



# Tanzania Climb Kilimanjaro

## A Bucket-List Climb of Africa's Highest Peak

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# Feel the difference

with **Mountain Travel Sobek**

## Unrivaled Expertise

MT Sobek started it all! Since our first Everest Base Camp trek in 1969, we've been leading award-winning adventures and building authentic connections in far-flung locations around the world. We were named Best Adventure Travel Company by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

## Unique Trip Design

Our adventures are perfectly paced, with incredible attention to detail — the right mix of fun, learning, and challenge that guarantees lifelong memories. Plan nothing, enjoy everything. We take care of all of the logistics so that you can have more time to do what's most important: relax, take in the experience, and enjoy!

## Small Groups

We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.







## Leading the Way

### World-Class Local Guides

Our knowledgeable and passionate expert guides effortlessly create an immersive local experience for you. They are trained to the highest professional standards and are at the heart of everything we do. They make it possible to meet the challenges of adventure travel, and help create lasting memories and lifelong friendships... we can confidently say our guides are the best in the business.





# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

MT Sobek was the first company to lead commercial treks climbing Kilimanjaro in 1974 and is the adventure travel leader in hiking Kilimanjaro.

## REASON 2

MT Sobek boasts highly qualified guides, vital emergency equipment, and a 98% summiting rate — the highest on the mountain!

## REASON 3

Besides nourishing meals, expect a full day and two nights of acclimatizing at our private camp at 6,000 feet.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Hiking 6 to 8 hours daily through spellbinding landscapes of lush rainforests, rocky ridges, and incredible flora and fauna.



### LODGING

Well-equipped high-altitude camps featuring four-season dome tents, as well as overnights at a deluxe acclimatization camp and thatched cottages amidst tropical gardens.



### CLIMATE

You'll experience the pleasantly warm and dry climate of the plains and savannas. There can be passing showers, drizzle, or no rain at all at any time of year.



### KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

*"What a total comfort to know that with MT Sobek, you're in the hands of professionals who have been doing it so long and so well. That was part of why we landed on them as our operators for our dream trip, and everything about the experience they gave us—from tailored expertise to unswerving professionalism—confirmed the company's emphasis on excellence." - Alex M.*





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Summit mighty Kilimanjaro on this spectacular mountain adventure! Follow MT Sobek's highly experienced guides up a less-traveled route with a 98% summiting success rate. Warm up on the forested slopes of neighboring Mount Meru, home to colobus monkeys, buffalo, giraffes, and elephants. Unbelievable sunsets await at campsites en route to the "Roof of Africa" at 19,340 feet. Pair this trip with a magical five-day safari in the Ngorongoro Crater Highlands and Serengeti.

### 10 Days

**Start:** Arusha, Tanzania

**End:** Arusha, Tanzania

**Departing:** January, February, March, June, July, August, September, October, December

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking

**Lodging:** Comfortable Camping, Comfortable Hotels

**Group Size:** 4-12 Guests

**ACTIVITY:**



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*If you are looking for a challenge that is reachable, this is it. MT Sobek will feed your mind, body and soul as you move along with knowledgeable guides, who are educated in the environment, eco systems, physiology of the body, and psychology of the mind. This is a unique experience that is worth every penny.*

- Caroline L.

Check [mtsobek.com](https://www.mtsobek.com) for date-specific pricing.

# The Itinerary

## DAY 01

### Welcome to Tanzania

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport in Tanzania and meet with MT Sobek trip leaders to transfer to camp at the foot of Mount Meru, a stratovolcano roughly 40 miles west of Mount Kilimanjaro. Relax and acclimatize at 6,000 feet (a key factor in our summitting success rate), and meet fellow travelers before hitting the trail. A light dinner will be available at any arrival time.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Deluxe Camp-Itikoni Camp

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour shared vehicle transfer

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## DAY 02

### Hike the Forested Slopes of Mount Meru

Rise and shine for a hot breakfast at sunrise. After an in-depth briefing session, set off for an optional warm-up hike on the forested slopes of Mount Meru. Look out for colobus monkeys, buffalo, giraffes, and elephants and notice the region's diverse bird species that include touracos, hornbills, and parrots. Unwind to the alpenglow descending on the majestic slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro in the distance. Enjoy your welcome dinner with other guests and your guide this evening.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Deluxe Camp-Itikoni Camp

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 1–2 hours/2 miles optional hiking with 2,000' elevation gain; camp at 6,000'

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## DAY 03

### Trek through a Montane Cloud Forest to Machame Camp

Kick the day off with a scenic drive to the Machame Route trailhead on Kilimanjaro's southeastern slope. Pass Kilimanjaro National Park gates and start the beautiful montane cloud forest trek to the camp near the Machame Hut (10,000'). En route, pause for a hearty buffet lunch and continue the tropical climb over roots and through tangled vines of the giant fern forest. Warm up to a hot dinner at MT Sobek Camp's cozy dining tent.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp-Kilimanjaro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour scenic transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 7 hours/8 miles hiking with 3,900' elevation gain; camp at 9,900'

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## Trek to Shira Plateau at 12,400'

After breakfast, begin a short but arduous 3-mile hike through twisted heather bush forests, giant groundsel trees, low grasses, moorland lobelias, and black obsidian rock. End at Shira Plateau at 12,650', a stunning viewpoint onto the sweeping East African plains and Mount Meru in the distance. At the camp, revel in the first views of Kilimanjaro's Western Breach.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp-Kilimanjaro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/3.5 miles hiking with 2,900' elevation gain; camp at 12,400'

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## Head to the Great Barranco Valley

Today's hike is to the beautiful Great Barranco Valley, as evidenced by its recognition in the renowned Kilimanjaro IMAX film. Take in the towering peaks and lush landscapes as you climb to your first night at the 13,000 foot level. From camp you will have a view of the awesome Breach Wall towering above and enjoy a short afternoon hike from camp through enchanting Senecio forests. Here you begin the critical acclimatization process, preparing yourself for the exciting summit push.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp-Kilimanjaro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-7 hours/6 miles hiking with 1,000' elevation gain and 1,000' of loss; camp at 13,000'

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## Depart for Karanga Valley

Leaving the spectacular Great Barranco Valley, your journey unfolds beneath the glittering southern glaciers of Kilimanjaro. Continue to ascend the challenging rock face of the "Breakfast Wall" a steep and stunning climb of about a thousand feet, arriving at the ridge separating the Barranco Valley from the Karanga Valley with panoramic views. From here take a well-earned descent into the Karanga Valley to your camp for the night.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp-Kilimanjaro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4-5 hours/3 miles hiking with about 880' of elevation gain and 680' of loss; camp at 13,200'

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## Depart Karanga Valley for Barafu Camp

As you ascend from the Karanga Valley, the landscape transforms, presenting a mix of rugged terrain and breathtaking vistas. A pivotal segment of the ascent, you begin the traverse to the intersection of the Barafu and Mweka routes. You will navigate undulating paths through multiple ecological zones, showcasing the diverse ecosystems of Kilimanjaro. At the intersection, turn uphill and climb a steeper more challenging ascent towards Barafu Camp. Here the air is thinner and views stark and awe-inspiring.



**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp-Kilimanjaro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 4-6 hours/3 miles hiking with 3,000' elevation gain; camp at 15,000'



DAY  
08

### Climb to Crater Camp

Today's exhilarating and challenging trek will wind its way up the Barafu Route, a non-technical climbing trail rising right to the crater rim of the main Kilimanjaro summit massif. On reaching the rim, pause to explore the inner crater and the ash pit before continuing to your highest camp on the crater floor, and the final camp before summit day. This spectacular high camp is next to the Furtwangler Glacier, offering stunning views westward toward Mount Meru and the setting African sun.

**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp-Kilimanjaro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 7-9 hours/2 miles hiking with 3,600' elevation gain; camp at 18,800'

DAY  
09

### Summit the Top of Uhuru Peak

Today comes the unforgettable moment of success: making the final, 2-hour push to 19,341' — the top of Kilimanjaro's Uhuru Peak. Rejoice in surreal views of summit crater glaciers and African plains and join in for a group summit photo. Around 9am, start descending over 9,000 feet. Rest during lunch at Barafu (15,000 feet) and end the last night at Mweka Camp, nestled within a lush forest.



**ACCOMMODATION:** MT Sobek Camp-Kilimanjaro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 8-10 hours/8 miles hiking with 540' gain and 9,340' loss; camp at 10,000'

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## **Bid Farewell to Kilimanjaro**

Finish off the last 3,700 feet down the rainforest trail to the Mweka Gate for a celebratory lunch and then transfer to the Planet Lodge, near the Kilimanjaro Airport. Relax in your day room, enjoy hot showers, and perhaps a spa treatment (time permitting and by own account) and let the rewarding experience of your spectacular journey sink in. Bid farewell to fellow climbers, then head to the Kilimanjaro International Airport for homeward-bound flights. Those who prefer can join our optional 5-day Tanzania Ngorongoro Crater & Serengeti Safari Extension!

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1-hour transfer to hotel; Shared airport transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 3-5 hours/4 miles hiking with 4,500' elevation loss



## Where You'll Stay

These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.

### **MT Sobek Camp—Itikoni Camp**

Nestled at the base of Mount Meru in Arusha National Park, our deluxe camp offers luxury-style canvas tents with wooden beds, linens, comforters, pillows, and en-suite toilets and showers. Day hikes from camp lead to enchanting forests and waterfalls. Guests savor delicious meals in the dining tent or relax in the cozy library lounge with a wood-burning stove.

### **MT Sobek Camp—Kilimanjaro**

Guests on the epic Kilimanjaro summit bid sleep in comfortable four-season Mountain Hardwear dome tents, sleeping up to two guests. Delicious hearty meals are served in the custom-designed mess tent. Each camp (Machame, Shira, Barranco, Karanga, Barafu, Crater, and Mweka) commands exceptional views of rugged plateaus or verdant valleys, often amidst afro-alpine scenery well above cloud level.



# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: January, February, March, June, July, August, September, October, December

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**  
Once you book, your price is GUARANTEED!

June 17-26, 2025

June 30-July 9, 2025

July 11-20, 2025

September 6-15, 2025

October 3-12, 2025

December 12-21, 2025

January 9-18, 2026

February 7-16, 2026

June 5-14, 2026

July 10-19, 2026

September 11-20, 2026

December 17-26, 2026

# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

## PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses





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