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ULTIMATE KILIMANJARO PACKING LIST

Get ready for your adventure

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WHAT TO PACK FOR CLIMBING AFRICA'S TALLEST MOUNTAIN

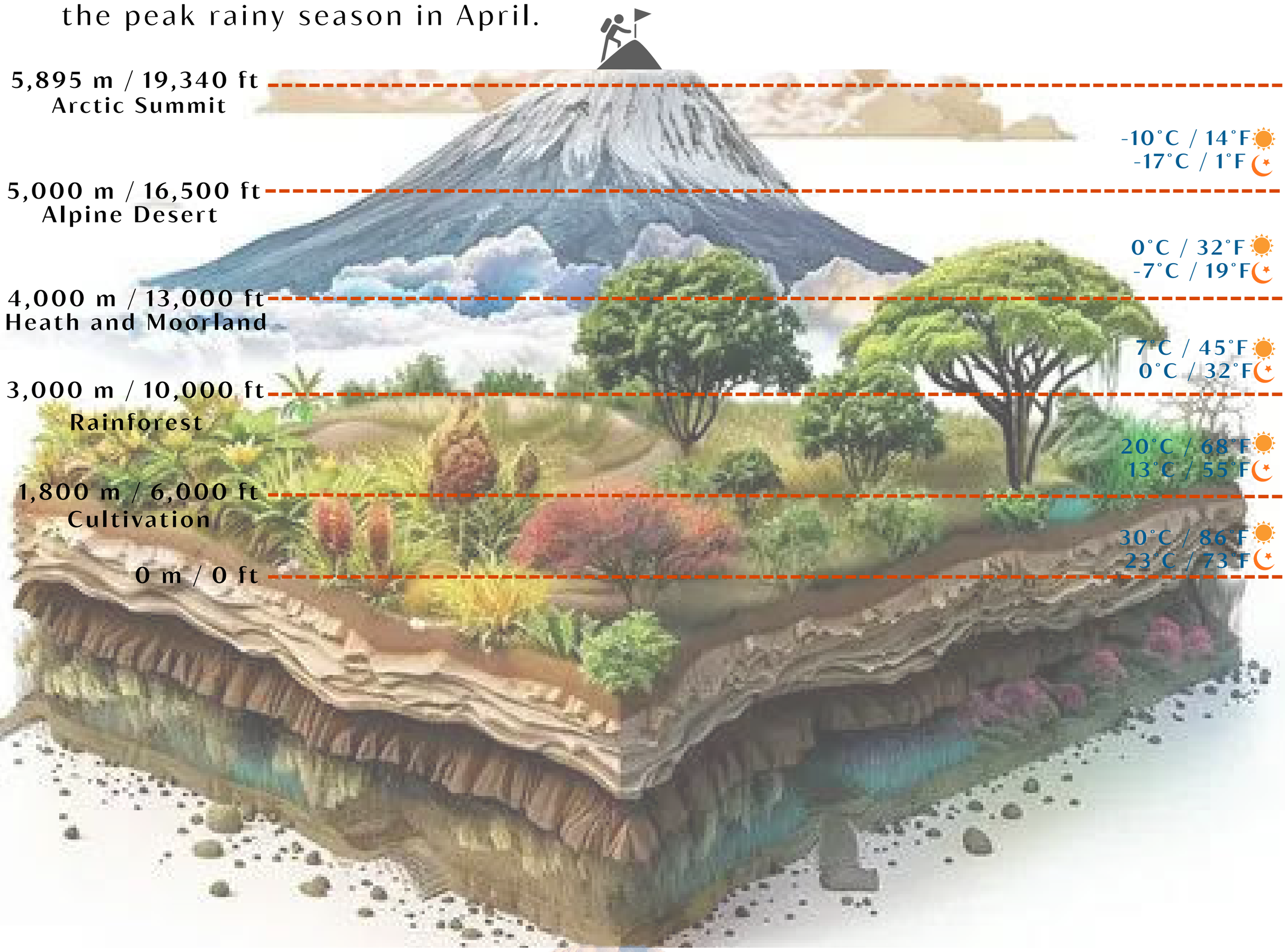
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Kilimanjaro's Climate Zones

Mount Kilimanjaro features five distinct climate zones that change as you ascend higher up the mountain. As you climb, you'll notice a decrease in vegetation, a drop in temperatures, and a change in atmospheric pressure. The trek begins in a lush tropical forest, progresses through the Heath and Moorland zone, traverses an Alpine Desert, and concludes in the Arctic summit zone characterized by rocks, snow, and ice.

This journey emulates a rapid transition from the equator to Antarctica within a week, demanding different clothing and gear to adapt to the changing conditions. This guide will help you understand the essential gear and optional items for enhanced comfort. We will walk you through what you need to wear on each day of your epic Kilimanjaro adventure.

Tanzania, located on the equator, has consistent temperatures year-round, with slight seasonal variations. June to August is winter, while December to February is summer, with a maximum temperature difference of around 7°C (45°F). Climbs occur year-round, but we advise against climbing during the peak rainy season in April.



KILIMANJARO'S DIVERSE CLIMATE ZONES AND TEMPERATURES

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Your Packing List

We've led Kilimanjaro expeditions for over Five years, with more than 100 clients climbing with us yearly. This packing list reflects our experience, and we ask you to take it seriously. Even in the dry season, a hardshell jacket & pants, and a rain poncho are essential. Missing equipment can be rented from African Scenery; prices are listed at the End of the brochure. If you don't plan other mountain expeditions after Kilimanjaro, investing in the purchase of expensive equipment might not be worth it. One of our porters will carry your duffle bag. To ensure safety and fair working conditions, it must not exceed 15kg. You can hire an extra porter for a fee, raising the limit to 30kg.

Feel free to use this page as a checklist when packing for your expedition.

Essential items

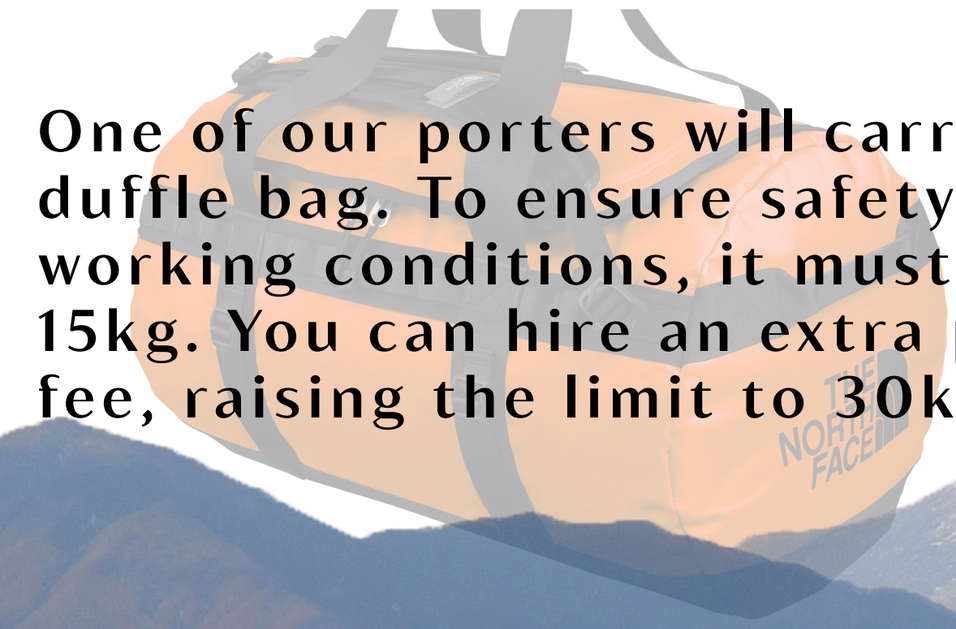
Footwear

- [ ] 1. Leg gaiters.
- [ ] 2. Hiking shoe.
- [ ] 3. Trekking boots(with ankle support)
- [ ] 4. Hiking socks (for every day)
- [ ] 5. Warm summit socks.
- [ ] 6. Microspikes.

Clothing

- [ ] 1. Thermal underwear - 2-3 sets
- [ ] 2. Trekking pants
- [ ] 3. Trekking t-shirt - 3x
- [ ] 4. Long-sleeve shirt - 2x
- [ ] 5. Fleece jacket - 2x
- [ ] 6. Hardshell jacket (water-resistant)
- [ ] 7. Hardshell pants (water-resistant)
- [ ] 8. Insulated summit jacket
- [ ] 9. Insulated summit pant
- [ ] 10. Waterproof poncho

The weight limit for the duffle bag is 15 kg



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Hand gear

- [ ] 1. Fleece gloves
- [ ] 2. Mittens

Headgear

- [ ] 1. Sunglasses (Category 3-4
- [ ] 2. Sun hat or a cap
- [ ] 3. Headlamp
- [ ] 4. Fleece hat
- [ ] 5. Balaclava

Bags

- [ ] 1. Backpack (30-40 liters)
- [ ] 2. Duffle bag (100-150 liters)

Other items

- [ ] 1. Hydration bag (2-2.5 liters
- [ ] 2. Water bottle (flask) -1L
- [ ] 3. Powerbank
- [ ] 4. Trekking pole
- [ ] 5. Sunscreen SPF 30+

Sleeping

- [ ] 1. Sleeping bag (comfort rating 10 F/-12 C)

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What to wear during climbing

Day 1

3,000 m / 10,000 ft
Rainforest

20°C / 68°F
13°C / 55°F

Sun hat or a cap





Don't forget to apply sunscreen
(SPF 30-50)



Mountain sunglasses UV
protection (3-4 Cat.)





Flask or Hydration System





T-Shirt or long sleeve shirt



Trekking poles





Trekking pants



Small backpack
(30-40 liters)



Trekking sneakers



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What to wear during climbing

Day 2-5

Day 2-5
4,000 m / 13,000 ft
Heath and Moorland
7°C / 45°F
0°C / 32°F
5,000 m / 16,500 ft
Alpine Desert
20°C / 68°F
13°C / 55°F

Mountain sunglasses UV *protection (3-4 Cat.)*



Fleece Hat



Warm fleece jacket



Thermal underwear set *(Pants and a long-sleeve)*



Hardshell Jacket



Flask or Hydration System





Fleece gloves



Hardshell pants



Small backpack *(30-40 liters)*



Trekking poles



Trekking boots



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What to wear during climbing

ON THE SUMMIT DAY

Day 6

5,895 m / 19,340 ft
Arctic Summit

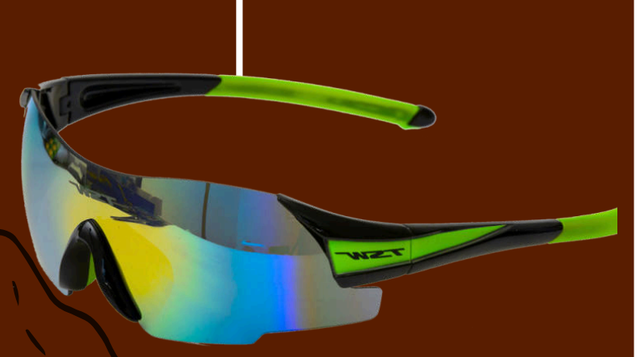
-10°C / 14°F
-17°C / 1°F

Headlamp
(Including 1 set of batteries)





Mountain sunglasses UV
protection (3-4 Cat.)





Fleece Hat



Insulated summit jacket
(Comfort 5°F/-15°C)



Thermal underwear set
(Pants and a long-sleeve)



Warm fleece jacket

Flask or Hydration System
+Thermos (1L) in the backpack





Mittens



Trekking poles





Insulated summit pants
(Comfort 5°F/-15°C)



Small backpack
(30-40 liters)



Trekking boots
(Ankle-fixing)



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How to stay warm and safe



Day 2-6

Thermal Underwear Set
(Pants and a long-sleeve)

Bring two sets of thermal underwear: one for sleeping and the other for hikes. Avoid wearing them on sunny days, as it can get warm during the day (up to +15°C), and you might overheat. However, put it on for the summit night.

Summit day

Fleece Gloves + Mittens
(Comfort 5°F/-15°C)

For the summit night, consider adding layers: first put on fleece gloves, then wear warm mittens over them. Ensure they aren't too tight; you should be able to grip a trekking pole comfortably.





Day 2-7

Hiking Boots
(with ankle support)

Proper hiking boots with ankle support are a critical part of your gear. Ensure they have room for your toes and are snug but not tight. It's important to break them in well before the trip.

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Rental Shop

The gear you choose for Kilimanjaro significantly influences the comfort of your journey and impacts your chances of reaching the summit. We recommend selecting quality equipment from reputable brands.

If you don't have all the necessary items or prefer to travel light, you can rent everything you need around the town through rental shops.

Most of the shops are provides top-notch gear from USA and EU manufacturers.

- **Available for rent around the Town:**

The prices below are for the entire expedition period

Footwear

1.	Leg gaiters.	$10
2.	Hiking shoe.	$35
3.	Trekking boots(with ankle support)	$45
4.	Hiking socks (for every day)	Out of stock
5.	Warm summit socks.	$15
6.	Microspikes.	$10

Clothing

1.	Thermal underwear - 2-3 sets	$30
2.	Trekking pants	$15
3.	Trekking t-shirt - 3x	$10
4.	Long-sleeve shirt - 2x	$10
5.	Fleece jacket - 2x	$10
6.	Hardshell jacket (water-resistant)	$30
7.	Hardshell pants (water-resistant)	$25
8.	Insulated summit jacket	$40
9.	Insulated summit pant	$30
10.	Waterproof poncho	$15

Hand gear

1.	Fleece gloves	$10
2.	Mittens	$20

Headgear

1.	Sunglasses (Category 3-4)	$30
2.	Sun hat or a cap	$15
3.	Headlamp	$15
4.	Fleece hat	$5

Bags

1.	Backpack (30-40 liters)	$30
2.	Duffle bag (100-150 liters)	$40

Other items

1.	Hydration bag (2-2.5 liters)	$15
2.	Powerbank	$10
3.	Trekking pole	$15

Sleeping

1.	Sleeping bag (comfort rating 10 F/-12 C)	$45

Available for Pursche

1.	Sunscreen SPF 30+	$25
2.	Water bottle (flask) - 1 L	$18
3.	Thermos - 1 L	$35
4.	Neck gaiter	$7
5.	Wet wipes	$4
6.	Paper napkins	$2
7.	Lip balm	$4
8.	Camp towel	$15

1.	Toothpaste	$5
2.	Toothbrush	$3
3.	Hand warmers	$4
4.	Spare batteries for a headlamp	$1







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Optional Extras

Since 2021, we have organized thousands of Kilimanjaro expeditions. There are some items that appear non-essential but can greatly improve your experience on Kilimanjaro. Consider packing them for your trip in addition to the items from the main packing list.

Remember about the weight limit: the total weight of your duffle bag should not exceed 15 kg. For an extra fee, it's possible to hire an additional porter thus increasing the weight limit to 30kg. Please contact us if you require that option

For air travel to Tanzania

- [ ] 1. Travel bag lock
- [ ] 2. Name tag on your travel bag
- [ ] 3. Travel luggage strap

For more comfort at the camp

- [ ] 1. Light down jacket
- [ ] 2. Extra fleece jacket
- [ ] 3. Camp slippers (like Crocs)
- [ ] 4. Tabletop games

For better sleep

- [ ] 1. Sleeping bag liner
- [ ] 2. Earplugs
- [ ] 3. Inflatable pillow
- [ ] 4. Fleece clothing set

For comfort on the trail

- [ ] 1. Hand moisturizer
- [ ] 2. Athletic tap
- [ ] 3. Neck gaiter
- [ ] 4. Hand warmer

Personal hygiene

- [ ] 1. Deodorant
- [ ] 2. Personal hygiene item
- [ ] 3. Dry shampoo
- [ ] 4. Camp towel and disposable towel
- [ ] 5. Nail scissors, clippers, and a nail file
- [ ] 6. Wet wipes and paper napkins
- [ ] 7. Lip balm
- [ ] 8. Toothpaste and toothbrush

To maintain energy

- [ ] 1. Snacks - protein bars, dried fruit
- [ ] 2. Thermos
- [ ] 3. Electrolytes for hydration

To keep everything dry and organized

- [ ] 1. Dry bag
- [ ] 2. Zip-lock bags

Gadgets

- [ ] 1. Power bank, E-boot
- [ ] 2. Spare batteries for a headlamp

We can't wait to welcome you in Tanzania!



