

4 day Private Mount Meru Safari

From USD 930 pp sharing

Arusha – Arusha (Walking & Trekking)

Daily Departures (subject to availability)

Trekking Itinerary: Mount Meru

Day	Start	Finish	Altitude Gain (m)	Walking time	Description
1	Momella Gate (1500m)	Miriakamba Hut (2500m)	↑1000m	4-5h	Hike through the dry forest with the chance to see wild animals. Beautiful and stunning views of Arusha National Park and Kilimanjaro.
2	Miriakamba Hut (2500m)	Saddle Hut (3550m)	↑1050m	3-4h	Hike through the mountain rainforest, buffalos often visible. At midday, ascent to Little Mt. Muru (3820m).
3	Saddle Hut(3550m) – Socialist Peak (4562m)	Miriakamba Hut (2500m)	↑1000m ↓2050m	10-14h	Long summit hike with fantastic views and light climbing passages.
4	Miriakamba Hut (2500m)	Momella Gate (1500m)	↓1000m	2-3h	Comfortable descent, good opportunity to view and observe the wildlife.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arusha - Momella Gate (1500m) – Miriakamba Hut (2500m)

In the morning, you will be collected from your hotel in Arusha and after a scenic drive, you will arrive at the Arusha National Park Gate. At the national park gate, your guide will complete the obligatory entry forms and whilst he does so, you can peruse the information boards of the national park. Once the formalities have been completed and the hiking team consisting of porters from the surrounding villages is formed, you will be driven a little further to Momella Gate. An armed park ranger will accompany you while you start your hike and get a first glimpse of the buffalo and giraffe in the park. Once you have left the buffalo herds and giraffes behind, you will enter the acacia forest, in which you will follow the Southern Route. After a steady 2 hour climb, you will reach Maio Falls with its picturesque meadows that are a perfect place for a picnic. After a rest, you will again be on your way and soon reach the well-known 'Arched Fig Tree'. Here your park ranger will tell you about the formation of this tree and how it gained its shape forming an arch over the path. After another 1½ – 2 hours, you will reach Miriakamba Hut. Settle in and enjoy your evening meal.

Overnight at Miriakamba Hut (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 2: Miriakamba Hut (2500m) – Saddle Hut (3550m)

In the morning, you will leave the Miriakamba Hut behind and follow a steep track with wooden steps upwards. Due to the gain in height, it will be noticeably cooler than the previous day and due to this, the hike will seem to get easier. Clouds often hang in the rainforest to dip the lush vegetation in a moody atmosphere. After approximately 2 hours you will reach the vantage point 'Mgongo wa Tembo' (Elephant back) at an elevation of 3200 meters, where you will enjoy a well earned break. After



another hike in which the vegetation changes from rainforest into an airy bush land, you will reach Saddle Hut (3550m) at midday for a relaxing lunch break. During the afternoon, you have the option of a trip to Little Meru (3820m) which takes approximately 1 to 1 ½ hours, from where you have wonderful views of Arusha National Park and of Kilimanjaro (approximately 80 km's away). Back at the hut, a warm dinner is waiting for you before your final preliminary talk in preparation for the following day's climb to the summit.

Overnight at Saddle Hut (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 3: Saddle Hut – Socialist Peak (4562m) – Miriakamba Hut (2500m)

After an early start with tea and biscuits, you will leave for the summit at 02h00. By torchlight you will follow the trail through bush land to the so-called Rhino Point (3821m), in which the path turns into a little more of a challenging trek with occasional light climbs. You will follow the north ridge to the summit on which you walk on ground alternating between lava ash and rock. After approximately 4 to 5 hours, you will have the summit and the Tanzanian flag in your sights. From the summit, you will be able to enjoy the sun rising above Kilimanjaro and the fantastic view of Mount Meru's crater with its steep sides and the "Ash Cone" in the middle. The descent follows the same route back to Saddle Hut (3550m) where you will take a well deserved long break and recuperate with hot soup and tea. Once refreshed, you will continue with the descent. During the early afternoon you will reach Miriakamba Hut (2500m) - tired but happy. Here you can relax and think about the last stage that you have just completed!

Overnight at Miriakamba Hut (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 4: Miriakamba Hut (2500m) – Momella Gate (1500m)

After breakfast you will follow a 2 to 3 hour trek over the so-called 'Northern Route' back to Momella Gate. The descent is shorter than the ascent but there is still a chance to see buffalo, elephant, giraffe as well as the black and white colobus monkeys. At the gate, you will say farewell to your hiking crew and your driver will take you back to Arusha. Your trekking safari has come to an end.
(breakfast and lunch are included)

* The summit stage contains a few simple but unsecured climbing passages. A good head for heights and sure footedness are absolutely necessary. In adverse weather conditions (heavy rain, icy rocks and paths or during thick fog) the park ranger can call off the climb to the summit. We do not advise climbs / trekking during the rainy season (April and May)

Rates:

1 January – 30 June

1 pax: USD 1 250 for trekking alone

2 – 3 pax: USD 930 per person sharing (no single supplement)

4 – 6 pax: USD 850 per person sharing (no single supplement)

Children under 16 years of age: USD 125 reduction per child (if travelling with minimum 2 other people)

1 July – 31 December

1 pax: USD 1 340 for trekking alone

2 – 3 pax: USD 1 020 per person sharing (no single supplement)

4 – 6 pax: USD 940 per person sharing (no single supplement)

Children under 16 years of age: USD 125 reduction per child (if travelling with minimum 2 other people)

Included



A professional English speaking guide; English speaking park ranger; personal porters; Kilimanjaro Trekking Safari according to the itinerary above; meals as indicated on the itinerary above; 3 litres of mineral water per person per day; return transfers from Arusha to the National Park Gate; accommodation in mountain huts according to the itinerary above; all National Park fees and rescue fees

Excluded

Sleeping bag; meals and snacks not indicated in the itinerary above; alcohol and soft drinks (coke, fanta, etc.); personal spending for souvenirs, etc.; personal / travel and medical insurance; personal items; international flights; visas (if applicable); yellow fever certificate; tips and portages

Important Information

Only children 14 years and older are allowed on these trekking safaris

Validity periods are as specified above – should a booking fall over two rate periods the rate will change and we reserve the right to re-quote

The rates quoted above are subject to change without prior warning, if there are any increases in bed levies, park fees, fuel, sales tax or VAT, third-party services or any other circumstances beyond our control in the countries featured in this quote

Our trading terms apply

Additional activities not included in this quote are for clients' own expense