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EXPEDITION TO MOUNT KILIMANJARO

SEPTEMBER 20 – 28, 2025 9 DAYS | 8 NIGHTS



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 (8 NIGHTS)

The world's tallest freestanding mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro lures hikers, climbers and thrill seekers alike to Tanzania to summit Africa's highest peak. A physically and mentally challenging adventure, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and the journey is as inspiring as the destination. On this special group trip you'll be guided by a team of experts that has your back on the way up—and down.

HIGHLIGHTS & SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

Expert expedition support

Ascend along the spectacular Machame Route—considered the most beautiful one, from farmland to lush rainforest to alpine meadows—with the security and support of expert local mountain guides, all necessary camping and safety equipment and the 24/7 assistance of Indagare's partners on the ground.

Enjoy VIP camp services as you climb

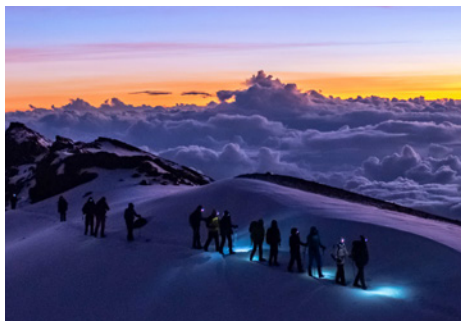
Porters will carry your gear for you and set up a comfortable campsite every day in advance of your arrival; the next morning, they will dismantle the camp after your departure, so that you can focus on the challenge at hand. You will also have shower and toilet tents (a luxury on Kilimanjaro), as well as a communal dining tent, where you can relax with your fellow climbers over nourishing meals prepared by your dedicated chef.

Spend two nights at the peaceful Arusha Coffee Lodge in Tanzania

Explore Tanzania's Arusha National Park prior to your climb to acclimatize and prepare for your six-night expedition. (You will also spend time at the lodge after the climb, before your departure home).

FROM \$11,300 (PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY); \$12,300 (SINGLE OCCUPANCY)

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— Your Accommodations —



ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE (ELEWANA COLLECTION)

In the foothills of Mount Meru, on the outskirts of the bustling town of Arusha, this comfortable (and eco-friendly) lodge feels like a second home. It provides amazing access to the surrounding coffee plantations and Arusha National Park, where you can trek to get acclimatized before heading out on your Kilimanjaro expedition. There are 30 chalets, a lounge with log fires, a small swimming pool, a garden terrace and acres of coffee fields where guests can take tours.



KILIMANJARO VIP TENTS

You will stay in some of the most comfortable accommodations available on Mount Kilimanjaro; however, this is certainly a camping experience, so prepare for rugged conditions. All campsite and safety equipment are included for your convenience. Tents sleep two people and are large enough to change in (dimensions: approximately 8.5'L x 7'W x 5'H), with off-the-ground cots equipped with a pillow, three-inch mattress and -30°C-rated thermal sleeping bag. Your campsite also includes a bathroom tent with a chemical toilet and a shower/wash tent (a true luxury on Kilimanjaro).

From top: Courtesy Arusha Coffee Lodge; courtesy Indagare



By Abby Sandman, courtesy Indagare

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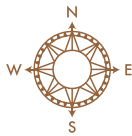
“The trip was more than I could have ever imagined. Our host was on top of every detail. She made sure each individual’s needs were taken care of. Always the last to tuck us all in, taking up the rear on the trail... keeping a watchful eye on everyone.”

A traveler on the 2023 Indagare Journey to Mount Kilimanjaro



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Itinerary



DAYS 1-2, SEPT. 20-21: WELCOME TO TANZANIA

- **Day 1:** Arrival at the Kilimanjaro International Airport, one-hour transfer by car to Arusha Coffee Lodge for check-in and time to recharge. Welcome dinner with fellow travelers
- **Day 2:** Full-day excursion including a game drive with a ranger at Arusha National Park (containing the Momela Crater Lakes, the Ngurdoto Crater and Mount Meru), to acclimatize to the area before your climb. Hiking time will be around two to three hours, depending on the day's activities, at 1,200 foot elevation. Return to the lodge by 4:00 p.m. to rest and refresh for an orientation and dinner.

OVERNIGHTS: ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE (X2) | MEALS: L, D (X2)

DAY 3, SEPT. 22: ARUSHA TO MACHAME CAMP

- After breakfast, transfer two hours by car to Machame Village. Set off through the Machame Gate for your seven-day hike to summit the tallest freestanding mountain in the world.
- Pass through giant fig and rubber tree forests, where you may catch a glimpse of colobus and blue-faced monkeys playing in the branches above. As you emerge and begin to peep over the treetops to the plains below, you reach your first destination: Machame Camp.

OVERNIGHT: MACHAME CAMP (VIP TENT) | MEALS: B, L, D
Total Distance | Elevation: 7.3 miles (11.8 kilometers) | 10,000 feet

DAY 4, SEPT. 23: MACHAME CAMP TO SHIRA CAMP

- Trek out of the forest into heath and moorland—a demonstration of Kilimanjaro's "four seasons in four days." Traverse savannah plains carpeted with tall grasses and crossed by rugged fields of dried lava and streams bordered by exotic plants.
- End today's hike at the rocky Shira Plateau.

OVERNIGHT: SHIRA CAMP (VIP TENT) | MEALS: B, L, D
Total Distance | Elevation: 4.3 miles (6.9 kilometers) | 12,500 feet

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DAY 5, SEPT. 24: SHIRA CAMP TO BARRANCO CAMP

- Cross the Shira Plateau and enjoy a spectacular view of Kibo (one of Kilimanjaro's three volcanic cones). The trail leads over steppes and glacial valleys to the Lava Tower (a 325-foot freestanding rock), where you begin your descent through the Grand Barranco canyon.
- Stay at the most picturesque campsite on the route—Barranco—which is tucked beneath the snow-capped Great Barranco Wall.

OVERNIGHT: BARRANCO CAMP (VIP TENT) | MEALS: B, L, D

Total Distance | Elevation: 7.5 miles (12.1 kilometers) | 13,044 feet

DAY 6, SEPT. 25: BARRANCO CAMP TO KARANGA CAMP

- The fourth day of hiking is short and acclimatization-focused. Ascend the Great Barranco Wall and hike through the lovely Karanga Valley, where bright-green malachite sunbirds can be seen among the flowers.
- Spend the night at Karanga Camp, which has no increase in elevation to give you plenty of time to acclimatize.

OVERNIGHT: KARANGA CAMP (VIP TENT) | MEALS: B, L, D

Total Distance | Elevation: 3.7 miles (5.9 kilometers) | 13,106 feet

DAY 7, SEPT. 26: KARANGA CAMP TO BARAFU CAMP

- Today is another short day. Trek across a lunar desert offering views of both the Mawenzi and Kibo volcanic cones until you reach Barafu—your base camp. Spend the afternoon resting and preparing for your much-anticipated summit day.

OVERNIGHT: BARAFU CAMP (VIP TENT) | MEALS: B, L, D

Total Distance | Elevation: 3.1 miles (5.0 kilometers) | 15,331 feet



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DAY 8, SEPT. 27: SUMMIT DAY: BARAFU CAMP TO MWEKA CAMP

- Wake up at midnight to begin one of the most physically challenging undertakings you may ever face in life: your nighttime ascent to Mount Kilimanjaro's Uhuru Peak.
- Traverse a path leading through glaciers, supported by your fellow climbers and your guides, who are trained to pace the group and watch for signs of altitude sickness.
- After approximately six hours of hiking, reach Gilman's Point and watch the sun rise over the clouds and the snow-covered slopes.
- From Gilman's Point, it takes another two hours to push through to Uhuru Peak. The highest peak on the world's tallest freestanding mountain, Uhuru means "freedom" in Kiswahili, and it was thus named when Tanzania gained its independence in 1961. When you reach the summit, you can finally admire Africa from her highest vantage point and revel in the enormous challenge that you have just conquered.
- Begin the descent to Barafu Camp, where a well-deserved breakfast awaits. Continue down until you reach Kilimanjaro's upper forest, where you will stay at Mweka Camp for your final night on the "Roof of Africa."

OVERNIGHT: MWEKA CAMP (VIP TENT) | MEALS: B, L, D
Total Distance | Elevation: 10.5 miles (16.9 kilometers) | 10,065 feet

DAY 9, SEPT. 29: DESCENT & DEPARTURE

- Continue your descent to the Mweka Gate (elevation 5,383 feet), where you will sign out and collect your climbing certificate. Here you will transfer to the Arusha Coffee Lodge, for a hot lunch and your own private day room to shower, relax and reflect on your achievement.
- In the evening, transfer one hour by car to the Kilimanjaro International Airport for your departure flight home.

DAY ROOM: ARUSHA COFFEE LODGE | MEALS: B

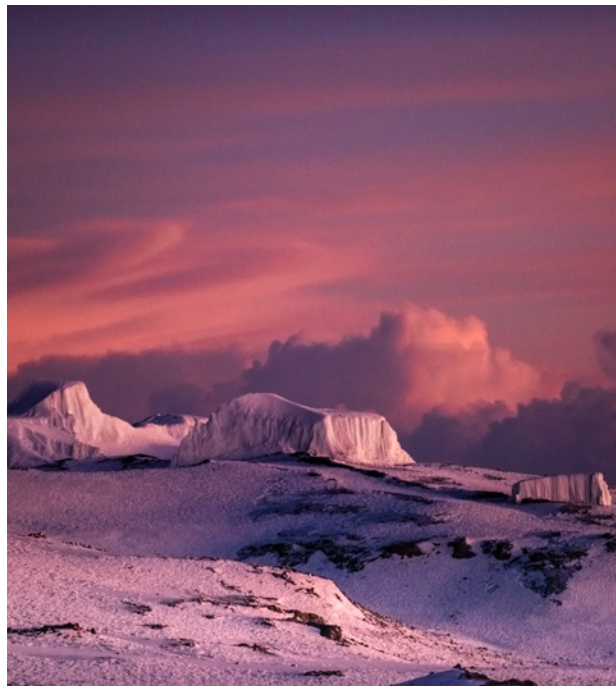
* *Please note that elements of the itinerary may change.*

INDAGARE IMPACT

At Indagare, we believe that travel can and should have a positive impact on the destinations we visit. We are proud to operate as a 100 percent carbon-neutral company, and you can rest assured that the unavoidable emissions from your trip have been offset through trustworthy carbon projects. By offsetting all company operations, staff travel, and trips booked for both members and Journeys participants, our travelers know that they have done as much as possible to ensure they are not negatively impacting the environment. And through the Indagare Impact Fund, we donate an additional percentage of our annual revenue to carefully vetted non-profits committed to helping preserve culture, heritage and the environment.

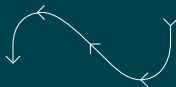


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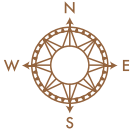
Journey Inclusions

- All accommodations as detailed in the itinerary.
- All camping equipment (VIP level), including walk-in, two-person tents with cots, pillows and mattresses, a sleeping bag, toilet and shower tents and a mess tent
- All expert mountain guides (NOLS qualified) and porters, with the 24/7 services of Indagare's partners on the ground in Tanzania
- All daily meals, fresh coffee and filtered water on the mountain with the services of a dedicated chef
- All Kilimanjaro National Park fees and rescue fees
- All safety equipment (including portable altitude chamber, pulse oximeter and oxygen) and communication equipment (including satellite phones)
- Gratuities for guides, camp crew, camp chefs
- Scheduled group airport arrival and departure transfers with VIP assistance, as well as group transfers to/from Kilimanjaro trailheads
- Temporary membership of Flying Doctors Evacuation Services to Nairobi
- Porterage of two bags per person
- 24/7 access to Global Rescue emergency medical, security and evacuation services for the duration of the trip (see p.9)
- Carbon Neutrality: Offsetting 100 percent of unavoidable emissions, including flights booked through Indagare, through certified carbon projects

JOURNEY EXCLUSIONS

- International air transportation to and from Tanzania, as well as airport taxes and visa fee
- Optional activities and trip extensions, as well as additional transfers and meals/beverages not included in the itinerary
- Personal expenses such as hiking gear (including poles and a thermal sleeping bag), phone calls and excess baggage fees
- Any medications (such as Diamox for altitude sickness)
- Gratuities for porters--tipping guidelines suggest 40 USD per porter (each guest will have about 6-8 porters)--we will pool everyone's porter tips together and have the expedition leader distribute them to the team of porters. Please bring \$320 USD in cash (per person) for the porters.
- Excess baggage fees (if bringing more than 2x bags per person)
- Trip insurance (highly recommended--please let us know if you would like quotes).
- Custom trip-planning for add-on travel to destinations not included in the Journey is available; please inquire.
- Liability for change in itinerary due to reasons beyond our control (such as flights, cancellations, natural phenomena)

Know Before You Go: Global Rescue & Trip Insurance



Complimentary International Global Rescue Services Coverage

To help you travel more safely, responsibly and seamlessly, as part of your signup and registration, **all guests on International Indagare Journeys receive Global Rescue coverage for the dates of their journey as an added benefit.** This means that in the event that an emergency occurs during the trip, guests have access to a variety of services, including medical assistance and evacuation assistance.

Global Rescue Overview

Global Rescue was founded in 2004 and has five operations centers and offices in five countries, with 200+ medical centers of excellence worldwide and 20,000+ operations globally. Global Rescue operations centers are staffed by experienced nurses, paramedics and military special operations veterans.

For the duration of any Indagare Journey you have access to:

- **24/7 medical assistance and advisory services for natural disasters, terror attacks and civil unrest.**
- **Evacuations from the point of injury/illness to home country hospital (at no additional cost)**
- **Travel intelligence services, including alerts and real-time destination reports for 215 countries**

Additional services include: symptom triage, referral to local hospital or clinic, urgent/emergency message relay, telephonic support, health information services, replacement of lost medical supplies & medical triage.

For more on Global Rescue, go to globalrescue.com.

Additional Trip Insurance Recommendation

It is important to note that the **Global Rescue coverage that comes with every purchase of an Indagare Journey is not the same as travel or trip insurance**, which—among other features—offers financial protection concerning situations that occur before a trip begins and require a change or cancellation of travel plans. These can include a personal or family illnesses or other unexpected factors such as lost luggage, flight disruption, illnesses or accidents that require emergency medical treatment and/or hospitalization.

So that guests can plan and undertake travel with the minimum possible financial risks, **Indagare also strongly recommends that guests joining Indagare Journeys trips purchase travel insurance to cover their trip(s).** Travel insurance may be obtained from any of a number of providers that specialize in such insurance, and as a courtesy to guests, **Indagare can arrange for a quote for coverage with our preferred providers to be prepared and emailed directly to you at your request.**

Note: Plans from some providers can be purchased up to 24 hours prior to departure; others require 14 days notice. Indagare recommends opting in to a plan well in advance of your trip. Please be advised that Indagare is not a licensed insurance company or advisor.