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Safari Trekking Destination Guide

Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest Mountain in Africa, is located in northern Tanzania (formerly called Tanganyika). It is located around 200 miles south of the equator. Mount Kilimanjaro, an extinct volcanic Mountain, is 19,341 feet in height.

Mount Kilimanjaro is located within the boundaries of Mount Kilimanjaro National Park. The National Park, 756 square kilometers in size, was originally established as a game reserve in the early 1900's. In 1921, the government of Tanganyika renamed the game reserve to a forest and game reserve. In 1957, the Tanganyika National Parks Authority with support from many local and international conservation organizations and interest groups formally proposed the establishment of a national park that encompassed Mount Kilimanjaro. The area above 2700-meter contour was established as Kilimanjaro National Park and was officially opened for tourism in 1977. In 1989, the World Heritage Convention declared the Park a World Heritage site.



[Click here for a complete guide to Mount Kilimanjaro Park](#)

Recommended Route - Shira Trek - Kilimanjaro

Climb / Trek Overview - Duration: 8 Days.

Shira Trek starts at an altitude of 11600ft (3500m), and should only be endeavored by trekkers who are already acclimatized, or know from previous trekking or climbing experience that they can tolerate altitude. From the trailhead, the route heads east across the center of the Shira Plateau, where one is often likely to spot big game such as elephants and buffalos. The route then joins up with Machame Trek at Shira Camp, and approaches the summit via Stella Point descending via Mweka Camp.



[Click here for complete information on Mount Kilimanjaro Treks](#)

Indian Ocean Beach Destination Guide - Dar es Salaam - Tanzania

Top 10 Reasons To Visit Tanzania

Tanzania is country so wealthy that it would practically take years to document all the resources. Not only is the country proud to bear witness to the highest and largest free standing mountain in the world but also to the rich and diverse wildlife concentrations, mineral and other resources available. If Africa's tourism opportunities were to be summarized by one single country that country would be Tanzania.

1. Wildlife Watching and Nature Safaris: Tanzania prides huge numbers of wildlife spread all over the country and each of these wildlife display their own characteristics particular to the ecosystem. With Tanzania's national park and game reserves located so remotely such as Selous and Mahale Mountains, AfricanMecca guests have the opportunity to view one of Africa's few resources preserved by nature and almost untouched by mankind. Tanzania's rich biodiversity can be done by taking a count of the following: 3000 lions in the Selous, regular sightings of African Hunting dogs in Ruaha extinct in most parts of Africa, Chimpanzees in Mahale and Gombe in their natural habitat, circumambulation of a million wildebeests in the Serengeti and the list goes on.

Visiting Tanzania On A Wildlife And Nature Safari Ascertains A Once In A Lifetime Experience Unlike Anything Guests Have Encountered.



2. Specialized Chimpanzee Safari Program: Tanzania hails the great majestic mountains of Mahale, home to hundreds of chimpanzees. Guests visiting Tanzania can undertake a specialized Chimpanzee trekking safari to the southwestern national parks of Mahale Mountains and Gombe Stream.

Visit Tanzania And Undertake A Specialized Chimpanzee Safari.



3. Active Adventure: Climb the "Natural Wonder Of The World". Mount Kilimanjaro being easily accessible has been the dream of many athletes and adventurers who wish to experience and pride themselves of having been to the roof of Africa. The variety of routes suited for varying lifestyles makes Mount Kilimanjaro a must climb for people who just want to experience nature or view the ecosystems and terrains. For those ready to take up the challenge, opportunities exist to make it all the way to the top with the help of professional and certified guides and porters. If climbing Mount Kilimanjaro isn't a thrill enough, AfricanMecca guests can trek up Ol Donyo Lengai Mountain of God, which remains an active volcano mountain to date. Lara Croft: Tomb Raider - The Cradle of Life was filmed at Ol Donyo Lengai - Mountain of God.

Experience Authentic Adventure, Filled With Fun Like Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, A Possibility For Most Any Individual.

4. Indian Ocean Beach Vacation: AfricanMecca guests can take time from their busy schedule to enjoy a real vacation far away from anything they normally do. Tanzania's multiple Indian Ocean Islands provides guests the opportunity to select their beach spot just they



way they prefer it. Considering that less than a million visitors come to Tanzania over a given year, guests can be assured their experience remains personalized and private. While in Zanzibar, sit out on the soft white sandy beach under a palm thatch umbrella watching the sparkling turquoise blue waters totally mesmerize you.

Visit Tanzania And Have The Option To Select From The Islands Of Zanzibar, Pemba And Mafia Or Visit The Coastal Shores Of Tanzania To Experience A Relaxing Beach Vacation.

[Click here for complete Top 10 reasons to visit Tanzania](#)

Ras Kutani - Near Dar esSalaam

AfricanMecca Tier 1 Experience. [Click here](#) for details on AfricanMecca Rating

The tranquil Indian Ocean shores of Tanzania today epitomize the resources, culture and history along the coast in past centuries. Only the distant billowing of the scimitar-shaped sail of an Arab dhow, unchanged for millennia, will give the modern day visitor an indication of a past that witnessed the waves of traders, explorers, adventurers, pirates, slavers and invaders that came with the tides of time.

Alongside its long, colorful and sanguine history, the Tanzanian coast today offers its visiting guests that increasingly rare beach destination: long stretches of pristine deserted beaches, warm blue seas and an opportunity to experience peace and tranquility long since swamped by overcrowding in more publicized tropical resorts.

None more so than Ras Kutani, set on a crescent of white sandy beach, washed by the gentle surf of the temperate Indian Ocean. The resort is situated only 35 kilometers south of the port of Dar es Salaam but offers the perfect hideaway, far from the madding crowd.

[Click here for complete details on Ras Kutani Beach Lodge](#)

Recommended Indian Ocean Beach & Cultural Program

Overnight Prices:

- **Ras Kutani Beach Lodge:** From US \$164 or GBP 103 per person sharing. **Programs Inclusions:** Full Board - Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and All Taxes.

[Click here for more Dar Es Salaam Beach Holidays & Cultural Programs Prices.](#)

Recommended African Safari Program

- **Beauty of East Africa II**

Beauty Of East Africa delivers a cross sectional ecological and wildlife experience of Kenya and Tanzania, particularly destinations around and north of the Equator (Kenya) with the opportunity to view Mount Kenya, along with viewing Mount Kilimanjaro, Ngorongoro Crater and the Serengeti National Park.

The combination of experiencing the wildlife, birdlife, vegetation and panoramic vistas of Mount Kenya makes this program an excellent experience. The unique attributes, the ecosystem around northern Kenya supports very distinct wildlife such as the beisa oryx, reticulated giraffe and long necked antelope, called



the gerenuk (which may be in the midst of an evolutionary process). Experience Amboseli National Reserve with the majestic Mount Kilimanjaro in the backdrop. Also experience the ecosystem of the Great Rift Valley with your visit to Lake Manyara National Park. The park provides a great way to sample diverse wildlife and birdlife with in a short time. Lake Manyara also indulges guests who enjoy the outdoors with a variety of active offerings. The Ngorongoro Crater rim delivers awesome and spectacular views of the crater with the opportunity to descend the crater floor for a game drive. On the way to the Serengeti National Park stop over at the Olduvai Gorge located in the conservation area. It is here, on this Maasai owned land that balance between retaining the rights for the Maasai to continue the pastoral ways and Tanzania Government's control of natural resources has been bound. Watch the young Maasai child tend to their cattle a few steps away from the site where hominid remains were excavated. Continue on to Serengeti epitomized around the globe in documentaries, movies and even animated cartoons. The Serengeti is home to the wildebeest, zebras and antelopes during the great migration season. The presence of migration attracts prey and predator to partake in the cycle of life, which is eloquently described in AfricanMecca's poem about the Serengeti.

The **Beauty Of East Africa** is offered in 2 Safari Tiers (Tier 1 & 2) offering similar nature and ecological experiences. Tier 1 itinerary is only available as a tailor made program upon request. Contact us for more details if you are interested. Learn more about AfricanMecca's **Safari Tier™ Ratings** - [Click here](#)

Prices start from US \$2540 or GBP 1540 per person sharing.

[Click here for complete prices and itinerary for the Beauty of East Africa II](#)

Another Perfect AfricanMecca Customer Experience

Gallaghers African Safari Honeymoon With AfricanMecca in Ngorongoro, Serengeti, Selous & Zanzibar

Jambo Raza! Our honeymoon was absolutely amazing thanks to you and AfricanMecca Safaris. You were a pleasure to deal with while planning our trip. Whenever we had any questions you were always quick to respond with detailed and helpful information. You customized a trip for us that was far beyond our expectations!! We felt comfortable and safe from the moment we got off the airplane thanks to your detailed itinerary and planning. Our guides were so nice, the places we stayed were luxurious and romantic, and the animals and scenery were breathtaking in Ngorongoro, Serengeti, Selous and Zanzibar. I owe you a special thanks talking to my mother when she called to see if you had heard from us. She said that you could not have been nicer and that you immediately set her worried mind at ease. We would highly recommend you and AfricanMecca to anyone interested in going on the trip of a lifetime!! Thanks again!

Meredith and Tim Gallagher
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