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## 20-DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY

6-DAY MOUNT KILI CLIMB + 5-DAY  
SAFARI + DAY TRIPS + ZANZIBAR

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### SUMMARY OF ITINERARY

- ▲ Day 1: Arrival and Moshi City Tour
- ▲ Day 2: Materuni Waterfalls Day Trip
- ▲ Day 3-8: Mount Kilimanjaro Climb, Machame Route
- ▲ Day 9: Hot Springs Day Trip
- ▲ Day 10-14: 5-Day Private Safari to Tarangire, Lake Manyara, Serengeti and Ngorongoro
- ▲ Day 15: Lake Chala Day Trip
- ▲ Day 16-20: Zanzibar
- ▲ Day 20: Departure



## DETAILED ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrival and Moshi City Tour

Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Moshi. After time for a rest, someone from TATU Adventures will come and meet you and together you'll go to the centre of Moshi where you will meet your guide for the Moshi City Tour. The tour includes the main sites of Moshi, including the food markets and the old railway station, and you'll have the opportunity to stop at a Kitenge shop and order some tailor-made clothes from a local craftsman if desired. The tour also includes several stops to try traditional local foods – so no need to eat beforehand! After the tour, we will arrange for a transport back to your hotel. Overnight at a good quality hotel or lodge.



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### Day 2: Materuni Waterfalls Day Trip

After breakfast, the guide will pick you up at your hotel at 9.am for a day at the Materuni Waterfalls (approx. 1.5 hours away). The waterfalls trip is a great introduction to life in the Kilimanjaro region, and the surrounding natural beauty. The Materuni Waterfalls are situated on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, near a small town called Uru. On the tour, you will explore a tropical forest with coffee and banana plantations and hundreds of trees and wild flowers.



At the end of the walk you will have your first encounter with the melting snows of Kilimanjaro: the Materuni Waterfall. It is a great spot for a refreshing swim on warm days. Then, after a local lunch, you will enjoy a guided tour of a small coffee farm with local farmers who show you how they collect beans by hand and roast them. Finish the day by enjoying a cup of freshly brewed coffee, before returning to Moshi towards late afternoon. After your return to Moshi, someone from the team will meet you to introduce you to your

Kilimanjaro guide. Your guide will check your clothing and equipment and you'll have the opportunity to buy any additional clothing or equipment you might need for the climb. Overnight at a good quality hotel or lodge.



**Day 3: Moshi to Machame Gate (1490m) and then to Machame Hut (2980m) – Hiking time approx. 6-7 hours (14km)**

Today is the first day of your Kilimanjaro adventure. After a breakfast, you will be picked-up at 8.45am and driven to central Moshi to meet the rest of your crew for the Kilimanjaro climb. You will then be driven from Moshi to Machame village (1490m), where guides and porters will pack your gear and food, and you'll be given water and lunchboxes for the first stage of the hike. After you have completed the registration process at the gate, you will get started with an enjoyable hike to Machame hut. You can expect to reach it in the late afternoon, after 7 or so hours of hiking. This will be your first camping spot of the excursion.



**Day 4: Machame Hut (2980m) to Shira Camp (3850m) – Hiking time approx. 4-5 hours (5.3km)**

After breakfast, you'll continue your hike and within the first hour you'll go from forest to moorland vegetation. Here you'll walk for a further two hours, at a gentle incline. You'll then continue up a rocky ridge and onto the Shira plateau, where you'll have views over dramatic glaciers. After a short walk, you'll reach the Shira campsite where hot drinks will be served to warm you up whilst dinner is being prepared. This campsite is exposed to the elements and temperatures drop below freezing.

**Day 5: Shira Camp (3850m) to Lava Tower (4600m) and on to Barranco Camp (3940m) – Hiking time approx. 7 hours (13.7km)**

The route now takes you through a desert-like rocky landscape, where, after a 5-hour hike, you'll reach the Lava Tower at an altitude of 4630m. There will be a picnic site on route where you will stop for lunch. The Lava Tower is usually the point where hikers start to really feel the altitude, and common symptoms include breathlessness, tiredness and headaches. There will be some time to acclimate. After the ascent, you will spend about 2 hours descending to Barranco Camp, located at 3950m. There are plenty of great photo opportunities on route, including views of the Western Breach and Breach Wall. The camp is located in a valley below the Breach and Great Barranco Wall, and (weather-permitting) you'll be able to enjoy a superb sunset whilst your dinner is being prepared.



**Day 6: Barranco Camp (3940m) to Barafu Camp (4600m) – Hiking time approx. 6-7 hours (8.5km)**

Today, you'll start walking uphill towards the awesome looking barrier, which turns out to be an easier hike than it looks! This is the point where you can start to take in just how awe-inspiring Kilimanjaro really is. You'll then head down through the Karanga valley, and over ridges and valleys, to eventually join the famous Mweka route (descent only). Here you will stock up on water as this is the last water point before the ascent. Here you'll turn to your left up the ridge and have an hour or two walk before reaching Barafu Hut. This is the most challenging camping experience of the trip, as the tents are pitched over a narrow, stony and dangerous ridge. You will need to familiarize yourself with your surroundings before it gets dark. At this point you are 1345m away from the summit and you will make your final ascent to conquer the summit just before midnight of the same day. We will prepare all the equipment, including thermal clothing, thermal flasks for your water and replacement batteries for your headtorch. You'll then have a 4-hour nap before waking up for the final push.

**Day 7: Barafu Camp (4600m) to Uhuru Peak (5895m) and then down to Mweka Hut (3100m) – Hiking time approx. 8 hours plus 7-8 hours (11.5km)**

The summit attempt begins around 23h00, after some tea and biscuits. You will start the ascent hiking northwest and towards Stella point, which stands at 5685m on the crater rim. It usually takes around 6 hours to complete this step, which is the most physically and mentally challenging part of the trek. At Stella point, you will take a short break, and (weather-



permitting) enjoy a magnificent sunrise. The final ascent usually takes a further 2 hours, most which will be through snow. The time you spend on the peak will depend on weather conditions, but it is generally advisable not to stay too long due to the onset of cold and fatigue. You will then start your descent, first to Barafu camp where you will collect all your belongings (at least 3 hours) and then on to Mweka hut (3100m). This part of the route is relatively easy and will take you back down to the moorland and then the upper part of

the forest. This part of the forest is prone to mist and rain in the late afternoon. Here you will be provided with water for a wash, and then a well-deserved dinner!



**Day 8: Mweka Hut (3100m) to Mweka Gate (1980m) – Hiking time approx. 3-4 hours (8.1km)**

After breakfast, you will begin the easiest part of your adventure on Mount Kilimanjaro, along the scenic path through the forest towards Mweka Gate. When you reach Mweka gate, you will be able to register your name and details and the (successful!) climbers will receive their certificates. Climbers who reached Stella point will receive green certificates and those who conquered the summit (5895m) will receive gold certificates. There will then be the chance to celebrate your achievement with the whole team, and tip the porters, guides and cook, before heading back to Moshi. Overnight at a good quality hotel or lodge.

**Day 9: Hot Springs Day Trip**

After breakfast, the guide will meet you at your hotel for a day of swimming, sunbathing, and relaxing among palm trees and lush greenery. Hot Springs, or maji moto in Swahili, are natural pools of warm, clear water that bubble up from underground. This place is an oasis in a semi-desert area. It is a small pool that is 7 meters deep and due to the clarity of the water, you can see all the way to the bottom. The trip out to the springs takes you through an arid desert area and along the way you will see several magnificent Baobab trees. The lushness of the destination comes as a surprise - and is very much like an oasis in the desert. After a picnic lunch, there will be time to relax or take a walk before you head back to Moshi for a free evening. Overnight at a good quality hotel or lodge.



**Day 10: Moshi – Tarangire National Park**

After an early breakfast, you'll be picked up at your hotel for the beginning of your safari adventure! The drive to Tarangire National Park takes 2.5 – 3 hrs. Named after the “Tarangire River”, the park lies in the Manyara region of Tanzania, and is the country’s sixth largest park. The River serves as a life line to thousands of animals, who immigrate in search of water during the dry season. In addition to the beautiful scenery and the diverse birdlife, the Tarangire is renowned for its large elephant population. It reportedly boasts the largest concentration of elephants anywhere in the world, and is





also home to the second highest concentration of wildlife of any Tanzanian national park. But it is the vast number of Baobab trees that first capture the eye as you enter the park. The gently rolling countryside is dotted with these epic trees, which dwarf the animals that feed beneath them. After reaching Tarangire, you'll proceed on a game drive for the rest of the day, stopping to enjoy a picnic lunch in the park. Dinner and overnight at Kudu Lodge or similar.

### Day 11: Lake Manyara National Park

In the morning, you'll begin your drive to nearby Lake Manyara National Park. Known for its



elephants and tree-climbing lions, Lake Manyara is also excellent for flamingos and other fascinating birds in and around the soda lake. The park also features a ground-water forest and hot springs. The Park was once favoured by big game hunters - Ernest Hemingway featured it in his book *The Green Hills of Africa*. Today the wildlife is protected, and includes blue and vervet monkeys,

baboons, Maasai giraffe and impala. Dinner and overnight at Kudu Lodge or similar.

### Day 12: Serengeti National Park

After breakfast at the lodge, you'll head towards the Serengeti. You'll be able to enjoy a game ride en-route to the National Park, and you will be able to see the park's resident and migratory animals throughout the journey. The Serengeti gets its name from the Maasai word meaning 'endless plains'. The Serengeti National Park, a designated World Heritage Site, is one of the greatest wildlife-watching destinations on earth and home to superb savannah scenery. Covering an area of almost 25,000 sq. km, the Serengeti is famous for its wildebeest migration, where over one million wildebeest, plus hundreds of thousands of other hoofed mammals, engage in a 1,000 km long annual circular journey in search of better grazing. The Serengeti is one of the most productive ecosystems on earth, sustaining the largest number of hoofed mammals and the highest concentration of large predators in the world. Species commonly seen in the Serengeti include wildebeest, Thomson's gazelles, cheetah, zebra, lion, giraffe, impala, topi, elephants, buffalos and leopard. The Serengeti is also home to more than 540 species of birds. Later that afternoon, you'll be able to enjoy a game drive in the Serengeti NP. Dinner and overnight at Kati-Kati Tented Camp or similar.





### Day 13: Serengeti NP to Ngorongoro Highlands

You'll enjoy an early morning game drive to witness the sunrise over the Serengeti National Park, before returning for breakfast. After breakfast, you will leave and go for a game drive on the way out of the park and towards the rim of Ngorongoro Crater, one of Africa's seven

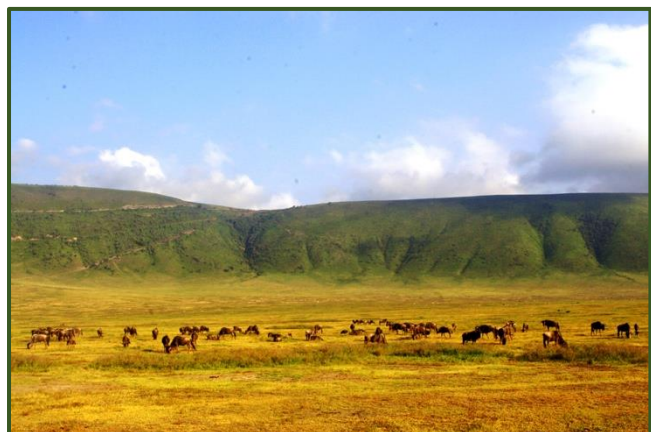


natural wonders, with a stop at Olduvai Gorge along with way. Ngorongoro Conservation Area (NCA) covers an area of 8292 sq. km and is home to the Ngorongoro Crater, the Oldupai Gorge and much of the Crater Highlands. Located between the Rift Escarpment and the Serengeti National Park, the NCA offers spectacular volcanic scenery, centred around the world-famous crater.

Established in 1959, the majority of Ngorongoro is a mixed-use conservation area, with Maasai tribespeople and wildlife living side by side. Today around 42,000 Maasai live here, and can be seen tending to their goats and cattle. Dinner and overnight at Rhino Lodge or similar.

### Day 14: Ngorongoro Crater – Moshi

With an area of 264 km and a depth of 610 meters, Ngorongoro Crater is one of the largest unbroken calderas in the world that isn't a lake. The views from the crater rim are truly spectacular, but the real magic happens on the crater floor. The crater boasts high densities of predators, and resident crater wildlife includes lions, hyena, elephants, wildebeest, zebra, black rhinoceros, flamingos, hippopotamus, and cheetah. The only notable absentees are giraffe, which find the precipitous slopes of the crater rim too steep to negotiate. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Ngorongoro Crater is one of the continent's top visitor attractions, and you will spend most of the day enjoying a game drive amidst this wildlife paradise. After breakfast, you will descend the unbroken crater walls to the floor of the



crater, and witness the natural drama of prey and predators before stopping for picnic lunch by the hippo pool at Ngoitoktok. Around mid-afternoon, it will be time to ascend the crater walls and start our drive back to Moshi. Overnight at a good quality hotel or lodge.



### **Day 15: Lake Chala Day Trip**

After breakfast, your local guide will pick you up for a refreshing day. East of Moshi, and partly in Kenya, lies Lake Chala, a hidden gem of a crater lake (about an hour and a half by car). Lake Chala is an ancient volcanic crater that is now a beautiful lake surrounded by 70 foot walls.



The trip can be as active or as relaxing as you want. You can choose to hike around the rim of the lake to spot birds, baboons and occasional monkeys or bushbucks. Wander down to the dock and swim or kayak in the caldera. If you have enough energy, you can kayak all the way to Kenya and back! You will have lunch in the restaurant overlooking the lake and in the late afternoon, your local guide will bring you back to Moshi. Overnight at a good quality hotel or lodge.

### **Day 16: Flight to Zanzibar**

Pick-up at your hotel in the morning and transfer to the airport for a flight to Zanzibar. Upon arrival, a taxi will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel in Stone Town. That afternoon, you will be able to enjoy a walking tour through the streets of this World Heritage Site, a fine example of a Swahili trading town, that brings together cultural elements from Africa, the Arab region, India, and Europe. You'll discover the wonderful labyrinths of Zanzibar, visit the historical sites, and learn about the roles and significance of the traditional Zanzibar doors. Overnight at a good quality hotel.



### **Day 17: Stone Town to Nungwi**

After breakfast, you will be picked-up and transferred from Stone Town to the extreme north of the island. En-route to your beach hotel, you will stop off for a spice tour and a chance to taste some of Zanzibar's amazing fruit. You'll arrive at a quality beachfront hotel in the afternoon and check in for three nights for beach activities and relaxation on a half-board basis.





**Days: 18-19: Beach activities and relaxation.**

**Day 20: Departure**

At the agreed time, you will be picked up at your hotel and transferred to the airport for your onward journey.

End of tour.



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## TRAVEL SERVICES

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Services included:

- ▲ 4 airport transfers
- ▲ Internal flight Kilimanjaro – Zanzibar
- ▲ All accommodation
- ▲ Breakfast, lunch, dinner and bottled water whilst on safari and during climb
- ▲ Transportation in a typical 4 WD safari vehicle with photographic roof hatch
- ▲ Professional, English-speaking driver-guide
- ▲ Professional and experienced team of guides, chefs and porters for the climb
- ▲ All park entry and government fees
- ▲ Lunch and bottled water during day trips

Service excluded:

- ▲ International flights
- ▲ Visa fees
- ▲ Travel insurance
- ▲ Meals not included in the itinerary
- ▲ Alcoholic beverages
- ▲ Tips and gratuities for guides and porters