



23 Days

Tanzania

Kili Meru Maasai Mashup

Let the magic of Africa seep into your soul as you cycle and trek your way across the stunning landscapes of Northern Tanzania. This unique and carefully crafted human powered expedition covers 263km through the remote slopes of northern Kilimanjaro and the dusty bush of Maasai Country, all the way to the summit of Mount Meru. For 16 days we do away with motorised transport and immerse ourselves in a journey celebrating the people and landscapes of Tanzania. We end with a world class safari and camp in true African spirit. If you're up for the challenge, you won't be disappointed.



Recommended expedition itinerary

Day
1-3

Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport

Transfer to the Weru Weru River Lodge on arrival. The following day is Acclimatisation in Moshi Today we will meet our guide and have the chance to be kitted out with our bikes. For those with the energy, there will be a short acclimatisation ride to the fascinating Chagga villages.

Day
4

Kidia (1700m) to Lake Chala (900m)

After breakfast, we will transfer to Kidia village, the start of the cycling route. From Kidia, we cycle towards Lake Chala, a crater lake on the eastern edge of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Day
5

Lake Chala (950m) to Tarakea Village (1050m)

During today's cycling, we experience amazing views northwards across into Kenya and southwards to the Peak of Kilimanjaro. We also cycle through Nalemoru village, which is near the starting point for the Rongai route treks.

Day
6

Tarakea (1050m) to Nalemoru (1800m) to Kamwanga (1300m)

A more strenuous day of cycling which will see us part-circling Mount Kilimanjaro; firstly past the northern side and then veering off past the mountain's western elevation.

Day
7

Kamwanga (1300m) to Simba Farm

It's back on the dirt road for our final day of cycling, which will start to take us from the lush, green mountainous terrain to Maasai territory. Expect the cycling to be quite tough but immensely rewarding – approximately 45km on a dirt track with quite a bit of undulation will leave you exhausted but energised.

Day
8-9

Simba Farm Tours

A much needed rest day! You will have the option of either embarking on a short farm tour, or a breathtaking sundowner walk; both tours will take approximately 1 to 2 hours. Following this we swap our bikes for boots as we head off on the first day of our trek towards Ndarakwai. Arriving at the Ndarakwai Campsite at lunchtime, the afternoon will be spent exploring the area with a short hike.

Day
10

Ndarakwai to Olpopongi Maasai Village: 10 Km

This morning, we head towards Olpopongi, an authentic Maasai village, stopping en route for a short tour of a local primary school. On arrival in Olpopongi, we will be welcomed by traditional Maasai dance and spend the rest of the day 'living the Maasai dream'!

Day
11

Olpopongi to Ngaboro Village: 18 Km

Continuing our immersion in the Maasai way of life, with a trek through true Maasai territory towards Ngaboro Village. We walk through open grassland with scattered acacia & euphorbia trees. On arrival at our camp for the night, we have a chance to rest & further explore the area.





Day
12-14

Project activities at Ngabobo Village

A great way to break up the cycling and trekking legs of this adventure, our stay at Parma Cultural system will be fun yet productive. There will be options for community work such as training locals on basic computer skills, as well as leisure activities such as beading and football.

Day
15

Ngabobo to Momella: 17km

This morning, we wake up early to hike to Momella – the gate to the Arusha National Park. En route we will enjoy the dramatic landscape of acacia plains and mountain forests; there will also be fantastic views of Mounts Meru and Kilimanjaro.

Day
16

Momella to Mt Meru: 15 Km

An early 2km walk will take us to the entrance of the Arusha National park. We will then proceed with a magnificent walk exploring Momella lake, the park's waterfalls and other iconic features. We will encounter an abundance of wild animals such as giraffe, buffalo, zebra, warthog, the black-and-white colobus monkey, the blue monkey, flamingos and more.

Day
17

Momella Gate to Miriakamba Camp

We will be collected from our hotel and taken to Momella Gate, where we will finalise registration formalities before setting off into the Arusha National Park. The forest section is especially scenic with strangler figs and the possibility of seeing buffalo grazing in one of the clearings.

Day
18

Miriakamba Hut to Saddle Hut (acclimatisation Little Meru)

After a few hours of walking from our base at Miriakamba, we will start to reach alpine desert terrain. The afternoon will be spent relaxing, enjoying the views, and getting used to the higher altitude, with an acclimatisation walk up to Little Meru (3,801 m).

Day
19

Saddle Hut to Big Meru to Miriakamba Hut

If a summit attempt is deemed suitable, we will have an early start at around 2am, starting with a steep climb to Rhino Point (3,800m), then on to Cobra Point (4,350m) and finally to the summit of Socialist Peak (4,566m). It will be a tough day but immensely rewarding.

Day
20-21

Miriakamba Hut (1500m) to Momella Gate & Tarangire National Park

A morning hike will take us to Momella gate, where we will board our safari jeeps and transfer to Karatu for dinner and an overnight stop. Following this we have a fantastic day in the beautiful Tarangire National Park, known for its abundance of wildlife.

Day
22-23

Ngorongoro Crater

We will leave camp early and head off, on safari, to the Ngorongoro Crater— the largest unbroken caldera in the world. In the early evening we will transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport for our return flight to the UK. If time allows, we will make a stop at the Curio shops, to grab some last minute souvenirs. Arriving back in the UK on day 23.

Further information

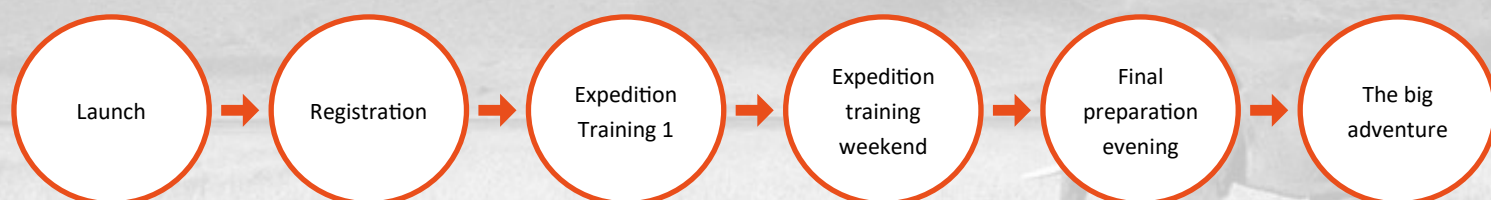
Look what's included!

- International flights
- All accommodation
- All food
- All transportation and activities
- Bi-lingual, first-aid qualified local expedition leader
- Parent and student expedition launch evening
- Comprehensive pre-expedition training programme
- 1-day offsite safety INSET day for staff
- ATOL financial protection
- Medical Emergency / Repatriation Travel Insurance
- Group first aid kit and prescription meds pack
- BS8848 safety management and risk assessments
- Detailed pre-departure information and kit lists
- Comprehensive teacher travel packs
- Permanent operations team in your destination
- 24-hour UK operational support whilst overseas
- Carbon offsetting of all flights
- Free t-shirt for every participant and teacher

What's excluded?

- Transport to airport in UK
- Drinks (advice will be given on purification of water)
- Visas or tourist cards if required
- Any required inoculations
- Personal spending money
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters
- Airport departure taxes paid locally
- Cancellation and personal effects insurance

Your expedition timeline



Physical expedition rating:

● ● ● ● ● 5/5

Moderate physical activities are included in Grade 3 trips. Good health and reasonable fitness are important to get the most out of the trip. Trips of this grading are likely to include some walking at moderate altitude (up to 2,500m) and occasional longer/harder days may be involved, with between five and seven hours of walking on certain days. The trip may contain other activities such as cycling or rafting which also require physical effort and a reasonable level of fitness. Some steady preparation and an increase if your underlying fitness levels would help you get the most from this grade trip.

Culture shock rating:

● ● ● ● ○ 4/5

Students joining trips at this level will find the comforts of home are more of a rarity – or viewed another way, a welcome luxury. English is unlikely to be widely spoken and the food will be quite different to home, perhaps for extended sections of the trip. You should observe local customs so not to cause offence. You'll be exposed to signs of poverty and accommodation in some locations is likely to be basic. Whilst a challenge, destinations and trips at cultural level 4 are also a fantastic opportunity to see a very different part of the world.

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2 Ask for risk assessments and marketing materials

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