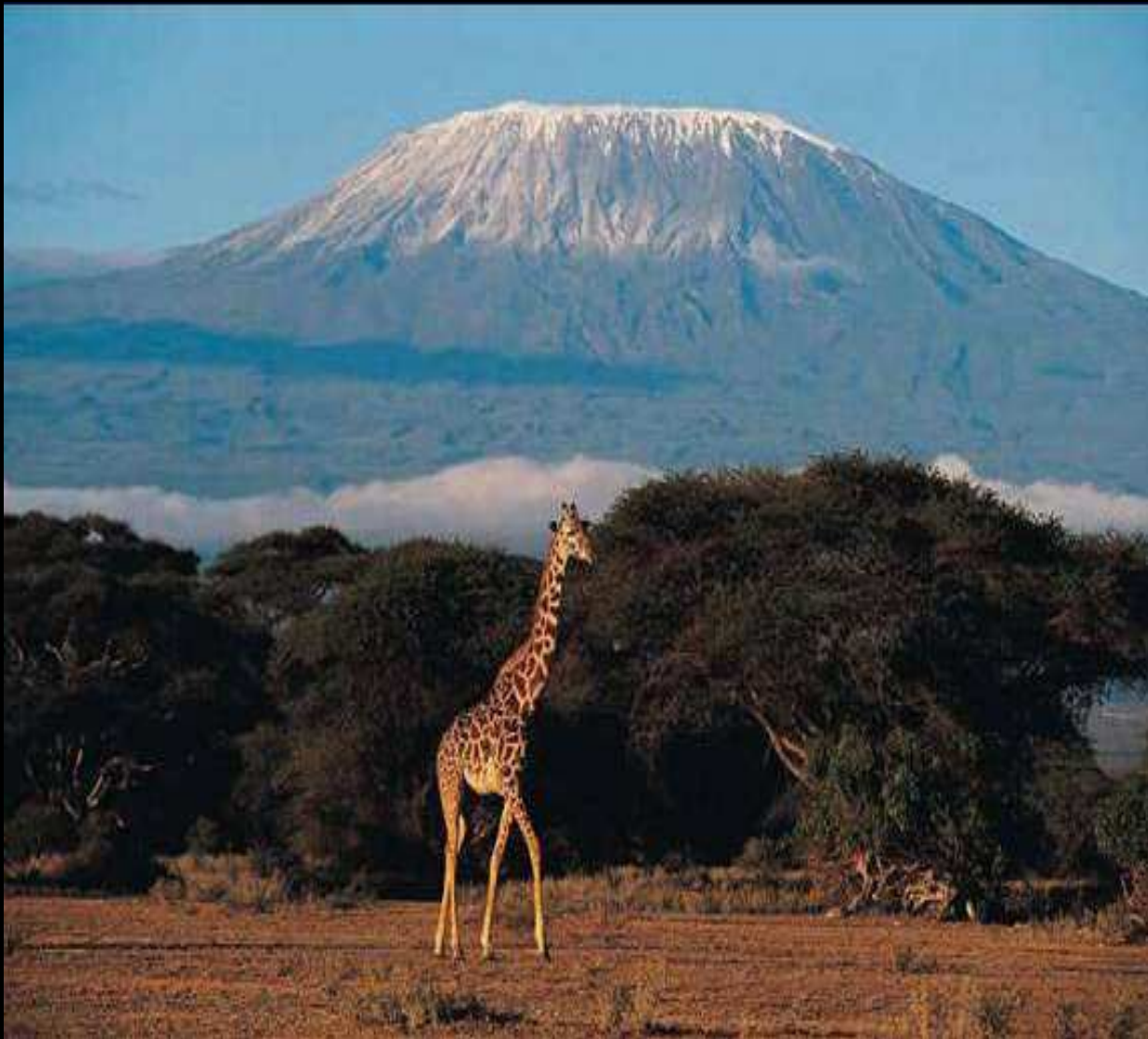


# Kilimanjaro Climb

**Classic Tanzania Safari & Zanzibar Islands**

**Supporting: Arusha Children's Trust School Project**



**August 8 - 22, 2009**

**Hosted By our Kilimanjaro Specialist  
Priyantha Amarasinghe**

## Images from our 2008 Expedition



Trekking through the rain forest



Sunset over Mt Meru from our camp at 15,000 ft



Successful summitters on return



Uhuru Peak at 19,340ft

## Trip Overview

Reward yourself with a Kilimanjaro climb, a bush camping safari to the world's natural wonder Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti, Africa's finest game reserve, take part in a cultural immersion with the famous Maasai tribe or an idyllic Indian Ocean getaway to the spice islands of Zanzibar.

Whatever your passion, we offer you a unique East African adventure that begins with a "gift of giving" to some of Tanzania's poorest as we visit a school in a rural hamlet our local NGO, *Arusha Children's Trust* actively supports. We spend a morning interacting with teachers and students and participate in a ceremony where each group member will hand over wooden desks and benches specially built with your own name and hometown stenciled!

Climbing legendary Kilimanjaro, which dominates above the African savannah, is unlike any other mountain experience on earth. An extinct volcano, Kili, as known among the mountaineers, is Africa's highest and the world's tallest free standing mountain. To climb Kili and stand atop the Uhuru peak at 19,340 ft (5895m) would be a lifelong dream for many.

The climb itself is both physically and mentally demanding but achievable by anyone with reasonable fitness and training. Its trail looms over five eco-systems and affords climbers excellent exposure to the area's remote, pristine and most ecologically diverse environment. We climb it via the *Rongai trail* the only route that approaches the mountain from the north. It is the easiest of all the routes, with a relatively gentle gradient and short daily stages as it winds its way from just south of the Kenya-Tanzania border through farmland and forest, past Alpine moorland to the beautiful summit cone. This route has an ideal balance of low traffic and is gaining popularity amongst climbers. There are magnificent views throughout, with possibilities for wildlife viewing and the trail climbs beneath the towering spires of nearby Mawenzi peak. It is also the preferred route for those wanting a more remote hike through true wilderness areas before merging with the popular Marangu route to the summit at the Kibo camp and descends down the same route. We add an extra day on the mountain to allow proper rest, acclimatization and meet the ultimate goal of maximizing chances.

Each climber-client is pampered with the services of three trained high altitude porters who will carry gear, tents, first-aid and food. We overnight in high-quality tents, while quality mountain diets with hot meals, fresh fruits and vegetables are served by our crew. Not only do highly experienced chagga guides we employ increase your chances of summiting, but of doing so in a healthy, safe and environmentally friendly manner following the Leave Only the Footsteps practices.

Our 5-day classic bush camping safari is a great way to celebrate and relax after the climb. This is a unique way to explore the other side of Tanzania, the ultimate safari destination that boasts the highest concentration of wildlife in the world. Enjoy 2-person tent accommodation in the open bush camps, sumptuous freshly cooked meals and complemented by extensive game viewing drives by our expert guide/drivers. Visit the Ngorongoro Crater, a natural wonder that sustains thousands of game on the crater floor and two full days of guided game viewing in the fabled Serengeti, Tanzania's signature park, which will leave you mesmerized with the fauna and flora of the African wilderness. Here's your best chance to see the Big Five including lions, rhino, elephants, Cape buffalo and hippos as well as other indigenous wildlife. The word Serengeti conjures images of wild African game in all its glory and the abundance of animals running at will create an overwhelming experience. Another highlight of your safari itinerary is the simple hike to the Monduli hills, the traditional homelands of the great Masai tribe. Here, we will walk with the local Masais as our guides and visit their bomas (homestead), meet the tribal chiefs, enjoy their traditional hospitality, the music and dance to complete a highly rewarding African adventure.

If you still have a bit of time in hand for a sun tan and unwind on the beach, why not take our 5 Day relaxation break in the exotic spice islands of Zanzibar?

# Kilimanjaro Climb

**August 8 - Depart Toronto or Vancouver to Amsterdam**  
Depart by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines/Northwest flight to Amsterdam

**August 9 - Amsterdam/Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)**  
In transit in Amsterdam and direct flight to Kilimanjaro and arrive in the evening. Arrival transfer to Ilboru Safari lodge, Arusha ([www.ilborusafarilodge.com](http://www.ilborusafarilodge.com)) for 2 nights stay. Dinner. (D)

**August 10 - Arusha** today we visit local village school under the care of Arusha Children's Trust, a local charity we support. We meet children and teachers to learn about the project, watch a cultural show with music and dances. Group donate desks/benches to the school. Lunch in town and afternoon is free. Meet our head guide this evening at welcome dinner for a briefing. (BLD)

**August 11 - Arusha/ Rongai Gate/ First Cave Camp**  
Drive to Marangu gate for registrations and onwards to Rongai Gate (ft) to begin our climb. The first day is only a half-day walk on a small path that winds through lush tropical forest, the farmlands and pine plantations. It is a consistent but gentle climb through attractive forest that shelters a variety of wildlife. We reach our first overnight camp site by late afternoon at the edge of the heather moorland zone (2,600 m.) (BLD)

**August 12 - First Cave/ Second Cave/ Kikelewa Caves**  
A steady ascent up to the 'Second Cave' (3,450 m) with superb views of the Eastern ice fields on the rim of Kibo, the youngest and highest of the three volcanoes that form the entire mountain. After lunch, we leave the main trail and strike out across the moorland on a smaller path towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi, the second of Kilimanjaro's volcanoes. Our campsite, which we reach in late afternoon, is in a sheltered valley near Kikelewa Caves (3,600m). (BLD)

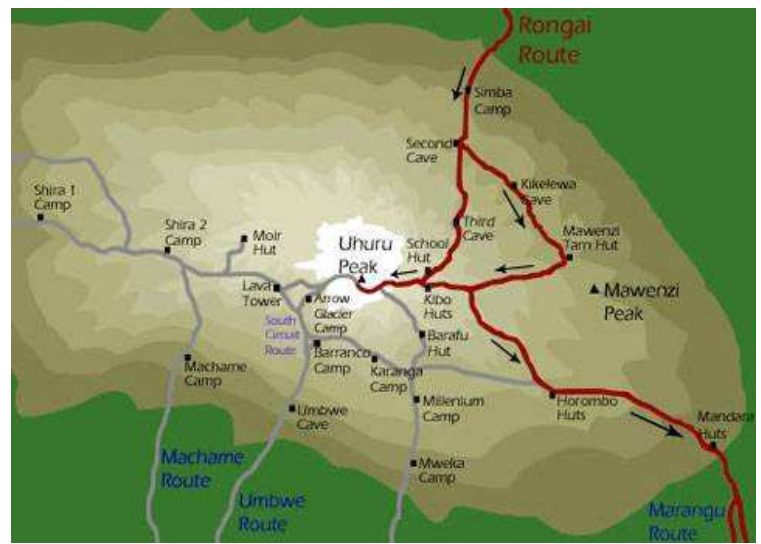
**August 13 - Kikelewa Caves / Mawenzi Tarn Camp**  
A steep climb up grassy slopes is rewarded by superb panoramas of the Kenyan plains to the north. We leave vegetation behind close to Mawenzi Tarn (4,330m), spectacularly situated in a cirque beneath the towering cliffs of Mawenzi. Free afternoon to rest or explore the surrounding area as an aid to acclimatization. (BLD)

**August 14 - Mawenzi Tarn Camp/Kibo Huts**  
Today we cross the lunar desert of the 'Saddle' between Mawenzi and Kibo to reach Kibo camp (4,700 m) at the bottom of the Kibo Crater wall. Relax in preparation for the final ascent and a very early night to bed. (BLD)

**August 15 - Kibo Huts/ Summit/Horombo Camp**  
Start the final ascent and by far the steepest and most demanding, part of the climb around midnight. We plod very slowly in darkness and cold on a switchback trail through loose scree to reach the Crater rim at Gillman's Point (5,685 m). Stop to enjoy the spectacular sunrise over Mawenzi. Walk along the snow-covered rim to the true summit of Uhuru Peak (5,896 m), passing the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that occupy the summit area. A fast descent to Kibo Hut (4,700 m) after refreshments and rest, descend further to our final camp at Horombo (3,720m). A long and hard day between 11-15 hours walking at high altitude. (BLD)

**August 16- Horombo Camp/Arusha** Descend the mountain to the Marangu gate and transfer to your lodge in Arusha. Celebratory dinner and night at Ilboru Safari Lodge. (BD)

**August 17 - Kilimanjaro airport/Amsterdam/ Home**  
Join our Bush camping safari or the Zanzibar Islands Extension. Those returning home will be transferred to Kilimanjaro airport for homebound flight via Amsterdam. (B)



## Classic Tanzania Safari (Optional)

**August 17 - Arusha/ Olduvai Gorge/Serengeti**  
The Classic bush camping safari begins today with a drive to Serengeti National park via Olduvai Gorge. Camp at Seronera Campsite in Serengeti. (BLD)

**August 18 Serengeti Game Viewing**  
Full day game drives. Night at Seronera Campsite. (BLD)

**August 19 -Serengeti/Ngorongoro Crater**  
Morning game drive & proceed to lush Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Night at Simba Camp overlooking the Crater. (BLD)

**August 20 -Ngorongoro Crater - Game Viewing**  
Descend to the Ngorongoro Crater for a full day crater tour. Night camp at Karatu, a rural village just outside the conservation area. (BLD)

**August 21 - Ngorongoro /Monduli Mountains/Arusha**  
Today we visit Monduli Mountains, the traditional home of the Masai tribe. With our Masai guides, visit a village, a school and interact with the locals and take lunch at the village. Return to Arusha late afternoon. Dinner & overnight at Ilboru lodge. (BLD)

**August 22 - Arusha/Kilimanjaro airport/Amsterdam**  
Transfer to Kilimanjaro airport for departure to Canada. Those taking the Zanzibar extension will be transferred to Arusha airport. (B)

## Zanzibar Islands Extension (Optional)

**August 17 - Arusha/Zanzibar Islands by air**  
Transfer from your lodge to Arusha airport for a short flight to Zanzibar. You are met on arrival and transfer to Tembo House Hotel ([www.tembohotel.com](http://www.tembohotel.com)) similar hotel for 4 nights stay. (B)

**August 18-20 - Zanzibar Islands**  
Explore Stone Town or take a boat ride to nearby Spice Island. Stone Town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It has many monuments and churches, bazaars, markets, mansions, but its main attractions are the labyrinth of narrow streets where people always get lost. Breakfast at the hotel daily. (B)

**August 21 - Zanzibar/Dar Es Salaam/Amsterdam**  
Transfer to Zanzibar airport for your departure flight to Dar Es Salaam and connect with onward KLM Royal Dutch airlines flight to Amsterdam. (B)

# Arusha Children's Trust

The Arusha Children's Trust is a non-religious and non-political NGO initiated in 1999 and registered as a charity in the UK. It does not impose or promote western values but presents information that facilitates the development of knowledge to enable young people to make decisions which will improve the future for themselves and their communities. The Arusha Children's Trust actively and directly supports underprivileged children in the Arusha and Rift Valley regions of Northern Tanzania.

The guiding principal of the Trust is to develop sustainable ways of assisting the local community in those areas in which it operates, without creating a dependence on tourism revenue or diluting the cultural heritage of rural communities. ACT relies on donations and fundraising to finance its projects and is managed entirely by volunteers. The participants of this trek support & recognize the ACT projects that:

- Assist rural communities and primarily children.
- Improve access to education and health programs
- Increase in the knowledge and the awareness of environmental issues
- Preserve and promote Tanzanian traditions and culture.

[www.arushachildrenstrust.org](http://www.arushachildrenstrust.org)

## Pricing & Inclusions

### Kilimanjaro Climb

(Including International Flights)

C\$ 5950 per person from Toronto  
C\$ 6350 per person from Vancouver

**Includes:** Round trip economy airfare to/from Tanzania; Kilimanjaro climb using the Rongai route with 2-person sharing tent accommodation; 3 nights Ilboru lodge stay on double sharing basis; Meals as indicated - BLD; All park admissions, professional mountain guides and porters (3 porters per trekker), high quality tents, a dining tent and basic toilet facilities; rescue fees, daily provision of treated/boiled water during the trek; Services of our Kilimanjaro Specialist trek leader and your personal donation of desks to Arusha Children's Trust managed school project.

### Classic Tanzania Safari Extension

C\$ 1675 per person sharing (Min.4 persons)

**Includes:** 4 nights camping accommodation in the designated camp sites within the game parks of Serengeti and Ngorongoro area, 1 night lodge accommodation in Arusha; all national park/camping fees, 4WD safari vehicle with a professional driver/guide, a cook, three meals a day (Starting with lunch on August 17 and end with breakfast on August 22) and complimentary bottled mineral water during the safari.

### Zanzibar Islands Extension

C\$ 760 per person sharing (Min.2 persons)

**Includes:** Domestic flights in Tanzania from Arusha - Zanzibar - Dar Es Salaam; 4 nights accommodation at Tembo House hotel or similar; Breakfast; airport transfers and taxes/service charges at the hotel.

**Not Included:** Taxes on air (Currently at \$400, subject to change), mandatory medical/emergency/cancellation insurance; meals other than specified; your personal trekking kit & clothing including the sleeping bag, trekking poles; Tanzania visa fees (\$60 approx); Personal expenses, hotel beverages, tips for mountain guides, porters, safari drivers, cooks and hotel staff.



Walking with the Masaai people



Lions of Serengeti



Children of Arusha Children's Trust school project



Desks hand over ceremony - 2008 visit

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