

THOMSON SAFARIS®

KILIMANJARO



KILIMANJARO TREKS

A DIVISION OF WINELAND-THOMSON ADVENTURES, INC.

OUR STORY

We fell in love with Tanzania nearly four decades ago, before travelers really knew about its beautiful plains, incredible wildlife or the majesty of Kilimanjaro.

Hailing from the U.S. and New Zealand, our paths crossed in East Africa over forty years ago and the rest is history. Devoted to Tanzania and only Tanzania, we founded Thomson Safaris in 1981 to explore the country's wondrous wilderness, from the plains of the Serengeti to the peaks of Kilimanjaro.

As a small, family-owned company, we are dedicated to each and every one of our Kilimanjaro trekkers as if they were members of our own family. We, along with our two daughters, have reached the mountain's peak a number of times – in fact, our daughter Nicole was the youngest person to ever summit Kilimanjaro at the time of her climb! So, you could say that Africa's tallest mountain holds a very special place in our hearts.

With firsthand experience and a deep love for Tanzania guiding the way, Thomson has rigorously tested all mountain routes, with safety always top of mind. You can trust our Kilimanjaro team to get you safely up the mountain. Join Thomson to experience what it's really like to be on the "Roof of Africa" – It's a journey you'll never forget and we're with you every step of the way.

Rick Thomson and Judi Wineland
Co-founders, Thomson Safaris





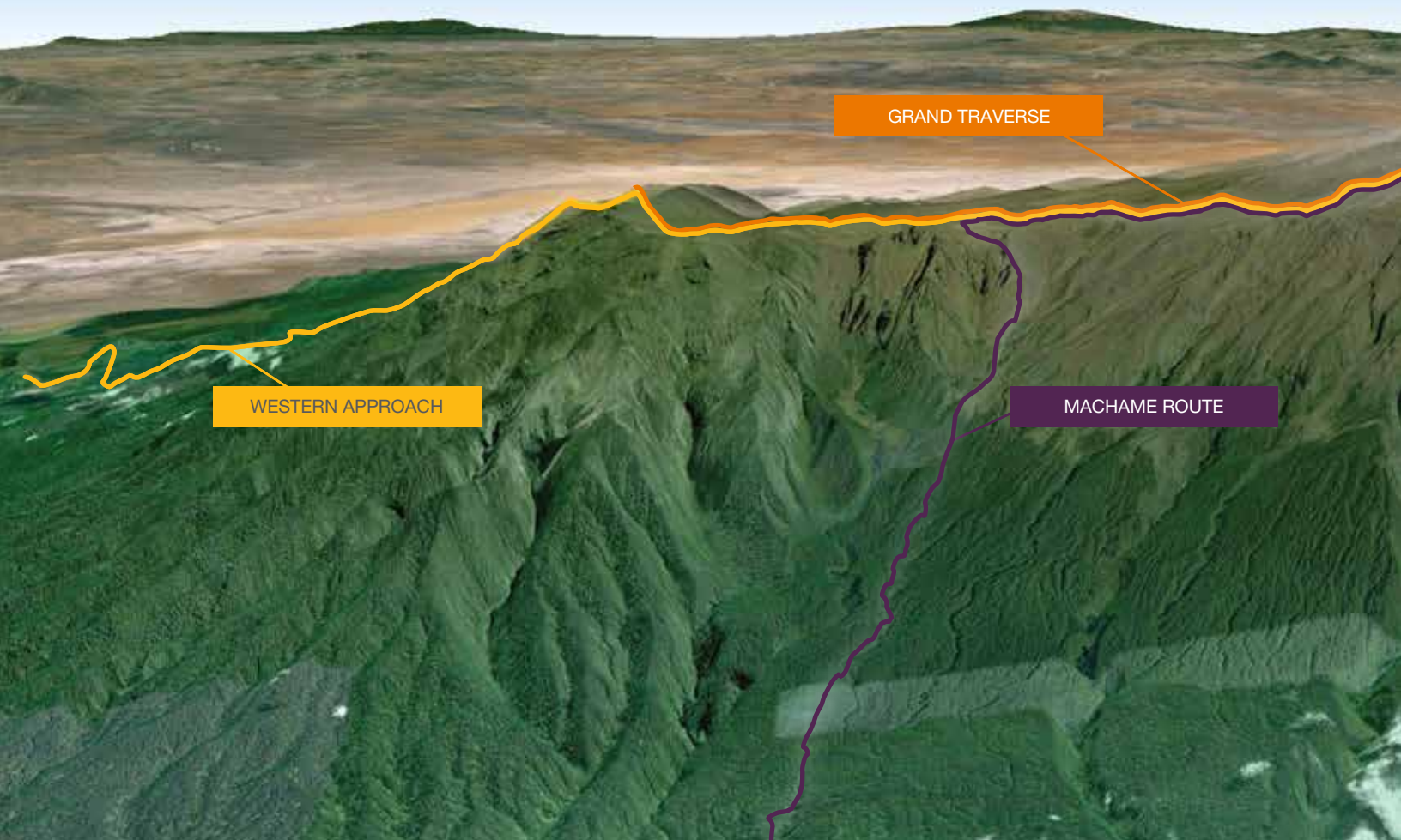




YOUR ADVENTURE
AWAITS

WHAT IS THE MOUNTAIN LIKE?

One mountain, five climate zones – Kilimanjaro is like no place you have experienced before. From the rainforest through the moorland to the arctic summit, the scenery is awe-inspiring every day.



WHEN TO CLIMB

WHICH MONTH IS BEST?

You can climb Kilimanjaro any time of year, but June to October and December to March are the best times.

- ✓ **JUNE – OCTOBER:**
Cooler and drier
- ✓ **DECEMBER – MARCH:**
Warmer with a higher chance of rain or snow

Kilimanjaro tends to see heavy rains in April, early May and November, so we don't offer scheduled departures at those times.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?

Any time of year, prepare for freezing arctic temperatures, balmy rainforest weather and everything in between.

Bring clothing for temperatures from -20 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Layers and rain gear are critical. During any given day of your trek, conditions can change dramatically.



ROUTE COMPARISON

thomsontreks.com/route-comparison

WESTERN APPROACH TRIED & TRUE	GRAND TRAVERSE LUXURIOUS	UMBWE ROUTE CHALLENGING	MACHAME ROUTE BUDGET-FRIENDLY
TREK DAYS 9	TREK DAYS 10	TREK DAYS 6	TREK DAYS 7
DOOR-TO-DOOR DAYS 13	DOOR-TO-DOOR DAYS 14	DOOR-TO-DOOR DAYS 10	DOOR-TO-DOOR DAYS 11
SUMMIT SUCCESS 98%	SUMMIT SUCCESS 98%	SUMMIT SUCCESS 96%	SUMMIT SUCCESS 95%
ACCLIMATIZATION Very Good	ACCLIMATIZATION Excellent/Maximum	ACCLIMATIZATION Adequate	ACCLIMATIZATION Adequate
WHY CHOOSE THIS ROUTE Ample acclimatization time on a scenic, less-traveled route	WHY CHOOSE THIS ROUTE Maximum acclimatization time, added amenities, visit glaciers on Kili's most remote route	WHY CHOOSE THIS ROUTE The most physically challenging route with a quick, scenic ascent	WHY CHOOSE THIS ROUTE Budget-friendly option on one of the mountain's most popular trails

ALTITUDE

& ACCLIMITIZATION

Altitude affects almost every climber on Kilimanjaro. There is no way to train for this. Instead, we use a time-tested strategy to ensure our guests reach the summit.

Longer routes give you more time to acclimatize.

Trained guides can help spot signs of altitude sickness.

Nutritionist-designed meals provide energy and nutrients for optimal stamina.

Unlimited purified water helps mitigate altitude symptoms.

Pre-trip consultants share pro-tips to prepare you for the challenge.

WHO CAN CLIMB?

People of all ages and all levels of experience can make it to the summit – from children (12 and over) to great grandparents, novices to professionals.

MEET OUR GUESTS:

THE MARSHALLS

Multi-Generational Family

AGES: 23-70

LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: Varied

“Three generations of my family – my son, brother, and nearly 70-year-old father – had a lifelong dream to climb Kili together. With the help of our first-class guides and porters, we all safely summited!”



VANESSA O'BRIEN

Record-Setting Mountaineer

AGE: 48

LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: Advanced

“No matter how much climbing you've done, you have to respect a mountain that's 19,341 feet tall. The altitude makes it a challenge, even for the most experienced trekker.”



TOM ROHRER

Avid Thrill-Seeker

AGE: 50

LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: Intermediate

“I love physical challenges and outdoor activities, climbing Kili is a perfect combination of the two. You don't have to be a world-class climber to get to the top, but it does require patience and perseverance.”



NICOLE CICOGNA

Self-Proclaimed City Girl

AGE: 41

LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE: Beginner

“Before Kilimanjaro, the highest I'd ever climbed was to the top of the Empire State Building – and in heels! Climbing Kili was the most difficult thing I've ever done, but also the most rewarding.”



HOW DO I TRAIN?

Twelve weeks of consistent cardio training and hiking usually prepares our guests for Kilimanjaro. Speak with your doctor before training.

Your average daily hike will be:

- » 5 miles long
- » 5 hours in duration
- » 2,100 feet in elevation gain

Summit day includes a 4,000-foot, 3-mile trek for 3 to 10 hours, depending on the route and other factors.

TRAINING PACKAGES



FITFORTRIPS

Thomson trekkers receive 25% off all training packages through our partner Fit For Trips, which offers route-specific, personalized training programs.

thomsontreks.com/training





A HIGHER QUALITY
EXPERIENCE

EXPERT GUIDES





Emergency evacuation training

THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF SAFETY



Pulse oximeter checks



"I did a lot of research and in all of the lists for 'best this or that,' Thomson Safaris kept showing up. The safety of our 11-person team was a visible primary concern. I cannot imagine a better firm to work with, especially in Tanzania. They set the standard very high."

BRAD SINGER
THOMSON GUEST

Head guides have achieved over 100 professional summits each, many over 250. They are the best of the best on Kilimanjaro. Every guide for every trek is a Wilderness First Responder, the internationally recognized gold standard for wilderness safety certification and one guide is assigned for every two to three trekkers.

- » Wilderness First Responders
- » Fluent in both English and Swahili
- » Trained in the use of all emergency equipment
- » Trained to identify symptoms of acute mountain sickness (AMS)
- » Talented, confident leaders who put your safety first

You **do not** need technical climbing skills or special equipment; you **do** need a qualified, prepared team who is there for you in all conditions, ready to safely respond to any situation. Because **all** Thomson guides are Wilderness First Responders, you will always be protected; should you need to descend for any reason, a WFR trained guide and team of trained staff will get you down the mountain safely.

- » Thomson uses more high-altitude safety equipment than any other institution in Tanzania: Gamow bags, AEDs, oxygen kits, pulse oximeters, evacuation stretchers, trauma and emergency kits
- » Guides carry three different types of mobile communication
- » Private toilet tents, handwashing stations and chefs trained in hygienic food preparation help protect your health
- » Thomson provides unlimited purified water

OUR COMMITMENT TO **PORTERS**





THE THOMSON PORTER PROMISE



"Previously I worked as a head guide with another company. I wanted to work with Thomson because of their reputation of fair treatment of porters, the honest working environment, and the very good pay. With Thomson I also receive training and a lot of support from management, which allows me to do the best job I can."

GABRIEL RASSY
THOMSON HEAD GUIDE

The safety of our guests and staff is always our number one priority. Many trek operators say they treat porters fairly. We prove it. Once you're on Kilimanjaro, the Thomson difference becomes clear.

ALL PORTERS ARE:

- » Offered one of the best compensation packages on the mountain
- » Supplied all-weather, full-body uniforms and camping gear for free
- » Provided mountaineering tents with closed-cell sleeping pads
- » Guaranteed a full wage and medical care, even if they descend early due to illness
- » Given individual, secure bank accounts, eliminating graft
- » Protected from carrying more than 33 pounds
- » Ensured an equal percentage of tips thanks to a transparent tipping procedure
- » Joined by independent, KPAP-supervised 'monitoring porters' who critique fair practices
- » Provided transportation to and from Kilimanjaro

KILIMANJARO PORTERS ASSISTANCE PROJECT



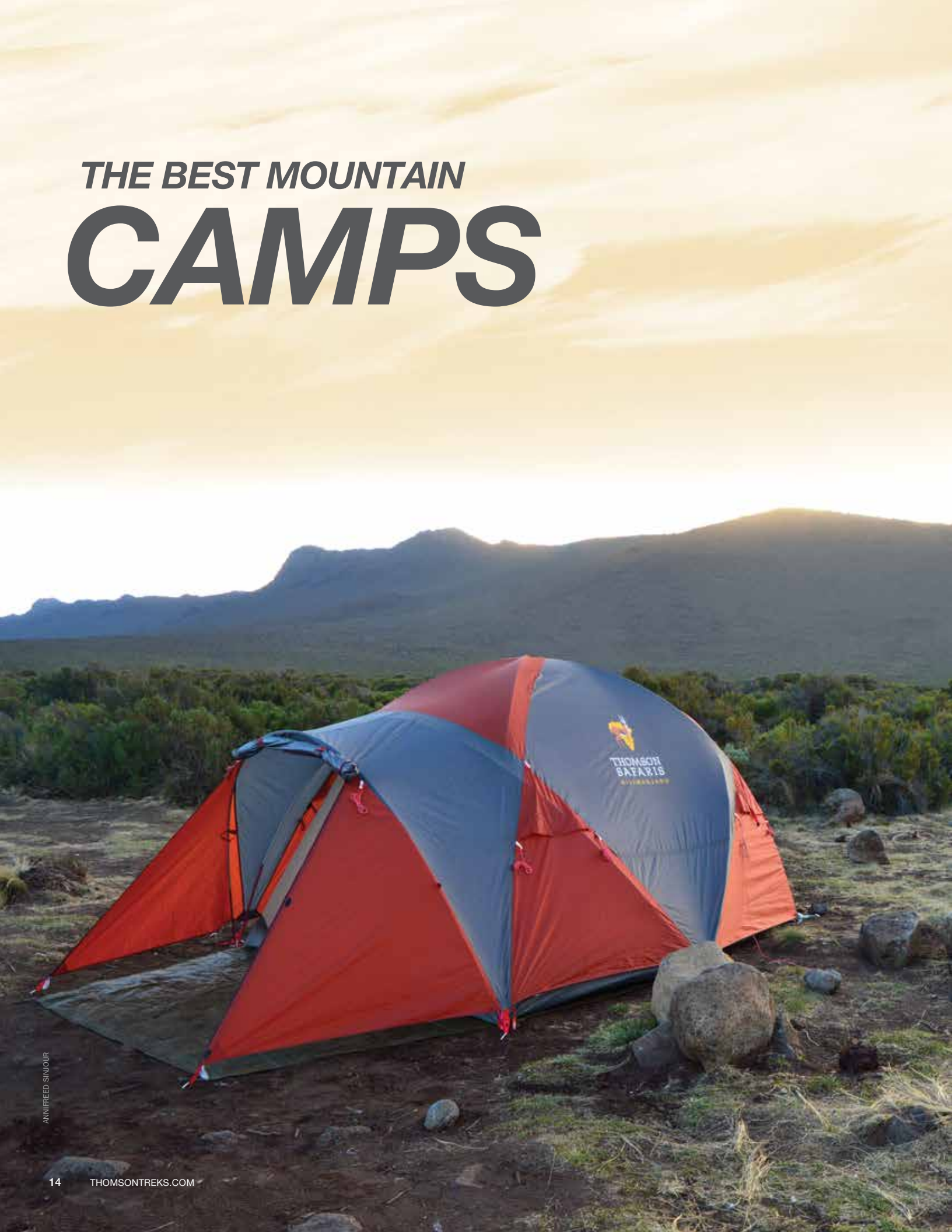
We are a founding KPAP member and set some of the highest porter standards on the mountain. We encourage ALL climbers to research which operators are certified by KPAP at: www.kiliporters.org

PORTER APPRECIATION WEEK



Every year, we dedicate a week to the Kilimanjaro porters by telling their stories, raising money for KPAP and sharing our trekkers' heartfelt thanks for all they do. Find videos and reviews from our guests at: Kilimanjaro.thomsontreks.com/porter-appreciation-week

THE BEST MOUNTAIN **CAMPS**





THE THOMSON CAMPING EXPERIENCE

NUTRITIONIST- PLANNED MEALS

Your body needs the right fuel to conquer Africa's tallest mountain.



Meals are prepared with fresh ingredients throughout the trek.

All meals are served with unlimited purified water.

Hot coffee or tea is delivered to your tent when you wake up.

Delicious, nutritious trail snacks are provided after breakfast.

Most dietary needs – vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, kosher, etc. – accommodated with advanced notice.

SLEEPING TENTS

The Big Agnes Flying Diamond is spacious and has an ironclad reputation at Everest Base Camp. Here is how we make it even better:

- » Room for four but we never sleep more than two per tent
- » Closed-cell foam, full-ground pads keep you warm and dry
- » Custom zippers keep out the elements
- » Covered vestibules provide additional space for bags and gear

Grand Traverse trekkers enjoy even more comfort in walk-in height tents with cots and mattresses.

PRIVATE TOILET TENTS

Enjoy clean, private toilet tents and avoid the crowded public mountain toilets.

- » Walk-in height
- » Outfitted with eco-friendly, portable, pump-flush toilets
- » Equipped with ample hand sanitizer
- » Exclusive to Thomson trekkers
- » Use strict hygiene standards to protect your health

GEAR RENTAL

Not sure what you need to trek? We have you covered. Call us for a list of gear and options for renting.

TREKKING THE THOMSON WAY

YOUR KILIMANJARO PLANNER

Prepare for your adventure with a Kilimanjaro expert – available by phone and email.

24-HOUR ARUSHA SUPPORT TEAM

When you choose Thomson, you receive support from an office in the U.S. and Tanzania. Help is never far away.

ONE GUIDE FOR EVERY TWO TO THREE TREKKERS

Enjoy personalized assistance thanks to an excellent guide-to-trekker ratio.

KILIMANJARO PREP GUIDE

How to train, what to pack, tips, tricks and more – our prep guide is an indispensable tool for trekkers.

EVERYTHING IS INCLUDED

Leave the logistics to us. Everything on the ground is covered in your trek price except tips and rental gear.





WE TREK RESPONSIBLY



"I was drawn to Thomson for their stance on fair wages and good treatment of their porters in Tanzania. I could see for myself that this was not just a brochure statement but something they actually did in practice. Everyone on the mountain sincerely sung their praises. Thomson was uniformly well-regarded in Tanzania as both fair and ethical."

KARL PROTTIL, JR.
THOMSON GUEST

TREATING PEOPLE FAIRLY

- » Your trek provides health benefits and educational opportunities to porters and guides
- » Your team earns one of the best compensation packages on the mountain
- » We are a founding member of KPAP and one of Kilimanjaro's strongest porter advocates
- » Proceeds from our online store go to KPAP

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- » Guides and porters rigorously follow Leave No Trace ethics
- » Camps use only solar power
- » Meals use organic food harvested from gardens in Arusha

SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Tourism can and should be a force for good. That was Judi Wineland's philosophy when she founded Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FoTZC), our partner philanthropic organization. FoTZC has:

- » Helped build and support over 60 classrooms with teachers' housing
- » Constructed a medical dispensary that services 500 Tanzanians each month and is now being expanded into a full health center
- » Funded solar-powered fresh water boreholes in areas where 40% of illnesses are water-related
- » Dedicated over \$3 million to supporting Tanzanian communities

When you support us, you help support the work FoTZC does.





TREKKING **ROUTES**

A man with red hair and sunglasses, wearing a dark brown jacket and tan pants, stands in a snowy landscape. He is holding two trekking poles. Behind him is a towering, jagged wall of white and blue ice, likely a glacier. The sky is a clear, deep blue.

WESTERN APPROACH

9-DAY ROUTE / 13 DAYS DOOR TO DOOR
STARTING AT \$5,990 PER PERSON

VINCE GREECE

VINCE GREECE
28, Veteran

Exploring the
glaciers after his
successful summit

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS ROUTE

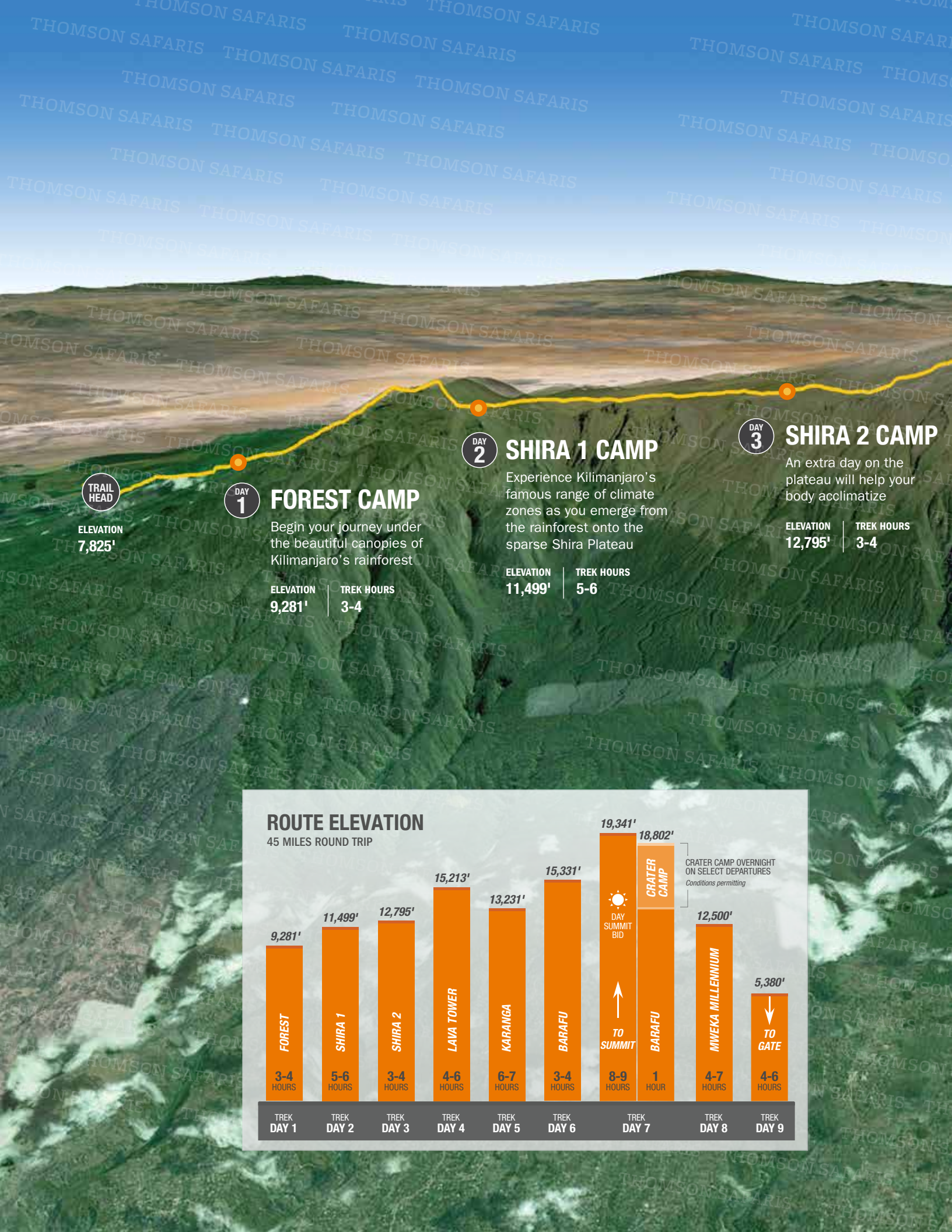
Our most popular trek follows the less-traveled trails of Kilimanjaro's Lemosho route on the western side of the mountain. Ample acclimatization time gives you the best foundation for summiting. A steady ascent turns every day into an unforgettable experience.

Begin in the lush rainforest, keeping watch for blue and colobus monkeys. Emerge on the sweeping, shrub-filled terrain of the Shira Plateau. Camp in the shadow of Kili's 300-foot Lava Tower. Scramble up the Barranco Wall, a rocky cliff with steep switchbacks. Enjoy a daytime summit bid, giving you a full night's sleep before the hardest day of the trek. Celebrate on the Roof of Africa and, on select departures if conditions permit, camp in the crater of the volcano itself for a truly remarkable experience.

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS ROUTE

- » Scenic, less-traveled trails
- » Warm up for your hike on a nature walk in a private conservation area
- » Full night's sleep before a daytime summit bid
- » Optional overnight camping in the crater on select departures





TRAIL HEAD

ELEVATION
7,825'

DAY 1

FOREST CAMP

Begin your journey under the beautiful canopies of Kilimanjaro's rainforest

ELEVATION | **TREK HOURS**
9,281' | **3-4**

DAY 2

SHIRA 1 CAMP

Experience Kilimanjaro's famous range of climate zones as you emerge from the rainforest onto the sparse Shira Plateau

ELEVATION | **TREK HOURS**
11,499' | **5-6**

DAY 3

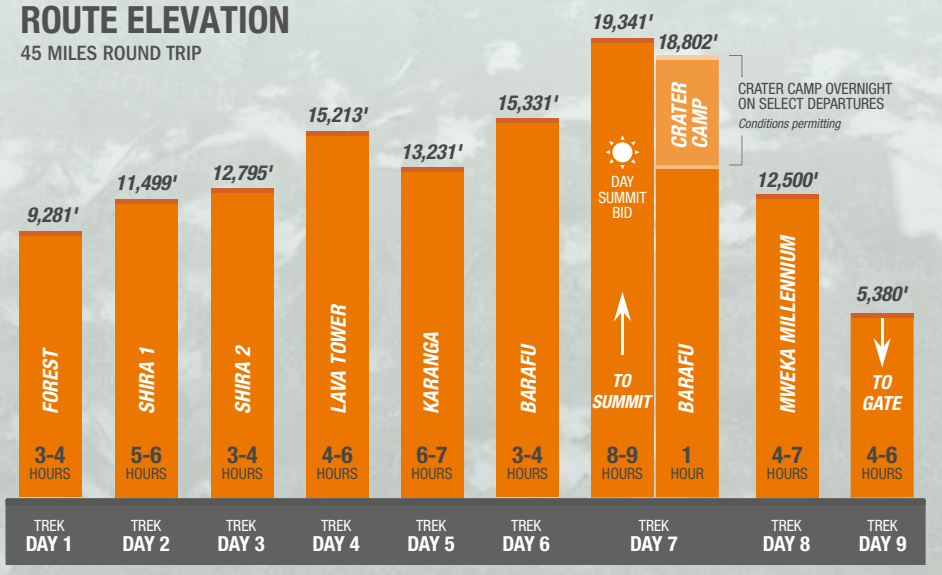
SHIRA 2 CAMP

An extra day on the plateau will help your body acclimatize

ELEVATION | **TREK HOURS**
12,795' | **3-4**

ROUTE ELEVATION

45 MILES ROUND TRIP



DAY 7

* ONLY ON SELECT DEPARTURES

CRATER CAMP

ELEVATION
18,802'

TREK HOURS
8-10

Includes Ash Pit and glacier exploration, and if conditions permit, an overnight in Crater Camp. (All other treks stay at Barafu Camp again on Day 7)

UHURU PEAK

SUMMIT ELEVATION: 19,341'



DAY 4

LAVA TOWER CAMP

Camp in the shadow of Lava Tower, one of Kili's most striking volcanic formations

ELEVATION
15,213'

TREK HOURS
4-6

DAY 5

KARANGA CAMP

Sleeping at lower altitude will further help your body acclimatize

ELEVATION
13,231'

TREK HOURS
6-7

DAY 6

BARAFU CAMP

Rest up tonight for your daytime summit bid tomorrow

ELEVATION
15,331'

TREK HOURS
3-4

DAY 8

MWEKA MILLENNIUM CAMP

Enjoy the rapidly shifting ecosystems as you descend the mountain

ELEVATION
12,500'

TREK HOURS
4-7

DAY 9

MWEKA GATE

Finish your trek in the lushly beautiful rainforests, then enjoy a celebratory meal with your fellow trekkers

ELEVATION
5,380'

TREK HOURS
4-6

Transfer off the mountain to a day room where you can shower and relax before your evening flight home



THE GRAND TRAVERSE

10-DAY ROUTE / 14 DAYS DOOR TO DOOR
STARTING AT \$8,290 PER PERSON

JOEL GROS
70, Retired ski
shop owner

Celebrating his
summit at Mweka
Millennium Camp

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS ROUTE

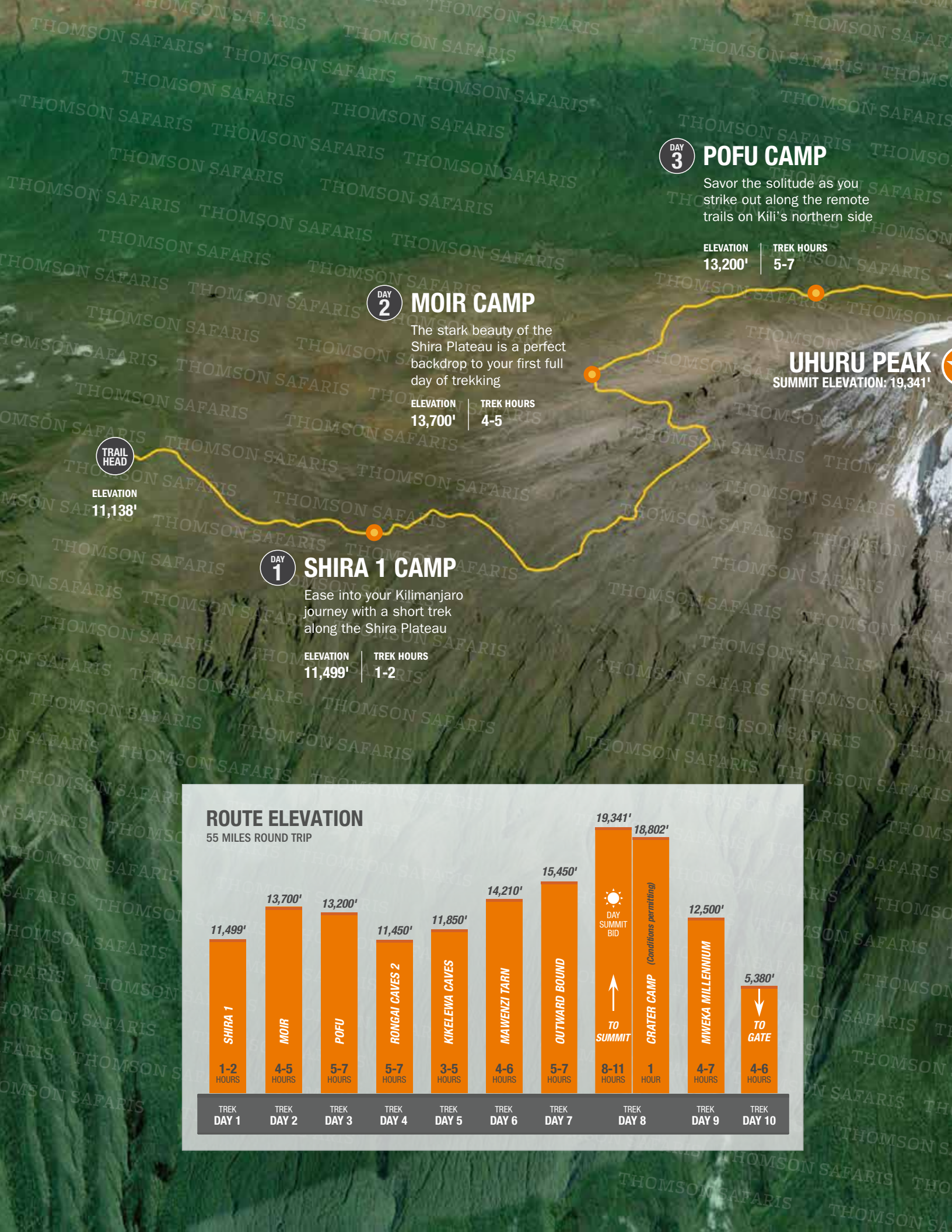
Kilimanjaro's most luxurious trek follows the remote trails of the Northern Circuit. Deluxe amenities and maximum acclimatization time provide extra comfort and the best chance of summit success. Smaller group sizes give you a more intimate experience on this seldom-trodden side of Kili.

Begin your journey just above 11,000 feet on Shira Plateau. Savor solitude and incredible views of Kenya as the trail diverges north toward the Rongai and Kikelewa Caves. Camp beneath the extraordinary spires of Mawenzi, Kili's second-highest peak. Take in some of the best views of the mountain from the saddle between Mawenzi and Uhuru and enjoy the exclusivity of an afternoon summit, when few other people are on the peak. Kili is Africa's tallest volcano and camping in its crater will be an experience you relive with friends and family for years to come.

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS ROUTE

- » Most acclimatization time
- » Upgraded accommodations: larger tents and cot beds with foam mattresses
- » Warm up for your hike on a nature walk in a private conservation area
- » The least-travelled route, and the only option with views of Kenya
- » Exclusive campsites with smaller groups
- » A more private summit experience thanks to an exclusive afternoon summit bid





DAY 3

POFU CAMP

Savor the solitude as you strike out along the remote trails on Kili's northern side

ELEVATION
13,200'

TREK HOURS
5-7

DAY 2

MOIR CAMP

The stark beauty of the Shira Plateau is a perfect backdrop to your first full day of trekking

ELEVATION
13,700'

TREK HOURS
4-5

UHURU PEAK

SUMMIT ELEVATION: 19,341'

TRAIL HEAD

ELEVATION
11,138'

DAY 1

SHIRA 1 CAMP

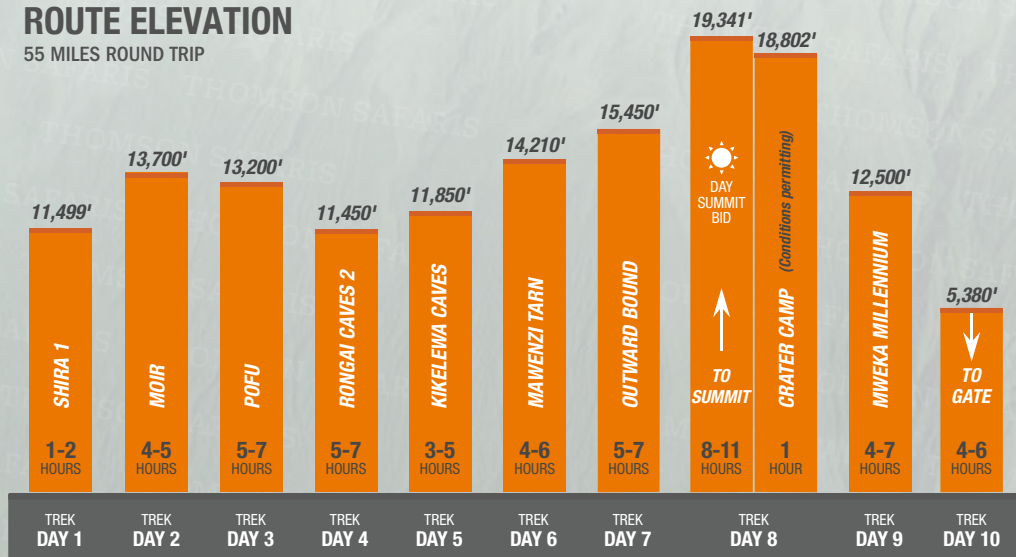
Ease into your Kilimanjaro journey with a short trek along the Shira Plateau

ELEVATION
11,499'

TREK HOURS
1-2

ROUTE ELEVATION

55 MILES ROUND TRIP



DAY 4

RONGAI CAVES 2 CAMP

Experience spectacular views into Kenya that few trekkers ever see

ELEVATION 11,450' | TREK HOURS 5-7

DAY 5

KIKELEWA CAVES CAMP

Staying at lower altitudes today will help your body acclimatize even better

ELEVATION 11,850' | TREK HOURS 3-5

DAY 8

CRATER CAMP

Avoid crowds at Uhuru Peak during an exclusive afternoon summit bid

ELEVATION 18,802' | TREK HOURS 8-12

DAY 7

OUTWARD BOUND CAMP

As you cross the saddle, you'll get some of the best views of Uhuru Peak on the mountain

ELEVATION 15,450' | TREK HOURS 5-7

DAY 6

MAWENZI TARN CAMP

Camp beneath the cathedral-like spires of Mwenzi, Kili's second-highest peak

ELEVATION 14,210' | TREK HOURS 4-6

DAY 9

MWEKA MILLENNIUM CAMP

Celebrate with your fellow trekkers at your last mountain camp

ELEVATION 12,500' | TREK HOURS 4-7

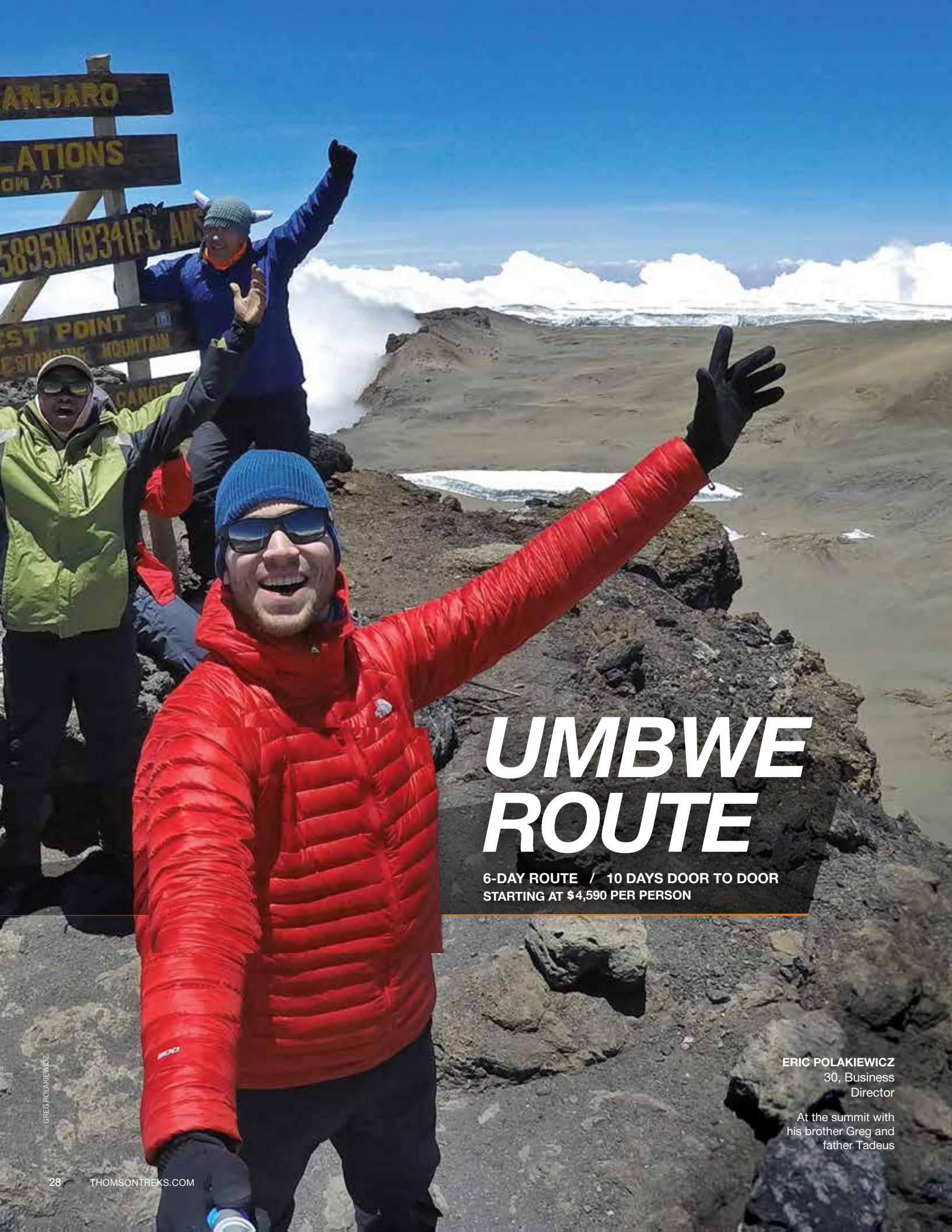
DAY 10

MWEKA GATE

Finish your trek in the lushly beautiful rainforests, then enjoy a celebratory meal with your fellow trekkers

ELEVATION 5,380' | TREK HOURS 4-6

Transfer off the mountain to a day room where you can shower and relax before your evening flight home



UMBWE ROUTE

6-DAY ROUTE / 10 DAYS DOOR TO DOOR
STARTING AT \$4,590 PER PERSON

ERIC POLAKIEWICZ
30, Business
Director

At the summit with
his brother Greg and
father Tadeus

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS ROUTE

If you are short on time and you like a physical and mental challenge, this is the trek for you. Steep trails, switchbacks and long hiking days abound on our most direct route to the summit – best suited for experienced trekkers willing to take on Kili's hardest route.

Hit the ground running with two full days of trekking on steep trails through the rainforest, past the Umbwe Caves and up to the Barranco Valley. Two more days ascending and descending through valleys and scrambling up the Barranco Wall will bring you to Barafu Camp, your launching pad to the summit. You will wake at midnight on summit day for a 10- to 15-hour trek up to the summit and then back down past Barafu to Mweka Millenium Camp in the rainforest, where you will celebrate an achievement well-earned.

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS ROUTE

- » Shortest trekking route
- » Overnight summit bid to see the sun rise
- » The most challenging route to test your grit
- » Wildlife viewing and pre-trek acclimatization hike in Arusha National Park



UHURU PEAK

SUMMIT ELEVATION: 19,341'

DAY 2 BARRANCO

You'll pass the tree line as you make your way up the Barranco Valley

ELEVATION **13,004'** | TREK HOURS **6-7**

DAY 1 UMBWE CAVES CAMP

Start your trek with a steep ascent through the lush rainforest

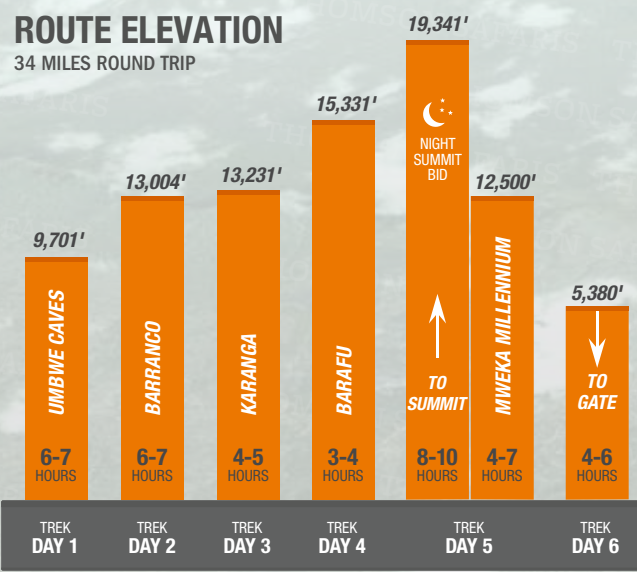
ELEVATION **9,701'** | TREK HOURS **6-7**

TRAIL HEAD

ELEVATION **5,450'**

ROUTE ELEVATION

34 MILES ROUND TRIP





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341'



A trail of headlamps will shine through the dark during your final overnight push to the summit on day 5. Celebrate your summit success before descending to Mweka Millenium Camp.

6-DAY
UMBWE ROUTE

DAY
3

KARANGA CAMP

Start your day with a challenging scramble up the steep Barranco Wall

ELEVATION
13,231' | TREK HOURS
4-5

DAY
4

BARAFU CAMP

The terrain will become barren, rocky, and chilly as you get nearer to the summit

ELEVATION
15,331' | TREK HOURS
3-4

DAY
5

MWEKA MILLENNIUM CAMP

After a long day on the trail, relax with your fellow trekkers before your final descent

ELEVATION
12,500' | TREK HOURS
10-15

DAY
6

MWEKA GATE

Finish your descent through the rainforest and enjoy a farewell lunch with your group at Mweka Gate before heading for home

ELEVATION
5,380' | TREK HOURS
4-6

Transfer off the mountain to a day room where you can shower and relax before your evening flight home



MACHAME ROUTE

7-DAY ROUTE / 11 DAYS DOOR TO DOOR
STARTING AT \$3,990 PER PERSON

ANNIFREED SINJOUR
26, Travel Advisor

Enjoying the view at
Karanga Camp

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS ROUTE

A budget-friendly trek with slightly more basic amenities on Kilimanjaro's most popular route. Embrace your inner adventurer during this more rugged experience while still receiving the same safety, reliability and peace of mind provided by Thomson.

Join the throngs of trekkers in the rainforest, plodding your way single-file up to the Shira Plateau. Ascend above the clouds as you pass through the Barranco Valley, making camp at the base of the Barranco Wall. Two more solid days trekking high and sleeping low will bring you to Barafu. At midnight, you will set out for a 10- to 15-hour trek to the highest point on the mountain to see the sunrise and then descend 7,000 feet to recuperate and celebrate in the moorland.

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS ROUTE

- » Our most affordable trek
- » One of the shorter options for those with time constraints
- » Overnight summit bid to see the sun rise
- » The mountain's most popular route



DAY 1

MACHAME CAMP

Start your trek with hundreds of other excited trekkers on a journey through narrow rainforest trails

ELEVATION **9,850'** | TREK HOURS **5-7**

DAY 2

SHIRA 2 CAMP

Vegetation becomes more sparse as you ascend into the heath

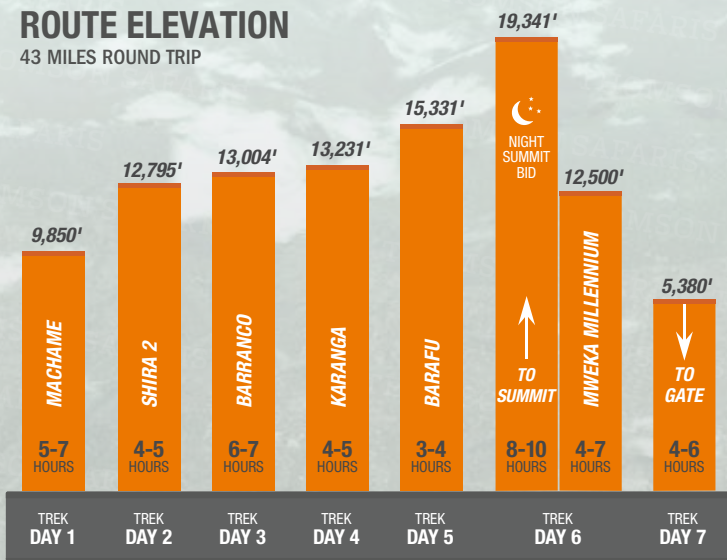
ELEVATION **12,795'** | TREK HOURS **4-5**

TRAIL HEAD

ELEVATION **5,700'**

ROUTE ELEVATION

43 MILES ROUND TRIP



UHURU PEAK

SUMMIT ELEVATION: 19,341'



A trail of headlamps will shine through the dark during your final overnight push to the summit on day 6. Celebrate your summit success before descending to Mweka Millenium Camp.

DAY 3 BARRANCO CAMP

Enjoy expansive views of the Barranco Valley from your camp at the base of the Barranco Wall

ELEVATION	TREK HOURS
13,004'	6-7

DAY 4 KARANGA CAMP

Start your day with a challenging scramble up a series of steep scree switchbacks on the Barranco Wall

ELEVATION	TREK HOURS
13,231'	4-5

DAY 5 BARAFU CAMP

As you near the summit, the landscape starts to resemble the surface of the moon

ELEVATION	TREK HOURS
15,331'	3-4

DAY 6 MWEKA MILLENNIUM CAMP

After a hard push to the summit, resting at lower elevations will help you recuperate

ELEVATION	TREK HOURS
12,500'	10-15

DAY 7 MWEKA GATE

Descend back through the rainforest and enjoy a farewell lunch with your group at Mweka Gate before heading for home

ELEVATION	TREK HOURS
5,380'	4-6

Transfer off the mountain to a day room where you can shower and relax before your evening flight home

PRIVATE TREKS

- » Choose your route
- » Pick your dates
- » Select your level of luxury
- » Find your price range
- » Add on extensions
- » Perfect for families, friends and special interest groups.

Our Kilimanjaro Consultants will guide you through the process.



EVENTS, GUESTS & PARTNERSHIPS

JIMMY CHIN

Academy Award winner for documentary *Free Solo*, professional climber, photographer, and film director

"I was really impressed with how Thomson managed all of the logistics in a highly professional manner. Everything was always working, everything was on time, and the food was great. I would recommend Thomson in a heartbeat."



VANESSA O'BRIEN

Seven Summits summiteer, Guinness World Record holder and first American woman to summit K2

"The reason I'm such a big fan of Thomson is they take care of the communities they visit. They have a great track record among the guides and porters."



DAVID BREASHEARS

5-time Everest summiteer and filmmaker of *IMAX Kilimanjaro* and *Everest*

"For an unrivaled adventure to the roof of Africa, I recommend Thomson Safaris."



CHARITY TREKS

MTV's

Summit on the Summit

Jessica Biel and 200 celebrities, activists and crew members trekked Kilimanjaro with Thomson to raise awareness for East Africa's clean water issues. MTV produced a 60-minute documentary of the trek.

WATERAID

Climb for Life

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Celebrate your Kilimanjaro summit in Africa's best safari lodge.
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**DAY 2:
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Visit the floor of the world's largest volcanic caldera, hosting 30,000 mammals.
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**DAY 3:
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Continue to the endless plains, with the world's greatest population of lions and the world's biggest migration of large mammals.
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**DAY 4:
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Enjoy an optional pre-dawn, hot air balloon flight and champagne breakfast. Then get back to wildlife viewing.
Overnight: Thomson Serengeti Nyumba

**DAY 5:
SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK**

Fly back to Arusha, where you will depart in the evening.



WHY THIS SAFARI?

- » The Serengeti, home of the legendary Great Migration
- » Ngorongoro Crater, where guests regularly find all the Big Five
- » \$300 trekker discount
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Overnight: Thomson Eastern Serengeti Nyumba

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Enter Ngorongoro Crater before anyone else thanks to nearby access from your crater rim camp. This is the surest way to see the entire Big Five in one day.

Overnight: Thomson Ngorongoro Nyumba

DAY 7:

ARUSHA

Journey back to Arusha, where you will enjoy a dayroom, and depart in the evening.



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INCLUDED BEFORE YOU GO

- » Expert consultation to select the right climb for you
- » A carefully crafted itinerary
- » Friendly, timely replies to all your questions
- » Help arranging your flights
- » A Kilimanjaro Trip Manager, available five days a week via phone or email from the time you book to the time you return
- » A comprehensive packing list with staff recommendations
- » The Thomson Kilimanjaro Preparation Guide – complete with weather details, trekking tips, training recommendations, gear and packing instructions, and more
- » Personalized reminders for visas, passports, packing, training and more
- » Access to our Kilimanjaro Store – proceeds go to charity

INCLUDED IN TANZANIA

- » Two nights at a comfortable lodge per your itinerary
- » A full pre-trek warm-up day (wildlife viewing opportunities on select trips)
- » Park fees and conservation fees
- » Group transfers to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport for scheduled Delta/KLM flights
- » All meals per your itinerary, including restaurant tips
- » Baggage handling
- » A day room to shower and rest post-trek per your itinerary

INCLUDED ON THE MOUNTAIN

- » WMA-certified Wilderness First Responder guides and services
- » Daily climb briefings
- » Frequent, nutritious mountain meals and snacks
- » Unlimited purified water
- » Customized, Everest-tested mountaineering tents
- » Customized dining tents with solar lighting
- » Private toilet tent
- » Safety equipment: oxygen, first aid kits, Gamow bag, pulse oximeter, AED, stretcher, three forms of mobile communication, etc.
- » All Kilimanjaro National Park permits
- » Farewell lunch

NOT INCLUDED

- » Round-trip international airfare
- » Personal hiking gear
- » Tanzania entry visa
- » Laundry, specialty beverages, phone and internet charges, other personal services
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