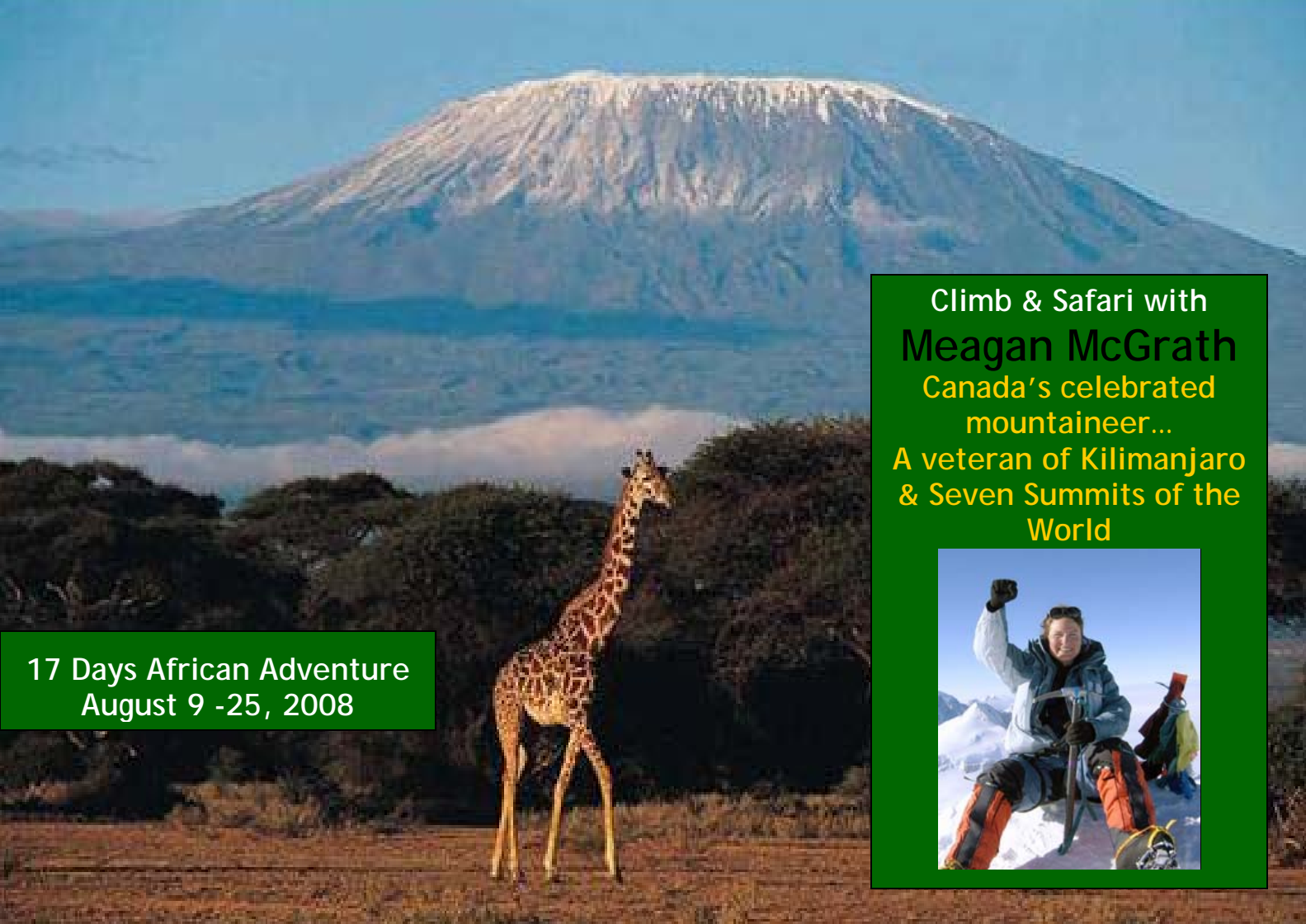


Tanzania

Kilimanjaro Climb & Bush Camping Safari



17 Days African Adventure
August 9 -25, 2008

Climb & Safari with
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For over two decades, *Tourcan Vacations* has been Canada's premier tour operator for unique adventures to East Africa. We consider our Kilimanjaro climb in combination with a bush camping safari featuring Ngorongoro Crater and Serengeti, two of the world's finest game reserves and a cross cultural exploration of the Masai tribes in their own habitat, as the finest wilderness journey ever.

Your adventure to the African wilderness begins with a "gift of giving and sharing" the life stories of some of Tanzania's poorest. We visit a typical Tanzanian village our project partner, *Arusha Children's Trust* actively supports. Spend a day interacting with local villagers, volunteers, children and teachers and see first-hand the plight of underprivileged children and their pressing needs.

We then climb the legendary Kilimanjaro lead by *our Canadian host - Meagan McGrath*, a Kilimanjaro summiter and the youngest Canadian woman ever to successfully climb Seven Summits, the highest peak in each of the seven continents of the world.

Kili, as known among the mountaineering fraternity, is Africa's highest and the world's tallest free standing mountain. To climb Kili and stand atop the Uhuru peak at 19,340 ft (5895m) would be a lifelong dream for many.

The climb is both physically and mentally demanding but achievable by anyone with reasonable fitness and training. Its trail looms over five eco-systems and affords climbers excellent exposure to the area's remote, pristine and most ecologically diverse environment. Most organizations attempt this climb in five days or less while we, using one of the best local outfitters, climb it via the less traveled and much more scenic Machame route with an extra day on the mountain to allow proper rest, acclimatization and meet the ultimate goal of maximizing chances. Each climber is pampered with the services of a trained high altitude porter and the team is led by an experienced chagga (local tribe) guide and Assistant guide. Your teams of porters carry gear, tents, first-aid and food. We overnight in high-quality tents, while high class menus with fresh food, fruits and vegetables are prepared by our crew. Not only do highly experienced guides increase your chances of summiting, but of doing so in a healthy, safe and environmentally friendly manner following the *Leave Only the Footsteps* practices.

Descend and celebrate our summit success with the children at Arusha Children's Trust school. We will leave a lasting memory with them by donating desks personalized with your own name and hometown stenciled!

Following our climb we begin a 5-day classic bush camping safari to the spectacular game parks, a unique way to explore Tanzania, an ultimate safari destination that boasts the highest concentration of wildlife in the world. Enjoy the permanent tent accommodation in the bush camps and comprehensive game drives in the Ngorongoro Crater, a natural wonder, sustaining an estimated 30,000 animals on the 120 sq mile crater floor. Here's your best chance to see the Big Five. We trek on foot in the park and hike up the hills to view the Great Rift Valley and the Serengeti plains. Two full days of guided game drives in the fabled Serengeti will leave you mesmerized with the fauna and flora of the African wilderness. Serengeti, without doubt is Tanzania's signature park which covers nearly 15,000 square miles and spans into Kenya where it connects to the Masai Mara reserve.

The highlight of your bush camping safari is the hike to Monduli hills, the traditional homelands of the great Masai tribe. Here, we will walk with the Masais as our guides and visit their habitat, meet the tribal chiefs, enjoy the traditional hospitality, the music and dance to complete a highly rewarding African adventure.

If you still have a bit of time in hand for sun tan and unwind on the beach, why not take a our optional 3 Day relaxation break in the Indian Ocean exotic island of Zanzibar?

Come join us and experience a trip of a lifetime!



Arusha Children's Trust - Tanzania

Visit: www.arushachildrenstrust.org

The Arusha Children's Trust is non-religious and non-political. It does not impose or promote western values but presents information that facilitates the development of knowledge to enable young people to make decisions which will improve the future for themselves and their communities. The Arusha Children's Trust actively and directly supports underprivileged children in the Arusha and Rift Valley regions of Northern Tanzania.

The ACT was initiated in 1999 and registered as a charity in the UK. The guiding principal of the Trust is to develop a sustainable ways of assisting the local community in those areas in which it operates, without creating a dependence on tourism revenue or diluting the cultural heritage of rural communities. ACT relies on donations and fundraising to finance its projects and is managed entirely by volunteers. The participants of this trek supports and recognize the ACT projects that:

- Assist rural communities, primarily children
- Improve access to education and health programmes
- Increase in the knowledge and the awareness of environmental issues in Tanzania
- Preserve and promote the Tanzanian traditions and culture



What they say.....From our 2005 Climb & Safari

"The most memorable time for me on the Kili trek was the night-time ascent to Stella Point in the moonlight with our guides singing Tanzanian songs to keep us going. It was pretty magical and combined with the special bonds that formed between the group members made the trip genuinely special."

"The effort required and the encouragements from our trek director & local chagga guides to get to the summit, made the success feel very special. Glove your hands against sunburn all week and cover your nose from cold burn on summit night. The guides were great, the food impressive and the porters amazing. The people who helped us on safari were amazing - all from the surrounding Masai lands, who made us feel really comfortable and welcome in their country"



Itinerary & Pricing Information

Kilimanjaro Climb & Bush Camping Safari

August 9 - Depart Canada. Overnight flight to Europe accompanied by your expedition director.

August 10 - Europe - Kilimanjaro We remain in transit and take an onward flight to Kilimanjaro and arrive in the evening. Arrival transfer to Ilboru Safari lodge, Arusha for 2 nights. (D)

August 11 - Arusha Today we visit local villages under the care of Arusha Children's Trust, the project partner we support in this trip. We talk to children and volunteers to learn about the project, watch a cultural show with music and dances, browse the arts and crafts stalls and refreshments. Afternoon is spent by the pool. Meet our trekking crew and the guides this evening for an informal introduction, a briefing with equipments check. (BD)

August 12 Arusha/ Kilimanjaro Park Gate /Machame Village (3000m) Morning drive to park gates for registration. Trek begins with a walk up through the lush tropical forests and heather moor land. Spend the night at Machame Camp - 6 hour trek (BLD)

August 13 - Machame/Shira Cave (3840m) Trek to Shira Plateau through open moor lands. Night at Shira camp - 6 hour trek (BLD)

August 14 - Shira/Barranco Camp (3900m) Today is a long strenuous trek to Barranco valley. This camp lies in a sheltered area below the spectacular cliffs of Breach wall, the dome of Uhuru peak and Heim Glacier. Night at Barranco Camp 7-8 hour trek (BLD)

August 15 - Barranco Camp/Karanga Valley (4100m) A short trek to Karanga Valley. This is our extra day to rest & acclimatize. Night at Karanga Valley camp - 3 hour trek (BLD)

August 16 - Karanga/Barafu Camp (4600m) Trek to Barafu. Huge glaciers and cliffs mark this part of the mountain and your last point for water. Dinner and rest - 3 hour trek (BLD)

August 17 - Barafu/Summit (5895m)/Mweka Camp Wake up at 1am and get dressed for final ascent to the Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa! A steep hike in cold weather. Demanding and long day. Descend to Mweka camp for the night (3000m) 14-15 hour trek (BLD)

August 18- Mweka Camp /Arusha Descend the mountain through forests to the park gate. Coach transfer to your lodge in Arusha. Night at Ilboru Safari Lodge. (BD)

August 19 - Arusha We visit the Arusha Children's Trust village/school for a celebration of our summit success. Donate desks to the school. Return to lodge. (BD)

August 20 - Arusha/Serengeti The Classic bush camping safari begins today with a drive to Serengeti National park via Olduvai Gorge. Night camp at Seronera Campsite in Serengeti. (BLD)

August 21 Serengeti Full day game drives in Serengeti. Night camp at Seronera Campsite. (BLD)

August 22 -Serengeti/Ngorongoro Crater Morning game drive in Serengeti and proceed to lush Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Night at Simba Camp overlooking the Crater. (BLD)

August 23 -Ngorongoro Crater Descend to the Ngorongoro Crater for a full day crater tour. Night camp at Bushman Campsite (BLD)

August 24 - Ngorongoro Crater/Monduli Mountains/Arusha Today we visit Monduli Mountains, the traditional home of the Masai tribe. With our Masai guides, visit a village and a school and interact with the locals and take lunch at the village. Return to Arusha late afternoon. Farewell dinner at the lodge. (BLD)

August 25 - Depart Tanzania Transfer to Kilimanjaro airport for departure to Canada. Those taking the Zanzibar extension will be transferred to Arusha airport. (B)

Pricing & Inclusions

C\$6610 per person sharing

Includes: Round trip economy international airfare from Toronto to Tanzania; Kilimanjaro climb and Bush camping safari as per itinerary; Meals as indicated - B, L, D ; All park admissions, professional guides, skilled porters, camping/tents, rescue fees, daily provision of treated/boiled water during trek; safari by 4X4 vehicles with driver-guides, lodge/camp site accommodation on sharing basis, Mineral water during safari; Services of Meagan McGrath your Canadian host and your personal donations of desks and cash (Value of \$150) to Arusha Children's Trust managed school project.

Not Included: Taxes/fees on air (Currently at \$350, subject to change), mandatory medical/emergency/cancellation insurance; meals other than specified; Tanzania visa fees; International airport tax (US\$20); Personal expenses, tips for guides, porters, drivers and hotel/restaurant staff.

Flights from other Canadian cities arranged at special rates. Contact us for pricing.

Zanzibar Extension (Aug 25-27, 2008)

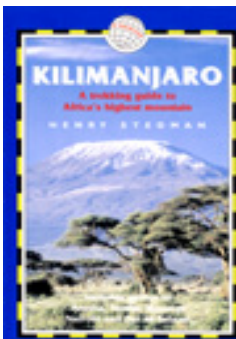
C\$600 per person sharing

Recuperate from your trek challenge and the bush camping safari by spending two days in total relaxation in the exotic Island of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean.

Includes: Round trip economy airfare from Arusha to Zanzibar; transfers from airport to hotel and back; 2 nights accommodation at 3-star Tembo House Hotel in Stone Town with daily breakfast, local taxes and taxes/fees on air ticket. **Not Included:** Lunches and dinners; sightseeing, personal expenses & domestic airport departure tax in Zanzibar (US\$4-5 approx)

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