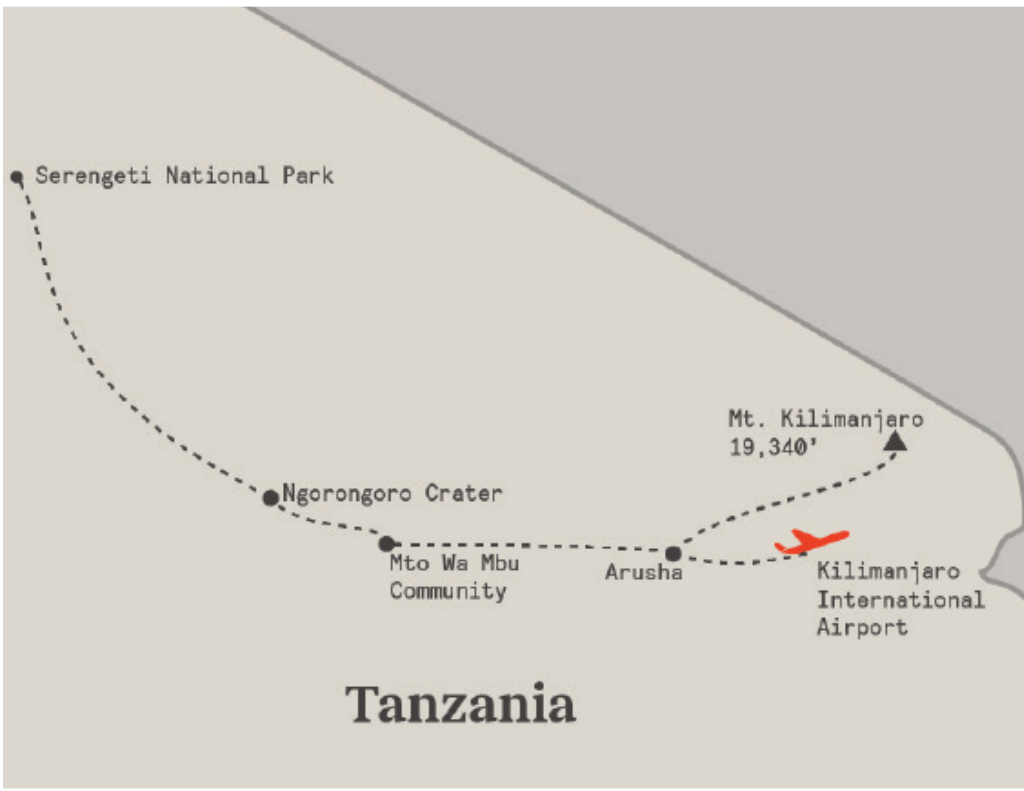
Travel to Serengeti National Park and spend two days exploring this massive wilderness. A vast expanse of almost three thousand square miles of floodplains and shimmering grasslands provides the backdrop for witnessing big wildlife such as zebra, elephant, giraffe, lion, rhino and wildebeest. This is a safari mecca, and professional guides will take you to see the majestic creatures of Tanzania in their natural wild habitat.

DAY 21-22

Travel to Arusha and celebrate this incredible journey at a final banquet before going your separate ways. Recount and relive all the adventures you've had with your group as you prepare to fly back to the United States.

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TRIP DETAILS

LENGTH	23 Days
CURRENT GRADE FOR 2021-2022 YEAR	10th-12th
CHALLENGE LEVEL	Challenging
BEGINS/ENDS	Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania (JRO) <i>Suggested flight details provided upon acceptance</i>
GROUP SIZE	12 Students
AVERAGE AIRFARE FROM EAST COAST	\$2,400

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Two dynamic trip leaders
- Professionally outfitted activities
 - Trekking
 - Safari
 - Community service
- Accommodations
 - Mountaineering and canvas tents
 - Local hotels
- Private ground transportation
- All meals
- Photos taken during your trip
- 8,000-meter parkas

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to and from Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania (JRO)
- Baggage fees
- Personal clothing + equipment
 - Full clothing + equipment list provided upon acceptance
- Personal spending money (\$250 recommended)
- Trip Insurance (Highly recommended)
- Vista for Tanzania

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