

Kilimanjaro Elephant Safari – Tanzania

Itinerary

Day One

You are transferred from Kilimanjaro airport to the Golf Safari House for the first night, a journey of about 35 minutes. Your guide will join you for dinner at the lodge and introduce the itinerary for the next week.



Please note that precise day by day itineraries may vary according to movements of the game and weather conditions.

Day Two

After breakfast, you are transferred the short journey to the entrance to Arusha National Park, where your horses are waiting for you. As you ride through the park the vegetation changes dramatically from open grassland to rainforest, with good chances of seeing elephant, buffalo, plains game, the rare Suni and Red Duiker, and maybe even evidence of leopard.



After lunch in the bush and a short siesta you continue to ride through leopard country. Your route takes you past Margarete Trappe's old house, a legendary lady known for her adventures in the First World War.

After a long day in the saddle you arrive in camp based on the foot of Mount Meru in time for showers and sundowners before dinner under the stars.



Day Three

Your early morning call may be joined by the talkative Colobus monkeys before breakfast is served. Shortly after you join your horses and ride towards the area where the film *Hatari* was filmed, before starting the climb to the 'Fig Tree Arch', a massive arch big enough to fit five horses underneath.

The ride continues until you reach the lunch spot, beautifully located in the rainforest next to a waterfall.

After lunch you head back towards camp, descending from 2,000m and passing another 30m waterfall on the way.

Back at camp there is the opportunity to go in the vehicles to the Momella Lakes in the hope of seeing hippo and the beautiful birdlife. Enjoy sundowners at the lake before heading back to camp for showers and dinner.



Day Four

Wake with the sun and after an early breakfast you ride out of Arusha National Park. Leaving Mount Meru towering behind you, you ride eastwards through Tanzanian farmland and the Massai steppe towards Mount Kilimanjaro. This is a long but scenic ride with many cultural interactions with the local people. After a long, pacey morning, lunch is served in the shade of a big acacia tree, near to a dam where the Massai water their cattle.



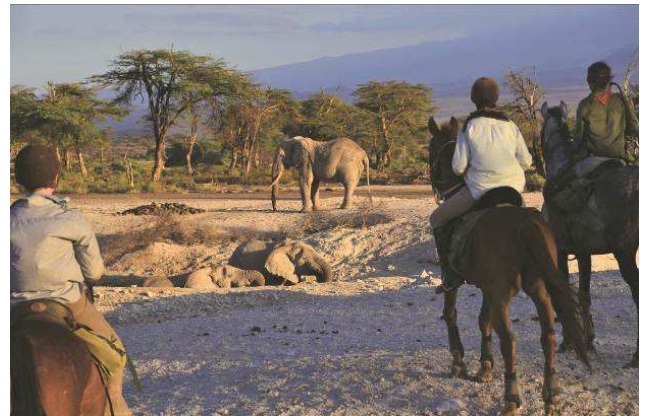
After a welcome siesta the afternoon ride enters vast open plains with a big chance of seeing plains game such as zebra, giraffe, antelope and much more. Making fast tracks you cover the ground quickly, reaching camp before the sun hits the horizon.



Day Five

Today you go in search of elephant! The terrain varies from thick scrublands to acacia woodland. You return to camp for lunch and a siesta before riding out again in the afternoon.

Return to camp before sunset and enjoy the evening around the fire and listen to the day's stories.



Day Six

Set off this morning towards the hill of the 'Seven Sisters'. After crossing the hills you ride through Sinya Village and continue towards the lunch spot under a shady tree.

The terrain varies from opened grassland to beautiful canopy forests. The day offers a good chance of seeing more plains game such as wildebeests, but most important is the presence of the shy antelope, the Gerenuk.

The night is spent in a special place with the four powerful mountains of Mt Meru, Mt Namanga, Mt Longido and Mt Kilimanjaro towering up all around you.



Day Seven

Shortly after sunrise you set off in the direction of the Kenyan border. This day will again be spent tracking the footsteps of the biggest land mammal, the elephant. Hopefully you will have good luck and get the chance to see these giants from the back of a horse.

The night will be spent overlooking the pans, with the plains game on constant alert for predators.



Day Eight

A relaxing morning in camp. After breakfast you are transferred to the Golf Safari House for lunch.

Later that afternoon you are transferred to Kilimanjaro airport in time for your flight.

Accommodation

The first night on safari is spent at the Golf Safari House. There are ten ensuite twin or double rooms. Single rooms are also available (supplement payable).



Room amenities include free WiFi, a safe, a laundry basket, bath robes, an electric kettle (for coffee and tea), drinking water, a mosquito net and international sockets for charging personal devices.

The bright and spacious sitting room offers a quiet area to relax and unwind and enjoy the spectacular views of Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Meru. The bar is located near the swimming pool and a fire is lit each evening for sundowners.



The tents on the mobile camp are spacious with mosquito netted doors and windows. Each tent is provided with cot beds, white clean cotton linen, towels and a solar light. There is one short drop toilet and bucket shower per tent/two people.



Single accommodation is available (with shared toilet/shower tent).

