AFRICAN SCENERY TOURS COMPANY

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Itinerary: **Meru Trek in 4 days:**

Duration of Hiking Mt. Kilimanjaro

4 Days/3 Night:

Parks Included:

Hiking Meru Trek in 4 days.

Including Services:

- Guides, Porters, Cook salaries and park fees
- Professional, experienced, mountain guides
- Quality Mess tents with table and chairs
- All meals while on the Mountain
- Clean, purified drinking water
- Conservation fees (part of park fees)
- All transfers to the mountain and back to your Moshi hotel
- Emergency Oxygen Cylinder
- VAT (18% charged by the Government)
- Meru summit certificate
- Rescue fees (part of park fees)
- Large portions of fresh, healthy, nutritious food
- Camping or Hut fees (part of park fees)
- Accommodation in wooden dormitory style huts

Excluding Services:

- Personal trekking equipment such as sleepings bags, hiking boots, clothes, etc (available for renting)
- Travel insurance
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Transfers (available as an optional addon)
- Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, telephone, beverages, etc.)

- Surcharge for online payment of advance and balance (5% on each payment)
- Tips and gratuities
- Hotel (available as an optional addon
- Tanzania Visa
- International and domestic flights
- Liquors, beers and bottled beverages

*Check under each hotel information above for meal plan

Meru Trek:

Mount meru stands tall at 4566m and is the second highest mountain in Tanzania. Mount Meru is located in the Arusha national park and it offers one of the most breathtaking scenery and wildlife diversity compared to any mountain in Tanzania. Meru trek is indeed a challenging trek due to the rocky ridges and its steep ascent to the peak. However, it is one of the best ways to get an experience of high altitude trekking and it also the best way to acclimatize for those who want to conquer Mount Kilimanjaro. Mount Meru trek takes you through places from where you can get a glimpse of the magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro.

Itinerary

Day 0: Pre-trek Briefing

If you have opted for the optional airport transfers, we will pick you up from Kilimanjaro Airport or Arusha airport and transfer you to your hotel in Arusha.

Pre-trek briefing at your Arusha hotel. You should be planning to arrive at least one day before the start of the trek. Today we will spend the day having a pre-trek briefing. We will also review your equipment and rent any equipment which is needed at a local shop.

Day 1: Hotel to Momella gate to Miriakamba Hut

Drive from Arusha to Momella Gate takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes. Once at the gate we will finish all the procedures and depart for the trek. The trek takes you through places from where you can catch breathtaking views of Mount Kilimanjaro and the renowned Momella lakes. Trekkers encounter wildlife like Bushbucks, Cape Buffaloes, Giraffes, and Warthogs during this day. We continue a short distance until we reach the Miriakamba hut.

Elevation: 1500m/4921ft to 2500m/8202ft

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Distance: 6km/3.5mi
Hiking Time: 4-5 hours
Meals: Lunch and Dinner

Day 2: Miriakamba Hut to Saddle Hut

Today we trek through the steep path along the ridge of the saddle. On the way, you can witness the stunning Meru crater, the ash cone, and little Meru. There are chances of us encountering wildlife like Cape Buffaloes and the black and white Colobus monkey. We will end the trek up at Saddle hut. Once you have settled at the camp we will set off on a short trek to little Meru (3810m) for acclimatization purpose and return to Saddle hut.

Elevation: 2500m/8202ft to 3500m/11483ft
Distance: 6km/3.5mi
Hiking Time: 4-5 hours
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 3: Saddle Hut to Socialist Peak to Miriakamba Hut

We wake up just after midnight and have a light meal to keep our energies high. Once done with the meal we start the final ascent to Socialist Peak. This ascent will be steep and we will be making our way through gravel and rocky cliffs. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. Once at the summit, you will enjoy the magnificent views of the Meru Crater and the Ash cone. There are chances that one might catch a glimpse of wildlife like mountain Reedbucks and Klipspringers over the rocky ridge.

From the summit, we begin our descent by continuing straight down to the Miriakamba hut.

Elevation: 3500m/11483ft to 4562m/14967ft down to 2500m/8202ft
Distance: 19km/12mi
Hiking Time: 10-12 hours
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

Day 4: Miriakamba Hut to Momella gate

After breakfast, we continue the descent down to the Momella Gate, we will change the route and take the southern route down hence the change in distance trekked on this day. We will also pass through the astonishing Fig tree Arch.

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Monkey Adventures vehicle will be waiting for you at Momella gate to drive you back to your hotel in Arusha (around 1 hour and 30 minutes).

Elevation: 2500m/8202ft to 1500m/4921ft
Distance: 14km/8.5mi
Hiking Time: 4-5 hours
Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Payment Terms

Deposit Payment

- Deposit is 20% of the total booking amount.
- Deposit can be paid either via a bank transfer or an online card payment.
- A 5% fee is applicable on all card payments (payment gateway charges), this is nonrefundable.
- We offer bank accounts in 10 different currencies for bank transfer.
- Once you make the advance payment you will receive a booking confirmation.

Balance Payment

- Balance can be paid via bank transfer, online card payment, or with cash.
- Bank payment can be done 15 days prior to the tour date (recommended 30 days prior).
- Card Payment can be done 1 day prior to the tour date (recommended 7 days prior).
- A 5% fee is applicable on all card payments (payment gateway charge), this is non-refundable.
- Cash can be paid on arrival (USD printed in or after the year 2009).

Cancellation Policy 8 days and above departure - No cancellation fees.

0 to 7 days before departure

- 50% of the total tour price will be charged as cancellation fees.
- Trek can be postponed to any new date without any extra cost at any point in time.
- The 5% surcharge paid for either or both advance and balance payments is non-refundable in case of cancellation of the trek.

Discounts

Available discounts for Meru Trek - 4 days

Expatriates/Residents living in Tanzania

Code: RESTAN - USD 150 per person

East African Citizens
Code: EAC - USD 400 per person

Private Trek
Please find below the prices for organizing a private trek. The prices are based on your group size.

- Solo Trekker - USD 1320 per person
- Group of 2 - USD 1177 per person
- Group of 3 - USD 1119 per person
- Group of 4 - USD 1098 per person
- Group of 5 - USD 1000 per person
- Group of 6 - USD 995 per person
- Group of 7 - USD 982 per person
- Group of 8 - USD 981 per person
- Group of 9 - USD 979 per person
- Group of 10 and above - USD 971 per person

Add-ons

Hotels

We offer the following hotel options

- Lindrin Lodge (Single Room) - USD 55 per night
- Lindrin Lodge (Double Room) - USD 70 per night
- Lindrin Lodge (Triple Room) - USD 105 per night
- Keys Hotel (Single Room) - USD 69 per night
- Keys Hotel (Double Room) - USD 94 per night
- Keys Hotel (Triple Room) - USD 122 per night
- Parkview Inn (Single Room) - USD 81 per night
- Parkview Inn (Double Room) - USD 91 per night
- Parkview Inn (Triple Room) - USD 170 per night
- Kilimanjaro Wonders (Single Room) - USD 140 per night
- Kilimanjaro Wonders (Double Room) - USD 160 per night

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Please note that if any hotel is booked out or is otherwise unavailable, we will book you in an alternate equivalent hotel.
*If you are booking a hotel directly, please do check with us before booking, to make sure we can meet you and pick you up from the hotel.

Transfers
We offer the following transfer options

- Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) to Moshi (one way) - USD 50 per vehicle
- Moshi to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) (one way) - USD 50 per vehicle
- Arusha to Moshi (one way) - USD 100 per vehicle
- Moshi to Arusha (one way) - USD 100 per vehicle

*Thank you so much and we would like to welcome you again for the more experience and forging lifelong bonds that will stay with you long after you leave us.

(Karibu Sana)