

Mt. Kilimanjaro & Safari Experts

# **MACHAME ROUTE 6DAY/5NIGHTS**

The Serengeti Pride Family Welcomes You to Tanzania.



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#### Arrival Procedures, Luggage and Visas.

- You must fill out an arrival form and pay for tourist visa in cash at the airport (unless already got your visa from a Tanzanian Embassy/consulate in your home country). Tourist visas typically cost \$ 50-100 (Payable in cash, in US Dollars only). Make sure you have cash; credit cards and travelers cheques are not accepted by the immigration. There is no ATM before you cross customs.
- On your arrival form, fill in hotel name in Arusha where you will be staying. The address is simply "Arusha".
- Once your passport has been stamped for entry, pick up your luggage and proceed to the exit where our driver will be waiting for you.
- ❖ If your flight is delayed en route or if you miss a connection call one of the contacts listed on the front page of this document. If you cannot call, send a text message to at least two of the numbers listed; text messages are sometimes delayed. Let us know if there are any changes to your flight once you depart from your home country.
- If you are significantly delayed and haven't spoken to anyone from our office, you may need to take a taxi to your lodge.
- Delayed luggage will typically arrive on the next day's flight. Ask the airline representatives to deliver your bag to your lodge, if you will be there for at least 24 hours) and give them the SPS Office Manager's phone number.

#### 2. Photography

- Do not take any photos of military, police activity or government buildings; it is illegal.
- In general do not take pictures of people you do not know in Tanzania; it is considered rude. You may have to pay people for taking their photos even if they give you permission.
- Always ask your guide before taking any photographs of people or government buildings.

#### 3. Currency

- The local currency is the Tanzania Shilling, however US Dollars are widely accepted. If bringing Euros, Pounds Sterling or Canadian dollars, you should change some money into Tanzania Shillings since those currencies are not accepted as widely as US Dollars. Other currencies are often not accepted.
- ❖ There is a forex bureau within the airport exit area should you wish to exchange any currency.

#### 4. Clothing

❖ Tanzanians generally dress very modestly. While at the coast or in Zanzibar, women are advised to be much more modest than when inland. Topless sunbathing is not allowed in most places. For safety reasons, be aware of the people around you in order to avoid religious and cultural conflict.

# 5. Security

- ❖ Tanzania is a relatively stable and friendly country; however, use common precautions and secure your valuables just like you would while at home. As a tourist, you already stand out enough; handling cameras, phones, wallets and money in public will attract unwarranted attention.
- ❖ If you leave the lodge on your own, ask the staff to call you a trusted taxi.

#### 6. Electricity

❖ If you bring anything with a plug, you may need an adapter for the local outlets (220 V). British (UK) 3 prong style is in most lodges.

#### 7. Communication during the trip

- ❖ Our guides have many ways to reach the office in case of emergency; including cell and/or satellite phones, radios, and rangers (porters can be sent to nearby ranger stations whose radios are stationary wired to reach long distances).
- Please be at peace with the idea that you will not have any internet access while on the mountain or on safari. Some lodges may have some internet connection; just remember that you are on safari.

### 8. Pack for a Purpose

• We are members of an initiative that encourages travelers to have an impact on the communities that they visit. Take a look at the website for ways you can make a big impact on somebody's life with very little effort. https://www.packforapurpose.org/

#### 9. Tipping Suggestions

- Tips are acceptable in any major currency.
- Do note that the guidelines below are just suggestions for a kind gesture, they are not obligatory. You may reduce or increase as you wish.
- SPS Expedition Leader: \$100-125 total per participant given to him individually at end of climb (last night or last morning). Mountain crew: \$20-\$35 per participant per day total.
- ❖ Hotels staff: around \$1.00 per bag to each staff carrying a bag to/from your room
- Safari driver \$ 10 per participant per day, you can tip them more if your happy with their services.
- ❖ Driver, for airport pick-ups and drop offs: \$5 per participant each way.

#### Costs:

#### Our prices exclude:

- Tips tips/gratuities, travel visa, drinks and bottled water in lodges and on classic safaris, toiletries. Lodges/safari camps typically provide a small bottle of water for brushing teeth but you need to purchase your drinking water.
- When you charge bottled water, drinks, etc to your rooms at lodges/camps, please be sure to pay your bill at checkout. On the mountain, we filter your water but it's very important you also treat it (drops or pills or UV light) in your water bottle in case of filter failure (this can happen in cold, high altitudes and is not immediately apparent).

#### Day-by-Day Itinerary: Machame Route 6nigths/5nigths climbing

Day 1	Arrival		Serengeti Pride driver will pick you up from the Airport		Rau River house or similar
Day 2	MACAHAME CAMP	E HUT	-	pickup by a Serengeti Pride driver at the Reception 09:00 AM	MACHAME HUT CAMP
			-	A short drive brings us to the Machame trailhead (~ 5700').  After the climbers and crew have checked in with the park rangers, we will hike up to the Montane forest,	Hiking: 6-8 hours Altitude: ~ 9900′

		winding up the mossy jungle, making our way to Machame hut camp.  Hear you will get your first view of the peak.	
Day 3	SHIRA CAMP	<ul> <li>After breakfast, our hike continues through the forest.</li> </ul>	SHIRA 1 CAMP
		<ul> <li>We will take our time soaking in the scenery as we make our way through the moorlands.</li> <li>We will be treated to spectacular views of Kibo peak</li> </ul>	Hiking: 6-7 hours Altitude: ~ 12,500'
Day 4	BARANCO CAMP	<ul> <li>Today Is a long day but lots of acclimatization as you climb high, sleep low</li> </ul>	BARANCO CAMP
		<ul> <li>We will take an acclimatization hike to lava tower (~ 15000') for lunch, before descending to the Baranco valley.</li> </ul>	Hiking: 6-8 hours Altitude: ~ 13,500'
		<ul> <li>For those descending who have energy, and if time and weather permit, there is the possibility to scramble up the Lava tower itself.</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>The scenery is amazing today, passing through different ecological zones of the mountain.</li> </ul>	
Day 5	BARAFU CAMP	- Today is another long day of hiking as you continue your southern circuit traverse	BARAFU CAMP Hiking: 7-9 hours
		<ul> <li>You will hike up and down several valleys as you go from Baranco camp to Barafu camp.</li> <li>Start-up great Baranco wall (which is achievable for</li> </ul>	Altitude: ~15,100'
		everyone but can be intimidating with its steep cliffs) - Hike past Karanga camp and eventually to Barafu	
		<ul> <li>camp.</li> <li>Here you will it and rest for few hours before arising about 11:00- PM to start tomorrow's summit ascent</li> </ul>	
Day 6	SUMMIT DAY MWEKA -CAMP	- Start hiking at around midnight, using your headlamps to lead the way slowly up to Stella Point	MWEKA CAMP
		and then the summit.	Hiking: 6-7 hours
		- Due to the altitude you will hike slowly, and will need	Descent 6-9 hour Altitude: ~10,500'
		<ul> <li>to dress warmly for the cold.</li> <li>After celebrating with photos at the summit, descend down to Mweka camp.</li> </ul>	Summit: ~19,341'
Day 7	MWEKA GATE PLANET LODGE OR SIMILAR LODGE	<ul> <li>We make the final descent through the rain forest to Mweka gate.</li> <li>Here we will have lunch and say goodbye to our</li> </ul>	PLANET LODGE ARUSHA Hiking: 3-5 hours
	SB.III EODGE	mountain crew before leaving Mount Kilimanjaro National Park.	
		<ul> <li>Drive back to Arusha for a hot shower and a celebratory dinner at your hotel.</li> </ul>	
		This is the end of service with Serengeti Pride! Kwa heri (Goodbye), (Asante sana)Thank you!	

# Price per person sharing.

2pax = \$3704

4pax= \$3550

6pax = \$3199

8pax = \$2986

10pax = \$ 2870

