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Simba Safaris

Leading The Way Since 1969

In 1969 the Dharamshi Bhimani family also known in tourism circles as - The Simba Family - established Simba Safaris and began leading adventurous travellers through Tanzania's Northern Circuit. They were joined by two other tour operators, and these three pioneers opened the Northern Circuit to a broader travel market.

The modern luxury safari was born in Tanzania.

Those were heady days, with plenty of challenges to meet, lots of trial and error, lots of mistakes and lessons learned until the right practices were found and refined.

One thing remained consistent, however: the conviction that strong family values translated to strong business values. Clients must be cared for in the same way that family is cared for. With that truth as our guide all the struggles that come with creating an industry from the ground up - literally from the ancient volcanic ash that is the dust of the Serengeti - could be met and overcome. The practices we developed and perfected over the years reflect that truth - and they have become industry standards, widely emulated. Of those three pioneering operators in Tanzania, only Simba Safaris remains.

Safaris are more than second nature to us. It is more than what we do today and have done for almost 45 years. The modern safari in Tanzania reflects the very nature of who we are.

We provide luxury safaris in Tanzania, trekking services on Mt. Kilimanjaro,

beach vacations on the island of Zanzibar, plus many special interest tours and outings. We have decades of experience leading travelers to Tanzania's popular destinations in the Northern Circuit, the Southern Circuit, and the more recently opened Western Circuit.

Simba Guaranteed Departure

We offer guaranteed departure, small group guided safari tours and private, and custom guided tours. We have crafted an attractive collection of carefully planned itineraries, featuring lodges and camps that meet our stringent requirements for comfort, luxury, value, and natural setting. The reputation of the entire Simba family depends on the quality of these destinations, and we take great care in making our selections and reviewing them frequently.

Guaranteed Departure Group Tours

Our guaranteed departure programs range from one to nine days. We are careful to balance many clients' desire to "see everything" with the logistics of travel between parks. We have been doing this long enough to know how much road travel is enjoyable and how much spoils the adventure.

Private Tours

Private, custom tours of two or more travelers depart daily, which affords travelers the greatest flexibility and intimacy. Clients may choose from our expertly crafted itineraries or they may craft their own (with your own expert guidance). We are especially proud to be able to offer this level of customized, hands on tour guide service, at very reasonable rates. It perfectly reflects our beliefs about personal client care.

Simba Mount Trekking Services

Simba Safaris has led more than 7000 climbers to The summit of Kilimanjaro, with a success rate of 96 percent. We are serious about climber success, safety, and comfort. Just as importantly, we are deeply committed to the safety and well being of the guides, porters, and cooks with whom we live and work.

Spice Islands and Beach Vacations

We offer short Zanzibar beach resort stays and cultural tours as add-ons to dusty safari itineraries. We also offer lengthier itineraries for those travelers seeking to dive deeper into the mysteries of Zanzibar past and present.

Simba Special Tours

In addition to our popular safari itineraries, we also arrange several special interest tours and outings. These include the Chimpanzee Trail in

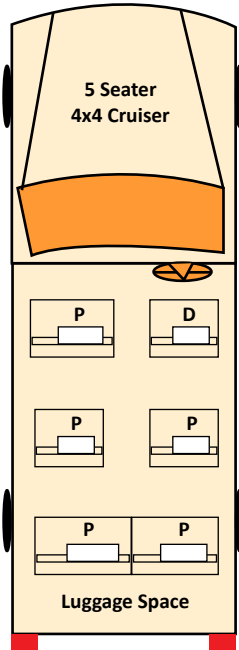
Mahale National Park; Game Fishing in the waters surrounding Mafia Island, south of Dar es Salaam; and Camping Safaris in the Northern Circuit.

Our Professional Guides and Staffs

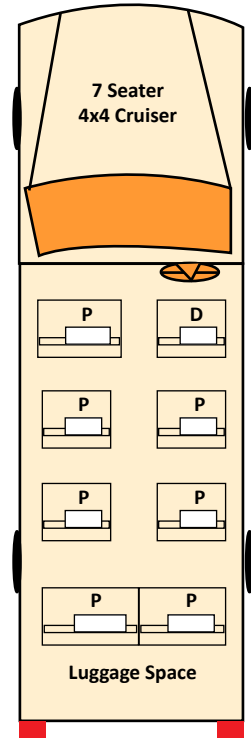
A lot of advance planning and preparation go into a successful safari - many moving parts are set into motion through the efforts of many skilled people - but the key cog is the safari guide. It is a rare person who has the ability to combine the skills of the

naturalist, the mechanic, the driver, the anthropologist, the teacher, and the hotel concierge. Yet all of that is precisely what our experienced guides have delivered to thousands of safari travellers over the years. Cheerfully.





All our vehicles are fitted with HF radio system for easy communication



On average, our guides have 12 years of experience leading safari travelers. Our most experienced guides train our newer guides. All are certified and receive ongoing training and education. All understand what it means to be a member of the Simba Safaris family and the exceptional attention with which they must attend to our clients' expectations.

Our Support Staffs

Our wonderful guides are supported by more than 70 in-country staff based out of our Arusha, Tanzania headquarters. Mechanics and travel agents, planners and administrators work together to deliver consistently high quality travel experiences. No detail is overlooked.

Our Arusha offices are staffed night and day, 365 days of the year. If a guide or client needs to reach operations staff - for any reason - we are there to take the call and provide advice and assistance.

Simba Vehicles and Infrastructure

While the skill and knowledge of safari guide is the most important component of client satisfaction, the comfort and reliability of the safari vehicle is also critical.

Simba Safaris has devoted considerable resources to developing our custom 4x4 Land Cruiser safari vehicles. Of course, every traveller gets a window. Every guest is outfitted with binoculars and all the other standard safari practices that Simba has been at the forefront of for nearly 50 years. We continue to refine and upgrade our vehicle design and amenities for client comfort and for a deeper connection to the landscape that draws them here.

We ensure the safety and reliability of our vehicles with a rigorous maintenance schedule that includes

a 52 point inspection before and after every tour. This work is carried out in our own fully equipped garage by our own qualified and experienced mechanics.

The Simba Family

The Dharamshi Bhimani Family also known as - The Simba Family - established Simba Safaris in 1969, at the inception of the modern luxury safari. The founding brothers remain active in the company to this day. Presently, day-to-day operations are directed by Firoz, Kurban, Mohamed and Arif, who quite literally grew up in the safari travel business.

The Simba Family takes a lot of pride in Simba Safaris and the work we do. The reputations of both the company and the family depend on our ability to meet each client's highest expectations, time after time. It is a responsibility we are honoured to be offered and that we humbly accept.



Wings of Serengeti
5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Every Mondays

2 Nights Serengeti Park – 1 Night
Ngorongoro Crater – 1 Night
Manyara or Tarangire

Day 01: Arusha / Serengeti

Today, afternoon you will be flying from the Arusha airport to the Serengeti. You will then be met and taken on an en route game viewing to the Serengeti Serena Lodge.

Overnight: Serengeti Lodge (L,D)

Day 02: Serengeti

Start the day off with an early morning game drive. Return to the Lodge for breakfast and enjoy the rest of the day with further game drives of the Serengeti Park along with meals.

Overnight: Serengeti Serena Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 03: Serengeti / Ngorongoro

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro Crater with picnic lunch. Short visit to Olduvai Gorge. On Arrival at Ngorongoro, descend down to the Crater floor for a

half day game viewing – late afternoon return to your lodge.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 04: Ngorongoro / Tarangire

This morning, after a breakfast, you will make your way to Tarangire National Park – en route game viewing – lunch at the lodge. PM further Game drive of the park.

Overnight: Tarangire Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 05: Tarangire / Arusha

After breakfast, you return to Arusha with en route game viewing of the Park (B,L)

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Leopard-Lion-Cheetah Safari
(Serengeti Safari)
6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

Every Tuesdays – Thursdays – Fridays
2 Nights Ngorongoro Crater – 2 Nights
Serengeti Park – 1 Night Manyara Park

Day 01: Arusha / Ngorongoro

This afternoon you will make your way to the renowned Ngorongoro Crater. Once checked in, be sure to enjoy the magnificent view. The evening is yours to relax.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Lodge (D)

Day 02: Ngorongoro

This morning prep for a wonderful game drive right into the Crater itself. This wonderful reserve is home to large amounts of wildlife, be sure to have your cameras ready. Picnic lunch at the Site. Return to the lodge late afternoon.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena / Sopa Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 03: Ngorongoro / Serengeti

After breakfast and check out, prep for another game drive en route to your evening lodge. Also enjoy an en route stop at Olduvai Gorge. Learn about the Leakey's and how they astounded scientists. Make sure to get a wonderful night of rest for tomorrow's big day.

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Overnight: Serengeti Serena / Sopa Lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 04: Serengeti

Today wake up early for a full day game drive through the Serengeti Park, enjoy the open air as you eat your meals in the plains. The Serengeti is famous for its part in the Great Migration.

Overnight: Serengeti Serena / Sopa Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 05: Serengeti / Manyara

This morning enjoy another en route game drive to Lake Manyara Park. After checking into your lodge, take pleasure in the afternoon game viewing in the Park. The evening is yours to enjoy.

Overnight: The Lake Manyara Serena Lodge. (B, L, D)

Day 06: Manyara / Arusha

Today you make your way back to Arusha, just in time for lunch (L,B)

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Tanzania Highlight

Simba Safari
5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

Every Mondays

1 Night Tarangire Park – 2 Nights
Ngorongoro Crater – 2 Nights
Serengeti Park – 1 Night Manyara Park

Day 01: Arusha / Tarangire

Today you will make your way to downtown Arusha, where you will have time to enjoy lunch and a safari briefing. From Arusha, you will be transferred to Tarangire National Park, where you will check into your hotel, and enjoy your first game drive in the afternoon. When you return to your lodge, you will dine there, and the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight: Tarangire Camp or Lodge (L, D)

Day 02: Tarangire / Ngorongoro

This morning enjoy your last safari in the Tarangire National Park. Return to the lodge for breakfast, showers, and checking out. Then you will be driven to the Ngorongoro Crater National Reserve. Check in to our lodge.

Overnight: The Ngorongoro Lodge.
(B, L, D)

Day 03: Ngorongoro

Today enjoy a full day into the world famous Ngorongoro Crater Reserve. Experience a game drive into the World-renowned The Ngorongoro Crater, where a collapsed mountain has left an incredible environment, to see the wildlife. Return to the lodge late afternoon. Enjoy your evening at leisure overlooking the crater below.

Overnight: The Ngorongoro Lodge.
(B, L, D)

Day 04: Ngorongoro / Serengeti

This morning, you will proceed to Serengeti National Park. En route game viewing. Arrive at your lodge for lunch. After you check into your lodge, and you will experience the afternoon game drive in the world's most famous preserve, Serengeti National Park. Once you return, you will dine at the lodge and the evening is yours to enjoy.



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Overnight: The Serengeti Lodge or Camp (B, L, D)

Day 05: Central Serengeti

A full day game drive of the Serengeti Park, with all meals.

Overnight: The Serengeti Lodge or Camp . (B, L, D)

Day 06: Serengeti / Lake Manyara

This morning we drive to the Lake Manyara Park, home to the huge migratory Pink Flamingoes. This afternoon take a safari to Lake Manyara National Park. Enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Overnight: Lake Manyara Lodge or Camp. (B, L, D)

Day 07: Lake Manyara / Arusha

This morning, enjoy your last game drive in Lake Manyara Park. Return to Arusha for Lunch (B, L, D)

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Tanzania Royal Safaris

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Every Saturdays

1 Night Arusha — - 1 Night Manyara
Park - 2 Nights Ngorongoro Crater - 3
Nights Serengeti Park

Day 1: Arusha

On Arrival you will be met and Transfer to your Hotel.

Dinner and Overnight: Hotel in Arusha (D)

Day 2: Arusha / Lake Manyara

This morning we drive to the Lake Manyara Park, home to the huge migratory Pink Flamingoes. After checking into your lodge, enjoy an afternoon game drive to Lake Manyara National Park. Enjoy the evening relaxation.

Overnight: Lake Manyara Lodge or camp. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Lake Manyara / Ngorongoro Crater

A further game drives of the Manyara Park – Lunch at the Hotel. PM Proceed to Ngorongoro Crater

Overnight: The Ngorongoro Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 04: Ngorongoro Crater

Today enjoy a morning and afternoon game

drive of the world famous Ngorongoro Crater. The Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact caldera (collapsed volcano). Today we descend the 600 meters into the crater by 4-wheel-drive vehicles for a full day safari. Over 30,000 animals live within this enormous natural bowl, the most densely packed concentration of wildlife in Africa. You should see wildebeest, elephant, lion, dik-dik, and warthog, whilst on the lakeside there are pelican, ibis and flamingo. Picnic lunch at the site.

Overnight: The Ngorongoro Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 05: Ngorongoro Crater / Serengeti

Drive to the central Serengeti for lunch – en route game viewing and a short visit to Olduvai Gorge. PM Game drive of the Park with all meals

Dinner and Overnight: - Serengeti Lodge (B, L, D)



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Day 6: Serengeti

You will have 1 full day in Central Serengeti Park Millions of animals and birds thrive in the park vast savannah and hilly woodland, and the luxurious Lodge is superbly located on the hill with a fascinating view of the Serengeti plains. Your game runs in different positions of the park with yield varied and plentiful species of plain games, lion, leopard, cheetah, buffalo, elephant, hippo, giraffe and numerous fascinating lesser-known animals. The Serengeti may be best known for its great annual migration, but the resident populations of animals are excellent all year round.

Dinner and Overnight: - Serengeti Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 07 : Serengeti – Western Corridor

After breakfast you drive to the Western Serengeti – en route Game viewing. In the magnificent are of over 6,000 sq miles, the variety of wildlife is endless. You will have a night at one of the most luxurious Camp in East Africa.

Dinner and Overnight: Western Serengeti Lodge or Camp (B, L, D).

Day 08: Western Serengeti / Arusha

After early morning game drive, drive to the camp for breakfast – Proceed to Grumeti Airstrip for your flight to Arusha (B).

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Best of Tanzania & Zanzibar
12 DAYS /11 NIGHTS

Every Sunday

- 1 Night Manyara Park – 2 Nights
- Ngorongoro Crater - 3 Nights
- Serengeti – 3 Nights
- Selous Game Reserve – 2 Nights
- Zanzibar Island

Day 1: Arusha / Lake Manyara.

This morning we drive to the Lake Manyara Park, home to the huge migratory Pink Flamingoes. After checking into your lodge, enjoy an afternoon game drive to Lake Manyara National Park. Enjoy the evening relaxation.

Overnight: Lake Manyara Serena Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 2: Lake Manyara / Ngorongoro Crater

A further game drives of the Manyara Park – Lunch at the Hotel. PM Proceed to Ngorongoro Crater

Overnight: The Ngorongoro Serena Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Ngorongoro Crater

Today enjoy a morning and afternoon game drive of the world famous Ngorongoro Crater. The Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact caldera (collapsed volcano). Today we descend the 600 meters

into the crater by 4-wheel-drive vehicles for a full day safari. Over 30,000 animals live within this enormous natural bowl, the most densely packed concentration of wildlife in Africa. You should see wildebeest, elephant, lion, dik-dik, and warthog, whilst on the lakeside there are pelican, ibis and flamingo. Picnic lunch at the site.

Overnight: The Ngorongoro Serena Lodge. (B,L,D)

Day 4: Ngorongoro Crater / Serengeti

Drive to the central Serengeti for lunch – en route game viewing and a short visit to Olduvai Gorge. PM Game drive of the Park with all meals

Dinner and Overnight: - Serengeti Serena Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 5: Serengeti

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Dinner and Overnight: - Serengeti Serena Lodge (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Serengeti – Western Corridor

After breakfast you drive to the Western Serengeti – en route Game viewing. In the magnificent area of over 6,000 sq miles, the variety of wildlife is endless. You will have a night at one of the most luxurious Camps in East Africa.

Dinner and Overnight: Kirawira Tented Camp (B, L, D).

Day 7: Western Serengeti / Arusha

After early morning game drive, drive to the camp for breakfast – Proceed to Grumeti Airstrip for your flight to Arusha and connect flight to Dar es Salaam / Selous. (On Arrival in Dar es Salaam you connect the flight Selous Game Reserve – On Arrival in Selous, you will be met by Camp Vehicle and transfer to your Camp).

Dinner and Overnight: Selous Luxury Camp (B,L,D)

Day 08 + 09: Selous Game Reserve,

You will have 2 full days in the Selous Game Reserve staying at the Tented Lodge overlooking the gorge of Rufiji River Camp. Exploration of the Reserve by 4 wheel drive vehicle, boat and on foot. The Selous, famous for its elephants, was originally set aside

as a hunting area where animals are abundant but more shy than the Northern Parks. Our foot safari will give us a particularly intimate feel for the African wilds, while our excursions by Landrover will permit us to have good photographic opportunities and the chance to explore different sections of vast park. We will discover the Rufiji River by boat, encounter hippos and crocodiles in good numbers. Some 350 bird species have been recorded in the Selous Game Reserve. These are typical of miombo woodland, and the bird life supported by Rufiji swamplands is of particular interest.

Dinner and Overnight: Selous Luxury Camp (B,L,D).

Day 10: Selous / Zanzibar Island

You will have your last game drive of the Selous Park and then proceed to Airstrip for your flight Zanzibar. On

Arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel – Afternoon at leisure and enjoy the afternoon at the pool side and have a good breeze of Indian Ocean.

Dinner and Overnight: Zanzibar Serena Inn (B,D)

Day 11: Zanzibar Island

Morning enjoy the tour of Stone Town – You will be walking through the narrow street and experience the Arab Culture of in Zanzibar – You will walk through the buildings where it all happened, such as former Slave Market and Anglican Cathedral, the House of Wonders and the Sultans Palace Museum, the Old Arab fort and Dispensary. – Explore the Markets, sea food and fish piled in the fish market, fresh loaves of bread in wicker baskets and the neat stacks of fruit and vegetables as traders sell their wares from their stalls. Even Enjoy the Breeze from the Indian Ocean while seating at the pool side.

Dinner and Overnight: Zanzibar Serena Inn (B,D)

Day 12 – Zanzibar Island / Dar es Salaam

After breakfast you will be transferred to Zanzibar Airport for your return flight to Dar es Salaam (B)

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SkySafari – Elewana
ELEWANA PROPERTIES
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Every 2nd Day

1 Night Arusha – 2 Nights Tarangire
Park – 2 Nights Ngorongoro Manor
– 2 Nights Serengeti Park

DAY 1: Arusha

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) where you will be welcomed by a Simba Safaris representative and chauffeured to The Arusha Coffee Lodge. Here you will enjoy a complimentary upgrade to one of our 12 Plantation Suites. Your stay at The Arusha Coffee Lodge is on an all inclusive basis (includes all meals, drinks, laundry service, scheduled activities and transfers).

Overnight : Arusha Coffee Lodge (D)

DAY 2: - Arusha / Tarangire

After a leisurely breakfast enjoy a tour of The Burka Coffee Estate and then an alfresco lunch in the garden. After lunch you will be chauffeured to Arusha Airport to board the

Executive Grand Caravan and fly to Kuro Airstrip in Tarangire National Park. At the airstrip, the Tarangire Treetops team will meet you for an afternoon game drive

in Tarangire National Park after which you will enter through Treetops' private reserve. Your stay here is for 2 nights in a Tree House, and is on an all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, drinks, laundry service, transfers, game drives and scheduled activities).

Overnight: Tarangire Tree Tops (B,L,D)

DAY 3: - Tarangire

After breakfast at Treetops you will enjoy a full day of activities including, game drives, a game-walk, visit to an authentic Masai village, sundowners atop Sunset Hill and a night game drive. Lunch and dinner will be served at Treetops.

Overnight: Tarangire Tree Tops (B,L,D)

DAY 4: - Tarangire / Karatu (Ngorongoro Crater)

After breakfast you will enjoy a morning game drive through Tarangire National Park. Stop at leisure for a picnic lunch on

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your way to Kuro Airstrip and connect to Manyara Airstrip. On arrival, the team from lodge; The Manor at Ngorongoro will meet you and take you on a visit of an authentic African market in the township of Karatu. Arrive at The Manor in time for high-tea. Here, your 2 night stay will be in a cottage on an all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, drinks, laundry service, transfers, game drives and scheduled activities).

Overnight: Ngorongoro Manor (B,L,D)

DAY 5: Karatu / Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, our vehicle will take you on a full day of exploration of the Ngorongoro Crater. A picnic hamper lunch will be served on the crater floor. After lunch, you will explore more of the crater before heading back to the Manor for the evening cocktails and dinner.

Overnight: Ngorongoro Manor (B,L,D)

DAY 6: Ngorongoro Crater / Serengeti Park

Today, you have the option of visiting the Lake Manyara National Park or staying at the lodge to explore the estate.

Choose from a host of activities including horseback riding, cycling, an estate tour or a spa treatment (1 treatment per person) or, you may opt to just relax. After lunch you will be driven to the Manyara airstrip for your onward flight to the Serengeti, where upon arrival you will be met by the Migration Camp team. The afternoon will be spent on a game drive with arrival at Serengeti Migration Camp in time for sundowners. You will spend the next 2 nights at Serengeti Migration Camp where your stay is in a luxurious safari tent, on an all-inclusive basis (includes all meals, drinks, laundry

service, transfers, game drives and scheduled activities).

Overnight: Serengeti Migration Camp (B,L,D)

DAY 7: - Serengeti Park

After breakfast you will spend the full day exploring the vast Serengeti. Enjoy a Bush lunch, after which the afternoon will be spent game viewing. You will return to Serengeti Migration Camp in time for sundowners and dinner.

Overnight: Serengeti Migration Camp (B,L,D)

DAY 8: - Serengeti / Arusha

After breakfast explore along the banks of the great Grumeti River on a guided game walk. Thereafter enjoy a leisurely lunch and a game drive en-route to the airstrip for you onward flight to Arusha, where on arrival, you will be met by The Simba

Safaris representative and chauffeured to Arusha Coffee Lodge. On arrival, a day room to freshen up and relax is available to you and thereafter a transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport. (B,L)

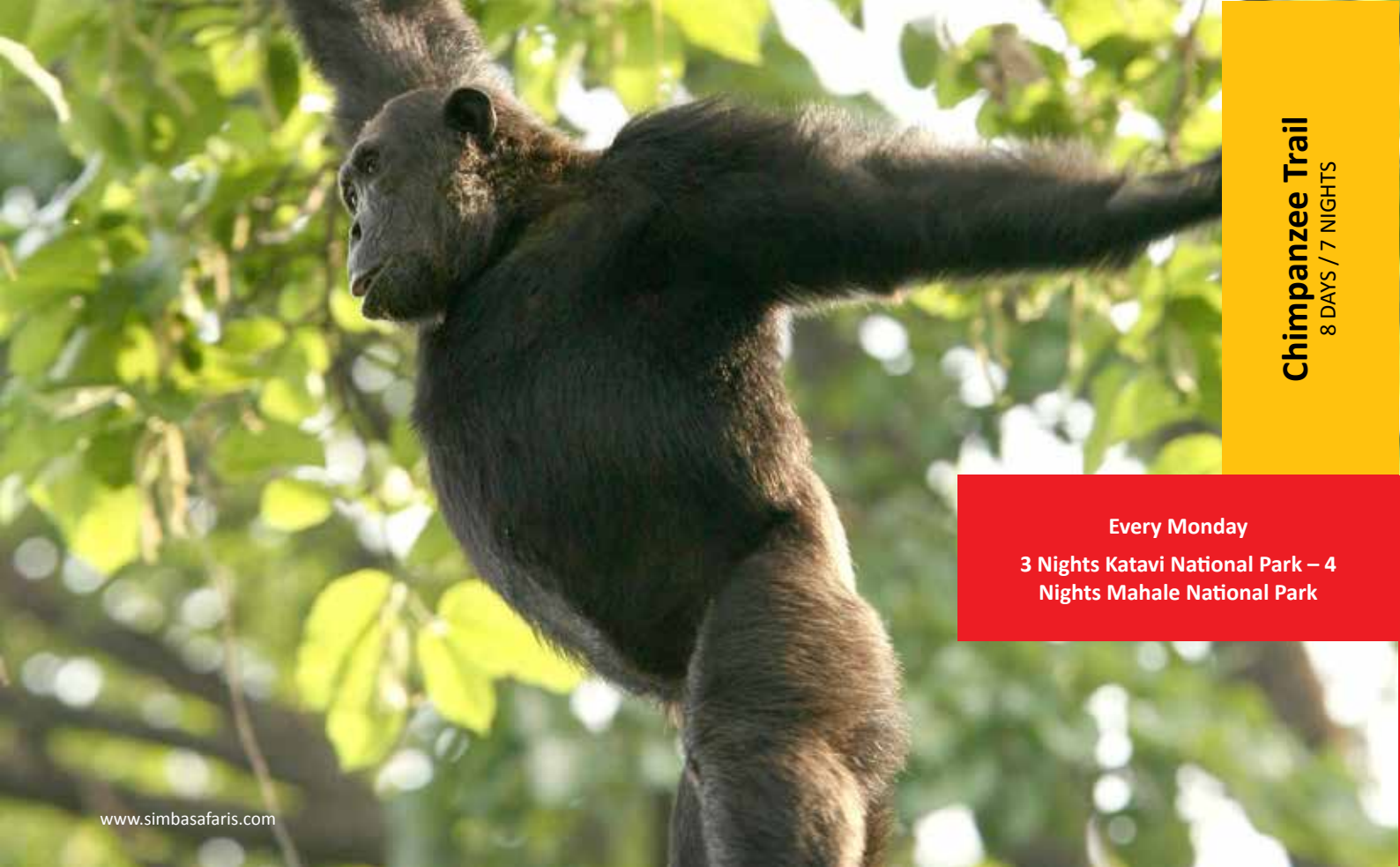
BALLOON SAFARI IN SERENGETI

Hot air ballooning over the vast Serengeti plains is the ultimate game viewing experience. Arrive at your launch site before dawn; take off as the sun rises over the hills. Your journey gives you a bird's eye view of the wildlife as you look for leopard in the branches of an acacia tree. After your forty to sixty minute ride,

you are met by the ground crew for the traditional "Champagne toast" followed by a magnificent breakfast, cooked and served on the Serengeti. The special cost for this optional excursion is \$570.00 per person when purchased with this safari and advanced reservations are required at time of booking your safari

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Chimpanzee Trail
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Every Monday

3 Nights Katavi National Park – 4
Nights Mahale National Park

Monday - Arusha / Katavi

You will be picked up from your Hotel and transferred to Arusha Airport where you will board an Aircraft (Shared Charter) in time for a 07.30 am departure. Flying time to Katavi is approximately 4 hours – On Arrival, you will be met by a Camp Vehicle and Manager and transferred to your Luxury Camp in time for lunch. In the afternoon you will enjoy a game drive in the park.

Dinner and overnight: Katuma Katavi Luxury Camp (L,D)

Tuesday + Wednesday: Katavi Park

2 Full days in Katavi with all game drives and activities.

Dinner and overnight: Katuma Katavi Luxury Camp (B,L,D)

Mahale National Park

“Dreams come true. Without that possibility nature would not incite us to have them.”-

John Updike. Mahale National Park is a flourishing paradise waiting to be explored. It offers a unique combination of forests, mountains and lakes and supports an amazingly diverse range of fauna. Leopard, warthog, giant squirrel, brush tailed porcupines along with at least nine species of primates are just some of the larger mammals to be found here. The abundant birdlife includes the Crowned Eagle, Scaly Francolin, Crested Guinea Fowl, Ross’ Turaco and the globally threatened, endemic Nkungwe Apalis. Commercial fishing is prohibited along the park’s shoreline which affords protection to some 350 known fish species to be found in the lake. Mahale National Park lies 120 km south of Kigoma and is 1,613 sq km in size with its landscape dominated by Nkungwe peak (2,462m above sea level). With 14 different vegetation zones ranging from the lakeshore to Nkungwe summit, this



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is one of Tanzania's most diverse and dramatically distinctive national parks. There are over 1000 Chimpanzees in Mahale and the 'Mimikere' community of about 70 individuals live in the territory surrounding our camp. This group has been studied by members of Kyoto University of Japan since 1965 and as a result the Chimpanzees are accustomed to the presence of humans. This makes any encounter both unforgettable as well as exhilarating.

Thursday: – Katavi / Mahale

After early breakfast, you will be transferred to the Airport for your flight to Mahale which takes approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. You will be met at the airstrip by the Camp Manager who will accompany you on the journey to our camp by boat. On arrival, you will have your lunch and have an opportunity to explore the area as well as enjoy

the unique atmosphere of your surroundings.

Dinner and Overnight: Mahale Nkungwe Tented Camp (B,L,D)

Friday + Saturday + Sunday:

Mahale National Park.

3 Full days in Mahale with all activities – Trekking on the Mountain to

view the Chimpanzees, exploring the area, swimming and snorkeling in Lake Tanganyika, etc. (all activities to be confirmed on arrival at the camp with the Camp Manager).

Dinner and Overnight: Mahale Nkungwe tented Camp (B,L,D).

Monday: – Mahale / Arusha

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airstrip by boat and connect with your flight to Arusha.



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Best of Kenya & Tanzania
10 NIGHTS / 11 DAYS

Every Fridays

1 Night Nairobi – 2 Nights Amboseli
– 2 Nights Ngorongoro Crater –
3 Nights Serengeti – 2 Nights
Masai Mara

Day 1 – Friday – Nairobi

Arrive early this morning and transfer to the Nairobi Serena Hotel (15 KM/ approximately 30 minutes) for your overnight stay (standard room).

Overnight: Nairobi Serena Hotel

Day 2 – Saturday – Nairobi / Amboseli

Drive to the Amboseli National Park (240 KM/approximately 4 hours) for your stay at the Amboseli Serena Safari Lodge (standard room). This afternoon we enjoy our first game drive, across the game rich plains of one of East Africa's most prolific wildlife areas. Lying within sight of the imposing shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro in neighbouring Tanzania, the expansive plains and infinite skies of Amboseli present us with a landscape that is truly African. Home to the proudly independent Masai, its dry savannahs thunder beneath the onslaught of the vast herds of wildebeest,

zebra, impala and the elephants for which it is famed. Panoramas filled with lush swamplands and acacia forests provide ideal havens for myriad birds and small mammals, including bee-eaters, kingfishers, caracals and warthogs, whilst cheetahs, lion and hyena hunt the open grasslands.

Overnight: Amboseli Serena Lodge(B,L,D)

Day 3 - Sunday - Amboseli

Our morning and afternoon game drives see us in search of a staggering array of wilderness experiences, from the magnificent herds of game that sweep across these dusty plains, to the majestic sight of some of the 700 or so elephants for which Amboseli is justly famous. We may even be lucky enough to perhaps encounter the rare black rhino.

Overnight: Amboseli Serena Lodge(B,L,D)

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Day 4 – Monday – Amboseli / Arusha / Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast we check out and take a morning game drive en-route towards the border town of Namanga, where we cross into Tanzania and continue to Arusha (160 KM/approximately 2 ½ hours – this does not include any delays that may occur at the border). After lunch in Arusha, we resume our journey to the spectacular setting of the Ngorongoro Crater (190 KM/approximately 4 hours) for our stay at the Ngorongoro

Dinner and Overnight: Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (standard room). (B,L,D)

Day 5 – Tuesday – Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast we enter the magnificent natural amphitheatre of Ngorongoro's volcanic crater, home to some 30,000 animals and the remarkable setting for one of the most breathtaking wildlife

experiences on the planet. The scene is classic Africa, with seemingly endless herds of big game, large predators and the sweep of the African savannah. After lunch, there is an opportunity to visit a local village to learn something of life and tradition in these wild lands. **Dinner and Overnight:** Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge (standard room). (B,L,D)

Day 6 – Wednesday – Ngorongoro / Serengeti

This morning we visit Olduvai Gorge, the site of the discovery of some of the oldest human remains ever found, before continuing to the Serengeti National Park (160 KM/approximately 3 hours – travelling time depends on gameviewing opportunities), where we stay 2 nights at the Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

Dinner and Overnight: Serengeti

Serengeti Safari Lodge (standard room). (B,L,D)

Day 7 – Thursday - Serengeti

The oldest of Tanzania's game parks, the Serengeti is a staggering spectacle of incredible diversity, where magnificent herds of wildebeest and zebra form an uneasy alliance against the ever present threat of some of Africa's most powerful predators.

Dinner and Overnight: Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge (standard room). (B,L,D)

Day 8 – Friday – Serengeti West

Continuing through the Serengeti this morning, we head for the lofty heights of Kirawira Tented Camp (70 KM/travelling time depends on game viewing opportunities), where we are treated to glorious views across the plains.

Dinner and Overnight: Kirawira Serena Luxury Camp. (B,L,D)

Day 9 – Saturday – Serengeti / Mara

After an early morning game drive we continue to the border at Isabania (300 KM/approximately 5 hours), where we cross back into Kenya and head for the breathtaking beauty of the Masai Mara National Reserve (100KM/approximately 3 hours – travelling time depends on gameviewing opportunities). On arrival transfer to the Mara Serena Safari Lodge for a stay of 2 nights

Dinner and OvernightL Mara Serena Safari Lodge (standard room). (B,L,D)

Day 10 – Sunday – Mara Game Reserve

With almost every species of animal great and small in the park, this is one of Africa's premier wildlife areas and today we enjoy both morning and afternoon game drives in search of the 'Big Five' (lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino). This is

safari at its best and Africa at its most spectacular. Heartland of the Masai, southwest Kenya presents a landscape where Africa is laid bare in all its majesty. Here the endless struggle for survival is played out across the vast open plains and riverine forests of this captivating land. Each year the Mara explodes into life, as the annual migration of great herds of wildebeest journey from the Serengeti to fresh pastures in the north. Between July and October the Mara River becomes the setting for the crossing of some 1.3 million animals, bringing with them the inevitable predators and the inevitable dramas. (Dinner and OvernightL Mara Serena Safari Lodge (standard room). (B,L,D)

Day 11 – Monday – Mara / Nairobi / Out or extension to Mombasa

After breakfast this morning DRIVE TO NAIROBI OR take a game drive en-

route to the Serena airstrip for the flight back to Nairobi (1 hour) – WITH SUPPLIMENT COST AS SHOWN. On arrival we transfer to the city hotel for day room. Evening to the Airport for your return flight back Home (B)

Mount Kilimanjaro

Mount Kilimanjaro is the crown of Tanzania. The view of this majestic mountain's gigantic snow-capped summit dome, rising high above the surrounding savannah is one of Africa's classic images. At 5896 metres (19,344 ft), Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa, and one of the highest volcanoes in the world, attracting trekkers and climbers from every corner of the world. The attraction is even greater because with time and adequate preparation, it is possible to walk all the way to the summit without technical mountaineering equipment or experience



Mount Kilimanjaro. So much more than just being the highest peak in the entire African continent AND the tallest free-standing mountain in the world.

For many, it represents the ultimate once-in-a-lifetime personal challenge - an arduous but highly rewarding 6 to 8 day trek up to Uhuru Point (the actual summit) or to Gillman's Point (on the lip of the crater).

The famous snow-covered peak of Kilimanjaro towers an impressive 5,895 metres (19,336 feet) above the African plains below. It is situated within the Kilimanjaro National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and is about a 130 km drive from Arusha.

The slopes are covered with a variety of vegetation, starting with dense tropical forests at the base, which are inhabited by elephant, leopard, buffalo, the endangered Abbot's duiker, and other small antelope and primates.

Further up, the vegetation changes to moorland, covered with heathers. When you reach 4,000 metres, the alpine desert landscape begins, whose extreme temperature fluctuations means that very little in terms of plant and wildlife can survive here, with the exception of a few hardy mosses and lichens.

And finally, the desert turns into a winter scene of snow and ice - and before you know it, you are at the summit, looking out over the world.

Climbing the Mountain

Since the summit of Kilimanjaro was first reached by the German geographer Hans Meyer and Austrian mountain climber Ludwig Purtscheller on 5th October 1889, literally thousands of people have succeeded in, or have attempted, the very same feat. It is estimated that today, a staggering 25,000 people a year set off on the journey.



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There are 5 main routes up to the summit: Marangu, Machame, Rongai, Lemosho and Umbwe. You can pick the route that you think is best suited to you, and also the one that will give you exactly what you personally want to get out of your trek. Your accommodation will be tents, which are carried up by porters, but if you don't fancy sleeping under canvas, then you should definitely choose the Marangu Route, as this is the only route where you sleep in dormitory style huts.

All climbs have to be pre-booked, so you cannot just turn up on a whim and hope to start your climb that day or the next.

There are many excellent operators that you can pre-book with, who offer either pre-arranged treks on given dates with groups up to about 8 - 12 people (for safety reasons), or you can arrange a private trek with your own guide (minimum 2 people).

Obviously, it goes without saying that a reasonable level of fitness is required to climb Kilimanjaro, and most operators request that you consult your doctor to be given the 'all-clear' to climb prior to booking your trip.

The best months to climb Kilimanjaro are from January to mid-March and June to October, as these are the dry seasons.

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Simba Safaris - Climbing Kilimanjaro, has more than 40 years of experience in leading clients to the summit. Our experienced guides have a proud success rate of 96%+. Our professional tour consultants have all made successful summit attempts and are therefore in a position to provide you with an in depth knowledge on a planned summit attempt. We provide

unique and tailor-made itineraries to suite your individual requirements and preferences, including all your accommodation bookings, meet and assist at the airport, airport transfers, as well as many exciting Safari extensions to All National Parks and Game reserve in the country and Kenya and the magical island of Zanzibar.

CLIMBING MT KILIMANJARO

Climbing Kilimanjaro, a comprehensive guide to climbing Mount Kilimanjaro by Simba Safaris – Tanzania.

Mt Kilimanjaro: 005.00 degrees south, 036 degrees east, 5895m a.m.s.l. Crowned by an eternal snow-cap, Mt. Kilimanjaro is situated inside the Kilimanjaro National Park in Tanzania; it is the highest mountain in Africa and the tallest freestanding mountain on earth. This guide aims

to provide the potential Kilimanjaro climber with valuable and accurate information on climbing Kilimanjaro, which will hopefully contribute towards increasing your chances of a successful summit attempt. Detailed itineraries, maps, useful links, stunning pictures and photography cover all the major routes, including the Marangu, Machame, Umbwe, Mweka (only for descending), Shira, Lemosho, Rongai (Nalemoru), and Arrow Glacier routes. To further assist you with your preparation on hiking or trekking to the summit of this breathtaking mountain, we have included essential information and tips on your mental and physical preparation, a fitness program, and a list of all equipment required. Other useful information provided, included a printable final checklist, food, porters, guides, important health issues, how to get there and hotels and transfers.



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Climbing Routes (Marangu Route)

Total hiking distance: Approximately 96 kms (excludes acclimatisation hikes on day three)

Affectionately known as the “Coca-Cola route”, Marangu is by far the most popular route to the summit of Kilimanjaro. This could partly be as a result of the fact that the Marangu is the least expensive route, but more so, perhaps the fact that it is possible to do the Marangu route in 5 days, thereby getting to the summit one day earlier than on the Machame route. This is not always the best way due to a shorter acclimatisation period. The Marangu route does however offer you the option of spending an extra acclimatisation day on the mountain. This extends the route to a 6-day march, greatly increasing your chances of success. Hut accommodation on the Marangu route forms one of the main differences, compared to the other routes. It offers you the relative luxury of being able to sleep in huts along the

entire route. Mineral water, soft drinks, chocolates and beers are also sold at all the camps on this route. All your equipment and supplies are portered and a cook prepares all your meals.

6 day - Itinerary for the Marangu route

For the 5-day route, simply exclude the additional acclimatisation day at Horombo hut - day 3 on the itinerary below.

Day 1 – Arusha or Kilimanjaro Airport / Moshi

You are met at the Airport or in Arusha City, drive to Moshi.

Overnight: Hotel in Moshi.

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Day 2 – Moshi Town / Mandara Hut

Marangu Gate (1980m) - Mandara hut (2700m)

Hiking time: 5h

Distance: Approximately 12kms

Habitat: Montane forest

The drive from Moshi to the Kilimanjaro National Park gate, takes about 50 minutes. The journey passes through the village of Marangu, which is located on the lower slopes of the mountain. Once you reach the park gate, all hikers are requested to sign in at the Park office and make their final preparations for the climb. Porters will be seen arranging and loading their packs, containing the food, water, cooking gas as well as most of your equipment. Make sure that you have all your daypack items (containing at least drinking water, your lunch pack and extra clothing) with you as the porters

ascend a lot quicker than the hikers. Our guides will be available to assist with any additional information or needs you might have. You now leave the Park gate and ascend on a cleared ridge trail through the rain forest. The forest, suffused with mist and dripping with beards of moss, is also where most of Kilimanjaro's animals are found. (An alternative and more scenic parallel forest trail branches off to the left a few minutes after the gate. This trail follows the edge of a stream through the undergrowth and offers you the option to rejoin the main trail either after 1.5 hours hiking, or 1 hour before Mandara hut.)

Your first night stop, Mandara hut, is a group of wooden A-framed huts in a forest clearing. Each hut features 6-8 sleeping bunks with solar generated lighting. The total capacity of the camp

is 60 climbers. Water is piped into the camp from springs above and there are flush toilets behind the main hut.

Overnight – Mandara Hut

Day 3 – Mandara Hut / Horombo Hut

Mandara hut (2700m) - Horombo hut (3720m)

Hiking time: 6h

Distance: Approximately 15kms

Habitat: Moorland

From Mandara hut the trail passes through a short stretch of forest, then skirts the base of the Maundi Crater and then emerges into the transition from rain forest to moorland. It is well worth a short detour to scramble up the rim of the Maundi Crater for your first really impressive view of the Kibo Crater. On a clear day, Kibo will glimmer in the distance, showing

off her majestic glaciers in the morning sun. Once you are in the open moorland you will get the chance to see some of Kilimanjaro's most spectacular plants - the endemic giant lobelia which grows up to 3 m in height and the giant groundsel (Senecia Kilimanjaro), which can reach heights of 5m! After about 6 hours from here you reach the Horombo hut, where you will have hot washing water, rest; an evening meal .

Day 4 –Horombo Hut – Acclimatization Day

Horombo hut (3720m) .

Horombo hut is a village of huts perched on a small plateau, with buildings similar to Mandara, but with a total capacity of 120 climbers! Horombo is normally bustling with hikers, guides and porters, with an atmosphere of adventure and excitement. You will meet both ascending and descending hikers here.

This extra day and night at Horombo is for additional acclimatisation. A hike towards the Mawenzi hut, passing the Zebra Rocks on the way (about 3 hours up and 1,5 hours down), is strongly recommended. This hike will further assist with the process of acclimatization. Remember to drink enough water and move slowly! All meals for the day are provided at the hut. Retire to bed early and get a last good night's rest

Overnight: Horombo Hut.

Day 5 – Horombo Hut / Kibo Hut

Horombo hut (3720m) - Kibo hut (4700m)

Hiking time: 6h

Distance: Approximately 15kms

Habitat: Alpine desert

After breakfast you now continue your ascent into the Alpine desert habitat.

From Horombo there are two trails to the "Saddle" (which refers to the area located between the peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo). There is an upper route (right hand fork) and lower route (left hand fork) to choose from. The upper route (right hand fork) will be very familiar, as you will have climbed most of it the previous day towards Mawenzi hut. It is very stony and eroded. The recommended lower route (left hand fork) is much easier and nearly an hour shorter, and it also passes the last watering point at 4130m. You will have to fill your water bottles with all the water you will need until your return to Horombo hut in two night's time (unless you are willing to buy Mineral water at Kibo hut). Once again remember to slow down and drink enough water!!

Situated in the barren Alpine desert is Horombo hut, a stone build block

house which has bunk beds for 60 climbers, but no streams with water nearby. It is however possible to buy mineral water and soft drinks at the camp office. There are platform toilets behind the hut. The summit is now a further 1195m up and you will make your final ascent the same night. Prepare your equipment, ski-stick and thermal clothing for your summit bid. This should include the replacement of your headlamp and camera batteries and make sure you have a spare set available as well. To prevent freezing it will be wise to carry your water in a thermal flask. Go to bed at round about 19h00 and try to get as much rest and sleep as possible.

Overnight: Kibo Hut.

Day 6 – Kibo Hut = Uhuru Peak / Horombo Hut

(Summit Attempt) Kibo hut (4700m)
- Uhuru Peak (5895m) - Horombo hut (3720m)

Hiking time: 8h to Uhuru, 6h to get to Horombo

Distance: Approximately 6kms ascent, 21kms descent

Habitat: Stone scree and ice-capped summit

You will rise around 23h30, and after some tea and biscuits you shuffle off into the night, and this is where the going really gets tough. The first section of the trail consists of a rocky path to the Hans Meyer Cave (5150m), also a good resting spot. The path then zigzags up to Gillman's point (5681m), which is located on the crater rim. This section is very steep with a lot of stone scree, requiring a great physical and mental effort. This is probably the most demanding section of the entire route. Do the Kili shuffle and move slowly.

From Gillmans Point you will normally

encounter snow all the way up to Uhuru peak (5895m), the highest point in Africa. Total exhilaration and satisfaction - you made it. Weather conditions on the summit will determine how long you will be able to spend, taking photographs, before the 3 hour descent back to Kibo hut. After a short rest you gather all your gear you left behind for the ascent and head down to Horombo hut (3 hours) for your overnight. The return to Horombo hut will seem surprisingly fast compared to the ascent. The total time spent walking on this day is around 14 hours, so be prepared for a very tough day. Later in the evening you enjoy your last dinner (with soft drinks and beer for sale at the camp office) on the mountain and a well-earned sleep, filled with memories and stirring emotions.

Overnight: Horombo Hut.

Day 7– Horombo hut (3720m) - Marangu Gate (1980m)

Hiking time: 6h Distance: Approximately 27kms

After breakfast you continue your descent (6 hours), passing the Mandara hut, down to the Marangu gate. It is strongly recommended not to pay your porters any tips until you and all your gear have reached the gate safely. Click here for

more info on tips. At Marangu gate you sign your name and details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. Those climbers who reached Gillman's Point (5685m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak (5895m), receive gold certificates. You now drive back to Moshi for a long overdue hot shower, dinner

and celebrations!! Overnight at the hotel in Moshi.

Day 6 –Moshi /Arusha City or Kilimanjaro Airport

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Airport for your return flight or to Arusha to start your safari.

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Climbing Routes
(Machame Route)



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MACHAME GATE

Total hiking distance: Approximately 100 kms

This is probably the most beautiful route up Kilimanjaro. All your equipment and supplies are portered and a cook prepares all your meals. Where accommodation on the Marangu route is in huts, the Machame route offers strictly tents only. This makes Machame (also referred to as the “Whiskey route”) better suited to the slightly more adventurous hiker, however rewarding him with a scenic splendour such as not seen on the Marangu route. From late afternoon sunsets at Shira, to the misty revelations of Kibo at the great Barranco Wall, the Machame route offers the adventurous hiker a stunning scenic “slide show” over 6 days. The Machame route is normally completed in a minimum of 6 days. There is an added benefit to this, as you are afforded the most valuable commodity on the mountain - acclimatization. The Machame route takes you high to Lava Tower (4630m)

on the day 3 and brings you down by nearly 700m for an overnight at Barranco camp (3950m). This is the secret to successful acclimatization.

Day 1 – Arusha or Kilimanjaro Airport / Moshi

You are met at the Airport or in Arusha City, drive to Moshi.

Overnight: Hotel in Moshi.

Day 2 – Moshi / Machame Gate (1490m) - Machame camp (2980m)

Hiking time: 7h

Distance: Approximately 18kms

Habitat: Montane forest



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Your day starts early with a briefing, followed by breakfast and a 45-minute drive from Moshi (910m) to the Machame village (1490m). The guides and porters prepare and pack the supplies and your equipment in the village. You will receive a lunch pack and you can also buy mineral water in the village. Depending on the condition of the road, it is possible to drive from the village to the Machame gate, but if not, the muddy 3 km walk will take about 1 hour to complete. After registering at the gate office, you start your ascent and enter the rain forest almost immediately. There is a strong possibility of rain in the forest, which will transform the trail into a very soggy, muddy and slippery experience. You will have a welcome lunch stop about half way and will reach the Machame camping area in the late afternoon.

Your porters (arriving at the camp site long before you) will have erected your

tent on your arrival. In the evening the porters will boil drinking and washing water and the cook will prepare dinner, before you retire to your tent for the night. Night temperatures can already drop to freezing point at this campsite

Overnight: Machama Camp.

Day 3 - Machame camp (2980m) - Shira camp (3840m)

Hiking time: 6h

Distance: Approximately 9 kms

Habitat: Moorland

You rise early at Machame camp and after breakfast you climb an hour or so to the top of the forest and then for 2 hours at a gentler gradient through the moorland zone. After a short lunch and rest, you continue up a rocky ridge onto the Shira plateau. By now you will be able to see in an easterly direction,

the Western Breach with its stunning glaciers. You are now due west of Kibo and after a short hike you will reach the Shira campsite at 3 840m. The porters will boil drinking and washing water, before serving dinner. The night at this exposed camp will even be colder than the previous night, with temperatures dropping to well below freezing

Overnight: Shira Camp

Day 4 - Shira (at 3840m) to Lava Tower (at 4630m) to Barranco camp (at 3950m)

Hiking time: 7h

Distance: Approximately 15 kms

Habitat: Semi-desert

The route now turns east into a semi desert and rocky landscape surrounding Lava Tower, where you reach an altitude of 4630m after



about a 5 hours walk. Lunch is served in a designated area before ascending the rocky scree path to Lava Tower (4630m). This is definitely the toughest day so far. It is normally around this point, where for the first time, some climbers will start to feel symptoms of breathlessness, irritability and headaches. After lunch you descent again by almost 680m to the Barranco camping area and after reaching the high altitude of 4600m at Lava Tower, the true acclimatisation benefit of this day becomes clear. This descent to Barranco camp takes about 2 hours and offers great opportunities to take some beautiful photographs of the Western Breach and Breach Wall. The camp is situated in a valley below the Breach and Great Barranco Wall, which should provide you with a memorable sunset while you wait for the preparation of your dinner.

Overnight: Baranco Camp.

Day 5 - Barranco camp (3950m)- Barafu camp (4550m)

Hiking time: 7h

Distance: Approximately 13 kms

Habitat: Alpine desert

After spending a night at the Great Barranco Wall (a very imposing sight at first), you make your way up this awesome looking obstacle, which in the end normally turns out easier than what you anticipated. Topping out just below the Heim Glacier, you now appreciate just how beautiful Kilimanjaro really is. The route then heads down through the Karanga Valley over intervening ridges and valleys, and then joins up with the Mweka route. This is the preferred route down from the summit, so remember it. Turn left up the ridge and after another hour or so, you reach Barafu Hut.

The last water stop on the route is the Karranga Valley, as there is no water at

Barafu camp. Barafu is the Swahili word for “ice” and it is a bleak and inhospitable camping area to spend the night. Totally exposed to the ever-present gales the tents are pitched on a narrow, stony, and dangerous ridge. Make sure that you familiarise yourself with the terrain before dark to avoid any accidents. The summit is now a further 1345m up and you will make the final ascent the same night. Prepare your equipment, ski stick and thermal clothing for your summit attempt. This should include the replacement of your headlamp and camera batteries and make sure you have a spare set available as well. To prevent freezing it will be wise to carry your water in a thermal flask. Go to bed at round about 19h00 and try to get some precious rest and sleep.

Overnight: Baranco Camp.

Day 6 - (Summit attempt) Barafu camp (4550m) - Uhuru Peak (5895m) - Mweka (3100m)

Hiking time: 8h to reach Uhuru Peak, 7 - 8h to descend to Mweka

Distance: Approximately 7 kms ascent - 23 kms descent

Habitat: Stone scree and ice-capped summit.

You will rise around 23h30, and after some tea and biscuits you shuffle off into the night. You will head in a north-westerly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. For many climbers, this 6-hour walk to Stella point is mentally and physically the most challenging on the route. At Stella Point (5685m) you will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see (weather permitting). From Stella

Point you will normally encounter snow all the way on your 2-hour ascent to Uhuru Peak. The time you will spend on the summit will depend on the weather conditions. Do not stop here for too long, as it will be extremely difficult to start again due to cold and fatigue. Enjoy your accomplishment and a day to remember for the rest of your life. The walk back to Barafu from the summit, takes about 3 hours. Here you will have a well earned but short rest and collect the rest of your gear. The route is not difficult and will take you down the rock and scree path into the moorland and eventually into the forest. The camp is situated in the upper forest and mist or rain can be expected in the late afternoon. Dinner and washing water will be prepared.

Overnight: Mweka Camp.

Day 7 - Mweka camp (3100m) - Mweka Gate (1980m)

Hiking time: 3h

Distance: Approximately 15 kms

Habitat: Forest

After an early and well-deserved breakfast, it is a short 3-hour and scenic hike back to the Park gate. It is strongly recommended not to pay your porters any tips until you and all your gear have reached the gate safely. View more tips on climbing Mt Kilimanjaro. At Mweka gate you sign your name and details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. Those climbers who reached Stella Point (5685m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached

Uhuru Peak (5895m) receive gold certificates. From the Mweka Gate you will continue down into the Mweka village, normally a muddy 3 km (1 hour) hike. In the Mweka village you will be served a delicious hot lunch!! You now drive back to Moshi for a long overdue hot shower, dinner and celebrations!!

Overnight at the hotel in Moshi.

Day 8 –Moshi /Arusha City or Kilimanjaro Airport

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Airport for your return flight or to Arusha to start your safari.





Rongai Route

The Rongai route is the only route that approaches Kilimanjaro from the north, close to the Kenyan border.

Though gaining popularity amongst climbers, the Rongai route still experiences low traffic.

Rongai is the preferred route for those looking for an alternative to the crowded Marangu route, for those who would like a more remote hike, and for those who are climbing during the rainy season (the north side receives less precipitation).

The minimum number of days required for this route is six days, and seven days are recommended.

Although the scenery is not as varied as the western routes, Rongai makes up for this by passing through true wilderness areas for days before joining the Marangu route at Kibo camp. This route descends down the Marangu route.

Rongai is a moderately difficult route, and is highly recommended, especially for those with less backpacking experience.

Umbwe Route

The Umbwe route is one of the shortest routes to the Southern Glaciers and the Western Breach. It is probably the most scenic, non-technical route on Kilimanjaro. It is quite taxing, primarily due to the relatively fast ascent to higher altitude, but the rewards are plentiful. Fewer people, pristine forest and shorter walking distances make it a great option for fit hikers. Add to your experience - OVERNIGHT IN THE CRATER!! Be one of a few fortunate people to spend a night in Africa's largest volcano. This option is highly recommended, as this will be the only opportunity to get close to the beautiful and fascinating glaciers of Kilimanjaro and to be able to visit the ash pit.

Lemosho Route

The Lemosho route is one of the newer routes on the mountain, and a superb choice for your climb.

It is our preferred route due to its ideal

balance of low traffic, beautiful scenery and a high summit success rate.

The route approaches Mount Kilimanjaro from the west, beginning with a long drive from Moshi to Londorossi Gate. From there, the first two days are spent trekking through the rainforest to Shira Ridge.

Unlike the popular Machame route, which simply intersects the Shira Plateau, the Lemosho route crosses the entirety of the plain from west to east in a pleasant, relatively flat hike. An added bonus is that climbers will encounter low traffic until the route joins the Machame route. Afterwards, Lemosho follows the same route through Lava Tower, Barranco and Barafu, known as the southern circuit. Descent is made via the Mweka route.

The minimum number of days required for this route is six days, although eight days is best.

Lemosho is considered the most scenic route on Kilimanjaro, and grants panoramic vistas on various sides of the mountain. Thus, Lemosho is highly recommended.



Before Climb

Be properly equipped

An essential part of your preparation will be to ensure that you are well equipped for your summit attempt. Print our final checklist and mark it off, to ensure that you are..

Be physically prepared

It is important that your body is adequately prepared for the physical challenges of Mount Kilimanjaro. We have developed a fitness training program which will assist you in getting your body in shape for your Kilimanjaro summit expedition..

Mental preparation

It is possible to summit Kilimanjaro successfully. Many before you have succeeded. This should be topmost in your mind when preparing for the summit attempt. You should always remain in a positive state of mind, but not overly arrogant. Try to anticipate

various different scenarios, which you may possibly encounter on the mountain and try to work out the most suitable course of action, mentally by yourself or even as a group. Your mental stamina will, without a doubt, make the really difficult sections, like from Kibo to Uhuru or from Barafu to Uhuru, easier to complete. Remember if you are properly equipped, you have taken everything as indicated on the final checklist, you are physically prepared and have all the knowledge gained from this internet guide - you will be mentally confident for the physical part of Kilimanjaro.

Adequate travel insurance

Make sure that you have adequate travel and medical insurance, which will also provide you with cover for the climb up Kilimanjaro.

On The Mountain

Go slowly

Go slowly - “Pole Pole” as they say in Swahili! This is also very important during your first days of climbing. Even if you feel well, slow down and enjoy the scenery.

Drink enough water

Make sure that you drink at least 3 - 4 litres of liquid a day - preferably water. For your first day it is recommended that you take along fresh water, which may be purchased at the hotel in Moshi before your climb. Try to get the bottles with the screw tops, this way you will also have containers in which to take water further up the mountain. Running water on the mountain is safe to drink from day-2 onwards, but care should still be taken. If you are not used to fresh water in nature, prevent any inconvenience by using

water purification tablets. REMEMBER! A functioning “body water balance” is one of the keys to a successful climb!

Walk high - sleep low

If possible and especially on your acclimatization day “walk high - sleep low” Try to do a short evening stroll to a higher altitude and then descend to sleep at the camp at a lower altitude. This is essential on your acclimatization day.

Climb light

Climb as lightly as possible; this becomes even more important on your summit night. Extra weight will slow you down and will also make breathing more difficult.

Packing

Remember that you will be on the mountain for at least 5 or 6 days. You need to take enough clothing, especially

socks to last for this period. Due to frequent rainfall as well as numerous streams on the routes, it is advisable to pack items individually in your bag. These individually packed items should be wrapped in plastic bags to prevent them from getting wet in case of rain or of being accidentally dropped in a stream.

Clothing

You will require the correct underwear, thermal hiking socks, gloves (preferably mittens), warm head protection, rain coat, sunglasses and sun protection cream. Also remember your hiking boots, hiking/running shoes (it is not necessary to walk with boots or climbers shoes until the last sections where scree and rocks are encountered), and very importantly, a walking stick / ski-pole. One of the most critical items of clothing is an outer jacket. You want it to perform

the functions of keeping you warm, protect you at temperatures of as low as minus 25 degrees Celsius, keep the wind out and yet still “breath”.

Try to avoid tight fitting clothing or underwear. This will hamper circulation, causing either cold or discomfort on the mountain. A balaclava is a must, as it will protect your face against cold, wind, sun and snow. Other clothing like shorts, sweaters and T-shirts are strongly recommended, especially during hiking on the lower slopes, when the day temperatures are still high.

The only way to ensure that you are dressed warmly is to follow the principal of wearing the correct clothing layers, starting from against the body. A common mistake made by climbers is to wear almost everything they have and to start off with cotton against the skin. Cotton absorbs



moisture perfectly, and moisture trapped against the skin will result in a definite lowering of the body temperature, which could even lead to hypothermia. It is therefore very important to use proper thermal underwear with “wicking” properties (a fabric which has the ability to draw moisture away from the body) and thus enabling it to evaporate to the outside. The middle layer should provide the insulation and a product like polar fleece will be adequate in this regard. The outer layer should be windproof, waterproof and breathable. Products like Ventex, Goretex or Jeantex offer these properties. Short of altitude and physical exertion, cold is one of the most serious obstacles when attempting to summit Kilimanjaro. After securing your booking with us, you’ll receive a comprehensive document, to guide you through the steps of purchasing the correct gear.

Take a ski - pole

A ski - pole is essential. Use of ski poles reduces external and internal loads on the knee joint by up to 20%. Using 1 ski pole is a must, but 2 poles are recommended. Buy one or hire one but take one .

New batteries

Replace your head lamp and camera batteries with new ones on your summit night.

Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS)

AMS commonly affects people at high altitude, who are not accustomed to high altitude conditions. AMS can be lethal if not treated immediately or if its symptoms are ignored. Probably 70% of all people climbing Kilimanjaro will suffer to some extent from AMS. You should familiarise yourself with this condition and take preventative care.

Malaria

Malaria occurs below 1800 meters and you should use the recommended prophylactics. Please consult your doctor about these. Currently, there are various preventative medication products available which will be effective against the malaria strains currently found in Tanzania. Women using oral contraceptives should consult their physicians before using prophylactics.

Other useful tips

Wet wipes

There is no washing water at Kibo and Arrow Glacier camps. Wet Wipes are very useful.

Snacks

Take enough snacks like energy bars etc.

Adequate sun protection

Wear a good quality pair of sunglasses (with UV protection) and use adequate sun protection cream with a protection factor of at least 20+.

Thermal flask

Use a thermal flask for your water on the summit night, other water bottles might freeze solid.

Camera

Taking pictures with a fully automatic camera at the summit of Kilimanjaro is possible, and most people do this. The secret is to always have a new battery in your camera when going into cold areas at high altitude. A mechanical camera works just as well, provided you have the knowledge to operate it successfully. Cameras exposed to cold do not cease functioning, but remember that if you keep your camera inside your jacket and the lens becomes warm, chances are

that it will form condensation when suddenly exposed to extreme cold. This condensation will freeze under conditions at the summit. Therefore, keep your camera dry at all times. Moisture will freeze at the summit which WILL cause your camera to stop functioning.

Mountain water

The stream water high on the mountain Kilimanjaro has been tested and has been found to be fit for drinking. However, if you would like to be on the safe-side, use water purification tablets or ask your guide to boil the water for you. This can be done in the evening. You can fill your flasks in the morning, ready for the next part of the climb.



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Guides and Porters

Once on the Mountain, your well equipped guides and porters, will rank second only to your mental determination, in terms of important factors contributing to a successful summit attempt. For the duration of your Kilimanjaro trek, your guide will be your advisor, he will lead you to the summit, and he will bring you down safely again. It will be important that you work closely with him and take note of his advice.

Other Important Points

Qualified and experienced guides

Guides are compulsory for all routes on Kilimanjaro. All our treks up the mountain are lead by highly trained and qualified guides, registered with the Kilimanjaro National Parks Board. Each of our guides has been selected over years, based on experience, safety record and through feedback from previous clients. Over the years they made a major contribution to our proud success rate of 96%+ and have safely guided in excess of 7000 successful Destination Africa Tours clients to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Support staff ratios

The average ratio of our support staff to climbers is 2 porters per climber, a cook and one guide for a maximum of 4 climbers. This excellent staff to clients ratio, bolstered by our superior support

equipment, will ensure your safety and enjoyment on the mountain.

Porters and cook

The porters do not only transport your gear and the supplies up and down the mountain. Arriving at every camp site long before you, they will have already erected your tent on your arrival. In the evening they will also boil drinking and washing water and the cook will prepare dinner of a quality that has surprised many previous clients.

Weight limits for porters

Remember that there is a weight limit of 15 kg (30 lbs) per climber, on the gear of each climber to be portered. A soft duffel bag (barrel type) is preferred - a rucksack is not necessary as they prefer to porter the loads balanced on their heads and shoulders.

Tipping

This is a "compulsory tradition" on every Kilimanjaro climb. We recommend giving a tip of between US \$ 130 to US \$ 200 per climber to the mountain crew at the end of the climb. We recommend giving the tip to the main guide who will then distribute the tip among the mountain crew. We recommend not paying any

tips until you and all your gear have descended from the mountain.

- Guide US\$ 70 - 80
- Assistant Guide US\$ 50
- Cook US\$ 40
- Porters US\$ 25 - 30

It is recommended not to pay your porters any tips until you and all your gear have descended from the mountain.

More on becoming a guide on Kilimanjaro

Qualifying as a Kilimanjaro guide brings with it great prestige and respect within the local community. Bearing in mind that your guide would have been employed as a porter for at least 3 years after which he would have been trained and employed as an assistant guide for at least a further 2 years. Only then did he earn an opportunity to become a registered guide, provided that he was found suitable and competent. On average guides and porters will do three (5 - 6 day) summit expeditions per month. That equates to between 15 - 18 days per month on the mountain!

This is without a doubt an extraordinary achievement.



Terms & Conditions

(Individual FIT Bookings)

1. CONTRACTING PARTIES

These Terms and Conditions are legally binding between the traveler(s) and SIMBA SAFARIS - Tanzania* herein referred to as SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS

PLEASE NOTE: Acceptance of a quotation from SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions which take effect immediately.

3. ACCOMMODATION:

All accommodation, room type(s) and specification are as shown in the itinerary.

4. MEALS:

Meals are as shown in the itinerary.

5. TRANSFERS:

Transfers are provided on arrival and departure from airport to hotel and return only where specified in the itinerary.

6. ITINERARY:

Accommodation and arranged sightseeing are subject to change at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond SIMBA SAFARIS control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA also reserves the right to withdraw a tour or any part of it, to make such alterations to the itinerary or the tour inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and to pass on to tour members any expenditures or losses caused by delays or events beyond its control.

In case of any appreciable variation in the tour price due to these circumstances, SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA reserves the right to make adjustments to the tour costs as necessary.



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7. SPECIAL REQUESTS:

Specific requests should be advised at time of booking. Please note that every effort will be made to secure special requests, however; they cannot be guaranteed.

8. TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation will be as specified in the itinerary.

9. BAGGAGE:

SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA provides handling of baggage only as specified in the quotation. Weight restrictions for baggage on some routes on internal/ domestic flights may apply; details of which will be provided with pre-tour documentation. Baggage and personal effects are at the owner's risk throughout the tour and SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA assumes no liability for lost or damaged baggage. Baggage insurance is strongly advised.

Please check with your international carrier for other baggage restrictions applicable to your international flight.

10. TAXES AND GRATUITIES:

Hotel taxes as imposed by city and state governments are included. Airport taxes are included where specified in the itinerary.

Gratuities for guides, drivers, porters, camp staff, ship crew and Tour Managers are not included and are at the discretion of the traveler.

11. PRICES & ARRANGEMENTS:

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted based on the current rates of exchange and tariffs. Entrance fees as part of scheduled sightseeing tours are also included in this price. This price is subject to revision in line with significant changes in foreign currency, tariff rates, taxes etc.

12. EXCLUSIONS:

The cost of obtaining passports, visas, excess baggage charges, items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, telephone calls, fax charges and excess baggage charges unless expressly included in writing, are not included in the tour price.

13. PHOTOGRAPHY:

SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA reserves the right to take photographs during the operation of any program or part thereof and to use them for promotional purposes. By booking a program with SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA, travelers agree to allow their images to be used in such photographs. Travelers who prefer that their images not be used are asked to identify themselves to SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA prior to final payment and they will be exempted from this photography waiver clause.

14. REGISTRATION:

A non-refundable deposit of 25% is required at the time of booking. The remainder of the tour cost is payable 60 days prior to departure. If the reservation is made within 60 days of departure, the entire tour price must be paid at the time of confirmation.

15. PAYMENT METHOD:

Payments may be made by the following methods:

- Credit card
- Bank transfer

SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA cannot guarantee that all payment methods will be accepted and SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA will therefore advise of the most suitable payment method at the time of deposit.

15.1 For payment by credit card SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA reserve the right to

charge a levy of up to 5%.

15.2 Please use the following account details for bank transfers:

Account Name: SIMBA SAFARIS

Account Number: 078016006

Bank: Exim Bank (Tanzania) Ltd. Bank Address – P O Box 1906 Arusha . Tanzania

Swift Code: EXTNTZTZ

15.3 For payment by bank transfer please confirm with SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA by fax or email the date on which payment has been made.

15.4 Travelers are liable for all bank and related transaction charges.

16. CANCELLATION:

All cancellations must be received in writing.

16.1 Cancellations received between the date of booking and 60 days prior

to departure will result in the loss of the deposit.

16.1.1 Cancellations received 60 - 45 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 50% of the tour price.

16.1.2 Cancellations received 45 - 28 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 75% of the tour price.

16.1.3 Cancellations received 28 - 14 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 90% of the tour price.

16.1.4 Cancellations received 14 days or less prior to departure will be subject to a forfeiture of the entire tour price.

16.2 Cancellation of airline tickets will be subject to the refund policy of each individual

airline and may be greater than the percentages above particularly when low cost/net based fares are used.

16.3 The purchase of special event tickets is subject to the refund policy of each individual event. Please refer to the specific event policy for details.

16.4 SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA reserve the right to charge for financial penalties, fees and losses incurred as a result of cancellation. SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA will advise at the time of booking whether additional financial penalties, fees and losses will be applicable to your specific itinerary as a result of cancellation.

17. CLAIMS AND REFUNDS:

Refunds are not made for any missed services, except for verifiable extenuating circumstances. Please see our LIMITS ON SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA'S RESPONSIBILITY clause below. For verifiable claims to be considered, they

must be received in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis. Adjustments will not be made for unused sightseeing trips or meals. SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA will not accept any liability for any claims that are not received within 30 days of the termination of your program. All claims for days missed while travelling should be made in writing within 30 days of the program.

18. LIMITS ON SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA'S RESPONSIBILITY:

SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA Tanzania, its employees, shareholders, officers, directors, successors, agents and assigns (collectively SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA), does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip with

the exception of a limited number of vehicles. It purchases transportation (by aircraft, coach, train, vessel or otherwise), hotel and other lodging accommodations, restaurant, ground handling and other services from various independent suppliers (including from time to time other affiliated SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA companies). All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result,

SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA is not liable for any negligent or willful act of any such person or entity or of any third person.

In addition and without limitation, SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA is not responsible for any injury, financial or physical loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to personal property in connection to the provision of any goods or services whether resulting

from but not limited to acts of God or force majeure, illness, disease, acts of war, civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, overbooking or downgrading of services, food poisoning, mechanical or other failure of aircraft or other means of transportation or for failure of any transport mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

There are many inherent risks in adventure travel of the type involved here, which can lead to illness, injury or even death. These risks are increased by the fact that these trips take place in remote locations, far from medical facilities. Passenger assumes all such risks associated with participating in this trip.

18.1 In the event of a cancellation or material alteration to the trip as a result of the circumstances as described in this clause SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA may in

their sole and absolute discretion:

- a) offer the traveler(s) alternative travel arrangements or products of comparable standard as may be appropriate in the circumstances; or
- b) if alternative travel arrangements or products are not offered by SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA, SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA will make a prompt proportional refund of monies paid by the traveler.

18.2 SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA may charge a reasonable fee to cover the administration costs associated with providing alternative travel arrangements or products.

18.3 If a material alteration becomes necessary within 90 days of the departure date for any reason other than the circumstances described in this clause, SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA will endeavor to offer comparable

products or a full refund of all monies paid by the traveler(s).

19. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:

Please ensure that you consult your personal physician about anti malaria precautions and other inoculations and vaccinations before travel. Where applicable, please ensure that whilst travelling you carry a valid Yellow Fever certificate.

20. TRAVEL ADVISORIES/WARNINGS:

It is the responsibility of travelers to become informed about the most current travel advisories and warnings by referring to their respective government agencies. In the event of an active State Department or government agency Travel Warning against travel to specific destination location(s) of the trip, should the traveler still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory

or warning, the traveler assumes all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

21. TRAVELLERS' REPRESENTATIONS:

Traveler(s) represent(s) that neither he nor anyone traveling with him has any physical condition or disability that could create a hazard to himself or other members of the tour. SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA reserves the right to remove from the trip, at the sole expense of the traveler, anyone whose condition is such that he or she could create a hazard to himself or others, or otherwise impact the enjoyment of other passengers on the trip.

22. AIR TRANSPORTATION:

Airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event occurring while passengers are not on board their aircraft. International

air carriers are also subject to international air conventions limiting their liability. These limitations of liability are explained on the e-ticket or on the reverse of the airline ticket and when issued, this constitutes the sole contract between the respective air carrier(s) and their passengers.

23. PASSPORT & VISAS

Please note that passport holders are responsible for obtaining the required documentation applicable for entry. Please note also that passports must be valid for six (6) months before departure and should also have sufficient blank pages for visas and immigrations stamps. SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA cannot be held responsible should you be denied entry to a country due to non-compliance with these requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA strongly

recommend all clients take out comprehensive travel insurance prior to date of travel. This insurance should cover cancellation and curtailment, all medical expenses including evacuation/repatriation, personal baggage, personal liability, death and permanent disability and travel document insurance. SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA cannot be held responsible for any costs arising from such loss or injury.

24. ARBITRATION AGREEMENT:

Any claim arising out of or relating to these Terms and Conditions, to the LIMITS ON SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA's RESPONSIBILITY clause, to the brochure, to any information relating in any way to the trip, to the trip itself or to any products or services related to the trip, shall be settled in the first instance by binding arbitration in the applicable legal forum as

detailed in clause 26 of these Terms and Conditions. In lieu of a personal appearance at arbitration the arbitration may be conducted by telephonic means. Arbitration is the exclusive forum in the first instance for dispute resolution and except as otherwise provided by statute, each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator and administrative fees.

25. APPLICABLE LAW AND FORUM:

This agreement shall be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with, and shall be governed by the laws of Tanzania. It is agreed between SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA and the travelers that all lawsuits against SIMBA SAFARIS - TANZANIA arising under, in connection with, or incidental to the tour shall be filed, if at all, in the courts of Tanzania to the exclusion of the courts of or in any other country or jurisdiction.





Zanzibar Spice Tour

In days past, Zanzibar was known as a spice island, exporting cloves, vanilla, nutmeg and cardamom across the world. The spices were brought over from Asia and South America and flourished in the tropical climes. Nowadays the plantations are a tribute to the island's past, swapping spices for tourism, combining both in a spice tour, one of the most popular excursions on the island.

Walk through the spice farm with your guide. Touch, smell and taste different spices and tropical fruits. Try to guess which is which, from the crushed leaves, the fruit, shoots and vines and creepers crawling up the trees. Learn about their properties, their origins and their use as medicines and in food and drink.

A visit to a spice farm village gives you an insight into local life and the opportunity to try some Swahili dishes, taste the fruits in season and try some spiced tea. An optional lunch is available at Hakuna

Matata Beach Lodge, a special menu, prepared with the best of the seasonal fruit and spices introduced to you during the tour.

Depending on the season you are visiting, you can find anything from vanilla, cardamom, cinnamon, nutmeg, turmeric, lemon grass, cloves, ylang ylang, cumin, garlic, ginger, coriander, pepper, allspice, tamarind, chilli, oregano and more!

Fruits can include banana, pineapple, jack fruit, custard fruit, oranges, star fruit, tangerine, passion fruit, mango, avocado, pear, papaya, grape fruit and many others.

Advisable

- Comfortable closed walking or hiking shoes and pants.
- Sun hat and sun cream.



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low the trail of the sultans, slaves and explorers in the wind-ing streets of Stone Town. Your guide will tell you about the events that shaped Zanzibar, leading you through the buildings where it all happened, such as the former Slave Market and Anglican Cathedral, the House of Wonders and the Sultans' Palace Museum, the Old Arab Fort and Dispensary.

While tracing the steps of the past, the walking tour provides you with a window into modern life in Stone Town. Explore the markets, seafood and fish piled in the fish market, fresh loaves of bread in wicker bas-kets and the neat stacks of fruit and vegetables as traders sell their wares from their stalls. Children play in the streets in the residential areas, mamas sit out and gossip while the men play board games. An optional stop at The Zanzibar Coffee House provides a rest from the heat and hustle and bustle. A selection of drinks,

local sweets & seasonal fruits act as the perfect pick me up, for you to continue your tour.

The City Tour is very flexible and can be adapted suit your interest and time frame, if you're a shopaholic, culture culture or history buff. If you want to hunt for antiques and souve-nir shop, follow David Livingstone's time in Zanzibar and walk the path of the slave trade, your guide can rec-ommend and develop routes and itin-eraries that will optimise your time and get the most out of your trip.

Advisable

- Closed walking or hiking shoes.
- Please dress conservatively when walking through Stone Town.
- Women should cover their shoulders and wear long skirts or trousers.



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In the south of the island, Jozani Forest is a wonder and delight, with tales of Zanzibar leopards, medicinal cures and stunning scenery. Currently under consideration to become Zanzibar's second World Heritage Site, the Jozani-Chkwa Bay area is a hotspot of biodiversity. The forest is home to a number of endemic species, including the Zanzibar Red Colobus Monkey.

Your park ranger will take you on a nature trail, lined with eucalyptus and mahogany trees and explain the medicinal properties of various plants and tell you about the animals, birds and reptiles that make their home in the various habitats of this tropical rainforest.

Troops of Zanzibar Red Colobus monkeys can be found scrambling from branch to branch, in search of food. The monkeys have become acclimatised to people and allow you to get close to them to

take photographs as they eat, play and jumping from the treetops.

The mangrove boardwalk takes you above the swamp, where, depending on the tide, you can see tropical fish flitting between the mangrove roots and crabs scuttling across the mud. Mangroves play an important role in environmental conservation and as a resource for villagers and community life. Your ranger will explain the different species found in the swamp and their uses.

Advisable

- Comfortable, closed walking or hiking shoes and pants.
- Please do not feed or touch the monkeys.

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Sunset Dhow Cruises

Step onto the deck of our vessels, relax and let us sail you away on a magical sunset cruise to end your day. Our sunset cruises leave Stone Town in the late afternoon to cruise along the

coast, slicing through the clear turquoise water.

The sounds of the hustle of busy people in Stone Town grow faint in the distance until they seem only in a memory. Musicians take over playing songs of love and loss, as the butler serves canapés and keeps your glass topped up with your choice of a selection of beers, wine and sodas, encouraging you to sink back into the cushions and enjoy the romance of Africa while watching the scenery drift by.

Onboard our dhow we also have a personal guide who will accompany you on your cruise and give you a tour of Stone Town from the water. Feel free to ask any

questions you may have about Zanzibar.

The blue green of the sea contrasts against the clear blue sky. The sun sets, changing the sky from shades of pinks and blues to magnificent golden colours, as you sail back towards the glimmering lights of Stone Town in the distance, the wind gently blowing you back to shore.

Returning to Stone Town in the evening to the shores of Serena Hotel, we guarantee blissful relaxation after hours of luxurious sailing around the beautiful island of Unguja.

Advisable

- Towel and water resistant shoes



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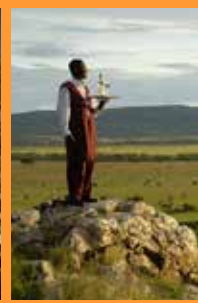
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