

# PEAK PLANET®

THE BEST GUIDES ON KILIMANJARO

At 19,341 feet high, Mount Kilimanjaro is the tallest freestanding mountain in the world and one of the Seven Summits. Climbing Kilimanjaro is a demanding, challenging feat. To succeed on the mountain, it is imperative that climbers are guided by an experienced outfitter with proven competence, reliability, and safety.



## CLIMB MOUNT KILIMANJARO

### WHY CLIMB WITH US?

Peak Planet® has been setting the standard for climbing Kilimanjaro since 2008. As one of the few specialist companies organizing high quality expeditions, we are recognized as one of the best operators on the mountain. Come see why we are the premier Kilimanjaro outfitter. **Join the thousands of climbers who have stood on the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro with us.**



#### THE BEST GUIDES

- Professional, experienced, licensed local guides
- Highest guide to climber ratio of 1:2
- Honest, hardworking, team-oriented support staff
- High summit success rates and client satisfaction



#### QUALITY EQUIPMENT

- Warm, waterproof, four-season mountain tents
- Hot, fresh, delicious meals and clean drinking water
- Roomy, heavy duty dining tents with table and chairs
- Private, sanitary toilet tents



#### FOCUSED ON SAFETY

- Certified Wilderness First Responders
- Daily pulse and oxygen saturation monitoring
- AMREF Flying Doctors evacuation insurance
- Emergency oxygen, portable stretchers and medical kits



#### RESPONSIBLE TREKKING

- Environmentally and socially responsible company
- Member of Kilimanjaro Porters Assistance Project
- Member of Leave No Trace
- Fair and ethical treatment of porters



# THE BEST GUIDES ON KILIMANJARO



*OUR GUIDES ARE HIGHLY EXPERIENCED, MEDICALLY TRAINED, AND COMMITTED TO YOUR SAFETY.*

Peak Planet® has the best guides on the mountain, period. Each of our guides climbs Kilimanjaro approximately 20 times per year and has handled more than one thousand clients in his lifetime.

Our guides are licensed by the national park, are certified Wilderness First Responders and receive ongoing advanced high altitude medical training. In short, they know how to lead clients to the top – safely and professionally. By having our experts on your side, we maximize your chance of a safe, successful and enjoyable experience.

We spend a great deal of attention in finding the right staff. Each and every employee, from lead guide to porter, has been screened intensely prior to hire. Only the top performers are retained. Because of this rigorous process, we can ensure consistent performance across the board.

For every climb, we assemble a competent team of lead guides, assistant guides, cooks and porters to support you on the mountain. Frequent collaboration yields a team dynamic that translates into an unparalleled level of service on all of our Kilimanjaro trips.





# QUALITY EQUIPMENT & SERVICE



*OUR EQUIPMENT IS OF PROVEN QUALITY AND DESIGNED FOR THE CONDITIONS ON KILIMANJARO.*

Kilimanjaro is a serious mountain. Therefore we use serious equipment to make sure our clients are warm, dry and comfortable. Our sleeping tents, dining tents, and sleeping pads are made by Ferrino Equipment, an Italian company that has been making time tested outdoor equipment since 1890. Additionally, we have high quality down jackets, four season sleeping bags, trekking poles, and ALTOX personal oxygen systems available for rent.



*THE FOOD WE PROVIDE IS FRESH, TASTY AND NUTRITIOUS.*

Peak Planet® serves hot meals made with fresh, locally grown ingredients. We created our menus carefully to ensure that the food is delicious, easy to digest, and provides plenty of energy. The menu has a high liquid and carbohydrate content – two important elements for successful climbing. We also serve an average of 200 grams of meat per client per day over the course of the trip because protein is an oft-forgotten macro nutrient necessary for proper acclimatization.

Clean water is provided daily. Plenty of extra food is brought and resupplied on every climb so that no client is ever left hungry.





# FOCUSED ON SAFETY



*WE HAVE MANY LAYERS OF SAFETY BUILT INTO OUR OPERATIONS TO MINIMIZE THE RISKS ON KILIMANJARO.*

Due to its extreme altitude, immense area, and remote location, climbing Kilimanjaro can be dangerous. At Peak Planet®, we are focused on your safety. In fact, it is the most important aspect of your climb. We understand that first and foremost, our responsibility is to ensure you return home safely. That is why we put together the most detailed, comprehensive safety program on the mountain.

## OUR SAFETY PROGRAM

Peak Planet® implements the following safety practices:

- Our guides are certified Wilderness First Responders (WFR)
- Our guides conduct health checks twice daily using pulse oximeters to measure pulse and oxygen saturation
- We carry emergency oxygen, a portable stretcher and a medical kit on all climbs
- We offer optional ALTOX Personal Oxygen Systems for rent
- We are partnered with IFREMMONT, a European-based High Altitude Medical Training Organization
- We provide AMREF Flying Doctors helicopter evacuation for severely injured or ill climbers
- We track the location of and communicate with our guides using satellite GPS communicators
- We have established protocols for handling emergencies on the mountain, including rescue and evacuation





# RESPONSIBLE TREKKING



*WE PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTALLY AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ENJOYMENT OF THE OUTDOORS.*

Peak Planet® is committed to promoting sustainable and ethical tourism in Tanzania. We believe that as a tour operator, we have an intrinsic responsibility to preserve the outdoor recreational areas we visit in this beautiful country. We also believe that to be a leader in the industry, it is fundamental that we treat our staff with fairness and integrity. Therefore, we are proud to be a member company of the Kilimanjaro Porters Assistance Project and Leave No Trace.

## **KILIMANJARO PORTERS ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

The Kilimanjaro Porters Assistance Project (KPAP) is a Tanzanian non-profit organization whose main objective is to improve the working conditions and treatment of porters on Kilimanjaro. As a KPAP partner, we are a steward of ethical porter treatment and have been a leader in porter welfare since our inception. When you climb with Peak Planet®, you can be confident that your staff is treated well.

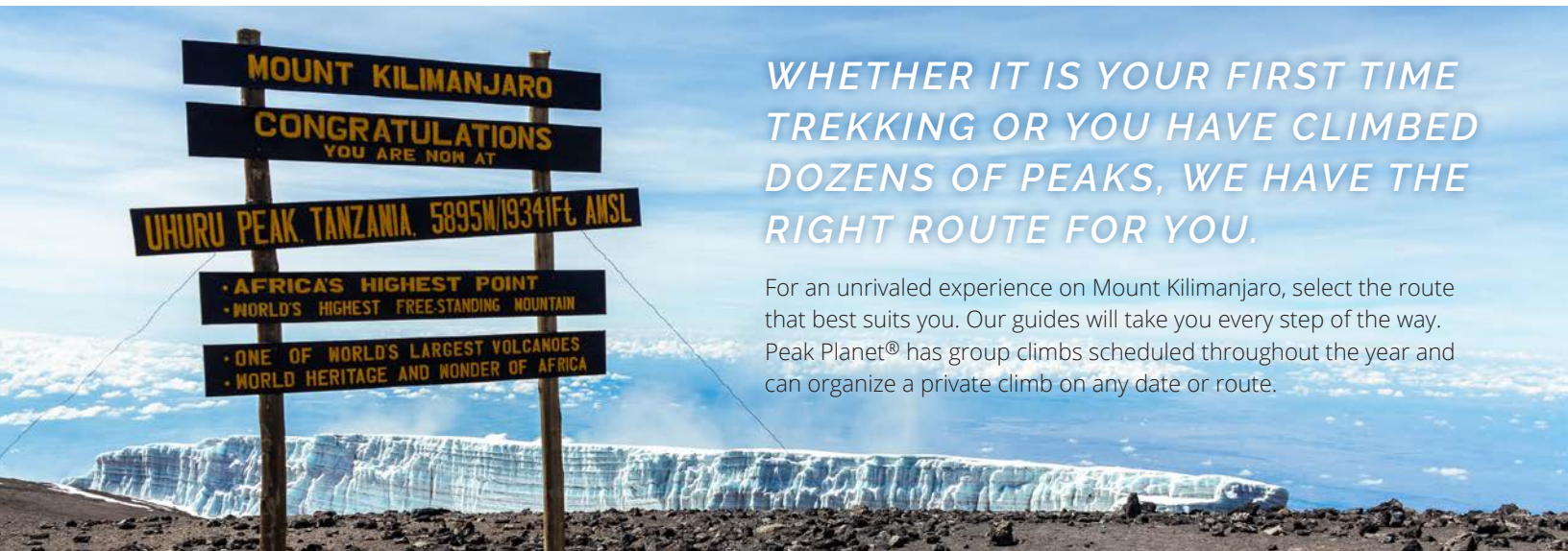
## **LEAVE NO TRACE**

As a member of Leave No Trace, a non-profit organization that promotes responsible enjoyment of the outdoors by minimizing people's impact on nature, we integrate Leave No Trace principles into our guide and porter training. Our staff understands the importance of keeping our mountain clean so that all visitors can enjoy it for years to come.





# KILIMANJARO ROUTES



*WHETHER IT IS YOUR FIRST TIME TREKKING OR YOU HAVE CLIMBED DOZENS OF PEAKS, WE HAVE THE RIGHT ROUTE FOR YOU.*

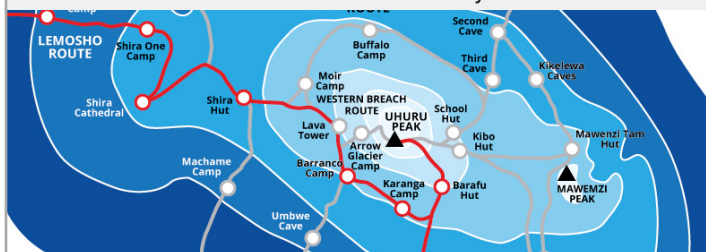
For an unrivaled experience on Mount Kilimanjaro, select the route that best suits you. Our guides will take you every step of the way. Peak Planet® has group climbs scheduled throughout the year and can organize a private climb on any date or route.

## NORTHERN CIRCUIT (9 days)



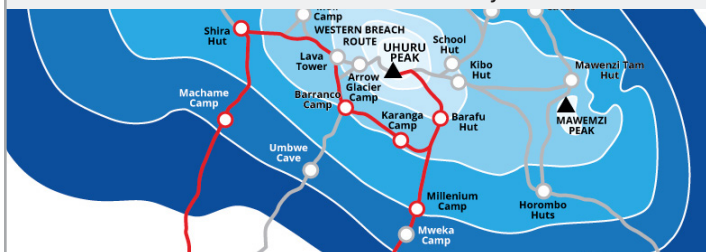
The Northern Circuit is the most amazing journey on Kilimanjaro. Starting from the west, this is the only route that travels north around Mt. Kilimanjaro. It traverses nearly the entire mountain before the summit push. This is absolutely the most scenic path available and will have almost no other hikers on its northern face. As a relatively new route, you can become one of the first to enjoy the Northern Circuit's tranquility and stunning panoramic scenery. This route has a high success rate and is highly recommended.

## LEMOSHO (8 days)



The Lemosho route is regarded as one of the prettiest routes on Kilimanjaro. We begin with a long transfer by vehicle to the western gate. From there, we trek in the often wet, fertile rainforest until we reach the wildflowers of the heath ecosystem. As we move east, we cross one of most beautiful areas on Kilimanjaro, the Shira Plateau, before traversing the mountain along the southern circuit. We hike beneath Kilimanjaro's Southern Icefield and summit via Barafu Hut. This route has a high success rate and is highly recommended.

## MACHAME (6-7 days)



The Machame route, known as the "Whiskey" route, begins at Machame Gate located at the southern base of the mountain within its green, abundant rainforest. We climb to the Shira Plateau, then traverse the mountain beneath Kilimanjaro's Southern Icefield, before summiting from Barafu Hut. Machame is the most popular route on the mountain, and campsites will be shared with numerous other groups. Machame is a good choice for people who want to enjoy a scenic hike on a challenging route and do not mind the company of other campers.

## RONGAI (6-7 days)



The Rongai route begins at the remote northern side of Kilimanjaro, near the Kenyan border. We hike through a true wilderness area towards the jagged Mawenzi Peak, then cross a barren desert saddle, before climbing up Kibo's eastern crater wall. The Rongai route has a more gradual ascent and is therefore preferred by those with little or no backpacking experience. However, the route is equally enjoyable for even the most hardened trekkers. Rongai is a good choice for people who are looking for a quicker hike with more gentle slopes.



# TANZANIAN SAFARIS



## TENTED CAMPS

Tented camps are permanent or semi-permanent camps sited in areas of excellent game viewing. These rooms are covered in a canvas tent and include a bed and a bathroom.



## STANDARD LODGE

Standard lodges are more traditional hotel accommodations. They are larger buildings constructed with bricks and mortar but have some local flair.



## LUXURY LODGES

Luxury lodges are the ultimate in terms of location, service and accommodations. These may be bungalow style or part of a building, but they are almost always situated in the best areas.

*EXPERIENCE A THRILLING  
WILDLIFE SAFARI IN THE  
WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS  
SAFARI DESTINATIONS.*

A wonderful way to complement your Kilimanjaro climb is by embarking on a sensational safari through Tanzania's authentic national parks and conservation areas. Home to two of the most famous safari destinations in the world - Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater - it is no surprise that Tanzania is known as the best safari country in Africa.

Peak Planet® uses rugged, durable Land Cruisers equipped with electrical outlets, wifi, and roof hatches for direct and up-close game viewing. From elephants and lions to giraffe and hippos, you will see all of Tanzania's bountiful wildlife.

Our one to six day safari itineraries include an expert driver/guide, all park fees and taxes, all meals, and your choice of accommodation level. Custom safaris are also available.



# ZANZIBAR EXTENSIONS



## RELAX IN PARADISE ON THE WHITE SAND BEACHES OF ZANZIBAR.

Known as Spice Island, the beautiful island of Zanzibar is bursting with culture and history. What draws people here is its enchanting coastline, which has some of the best beaches in the world. Its main city, Stone Town, has a unique history as a trading hub which blended Swahili, Indian, Arab and European influences in its buildings and urban planning. There are plenty of sights to see and daily excursions to choose from during your stay.

Peak Planet® offers three day Zanzibar getaway packages including transfers, round trip domestic airfare, and two nights lodging.



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