



Bike Expedition Kilimanjaro (5895 m)

Bike trip to the roof of Africa with short Safari

- Guided by Kilimanjaro expert and Mount-Everest-Guide, Hermann Berie, UIAGM certified**
- Highest mountain in Africa by bike**
- Proven acclimatization concept on the mountain**
- Experienced escort crew and guides from Marangu**
- Unforgettable: endless downhill by bike from the summit to the Maasai steppe**
- Unique experience: climb Kilimanjaro by bike**
- Biking through all climate zones: from the savannah to the glacier ice**
- through coffee plantations and mountain rainforest to snow-capped peaks at the equator**

Hermann has climbed the top of Kilimanjaro 46 times and has leading successful to the summit of Mount Everest (8850 m) with guests. He will passionately pass on all his knowledge and experience in high-altitude mountaineering to you!

For several years now we have been offering this unforgettable dream trip by mountain bike to the roof of Africa. Thanks to our proven acclimatization concept and Hermann's many years of expedition experience on 8000m peaks, you have everything you need to be well acclimatized on the mountain and strong enough for this unique bike adventure. After all, acclimatization is the key to success and to having fun on the endless descent down into the banana plantations and the Maasai steppe.

Our services:

- Organization of the whole trip to Africa**
- Tour management and guiding by certified mountain and ski guide UIAGM Hermann Berie**
- Preparatory meeting in Switzerland**
- 3 – 4 local guides from Marangu in addition to Hermann**
- 4 x overnight stays in a large double room with shower/toilet including breakfast and dinner in a very good hotel in Moshi (with a well-kept pool)**
- Barbecue dinner on the last evening**
- 7 x overnight stays with full board in a tent (2 people in a 3-man tent) or cabins**
- Tea, coffee and unlimited drinking water on the mountain**
- Dinner tent, toilet tent and washing facilities**
- Own porters and kitchen team from Marangu**
- Luggage transport on the mountain 15 kg each / participant on the mountain**
- Jeep Safari in Arusha National Park/Hatari Lodge**
- All transfers and trips according to the program**
- All national park fees and permits for the bike route (Permit Bike USD 500)**
- Mountain rescue fee for "Flying Doctors"**
- Farewell party with the local team**

Not included:

Flight Zurich-Tanzania-Zurich
Transport of your own bike on the plane
Tips, alcoholic beverages
Single room
Visa on arrival (USD 50)

**Requirements:**

Our travel structure is designed in such a way that you can acclimate to the altitude in the best possible way. A slow to moderately fast walking / biking pace is important in order to be fit for the actual summit stages and to be able to enjoy the tour as a whole.

Before you start your journey, please train your cardiovascular system with extensive hikes and biketrips in the Alps or with fitness training. Take this opportunity to consult your family doctor to refresh your first-aid kit.

Itinerary – Bike expedition summit Kilimanjaro

Day 1**Zurich – Kilimanjaro Airport JRO, Tanzania**

Individual arrival at Zurich-Kloten airport. Meeting point 2 hours before departure at Zurich Airport and checking in the bikes together. Flight via Amsterdam to Arusha Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO). Arrive in the evening and transfer to the hotel in Moshi. (beautiful area with pool in coffee plantations). Davis Kimambo, our partner picks us up at the airport. From the hotel bar you have a magnificent view of Mount Kilimanjaro from the south.

Day 2**Moshi - Hotel**

Sleep in, arrive assemble the bikes again. Acclimatization and first exploration tour in the coffee and banana plantations around Moshi with the bikes. Then packing and final preparations for the start of the Kilimanjaro bike tour. From the hotel pool you have a magnificent view of the southern ice fields of Kilimanjaro. Final briefing, fine dinner and overnight stay at the hotel. (1100m)

Day 3**Moshi – Marangu – Kilemagate-Kilema camp (2980 m).**

Today we start early in the morning after breakfast towards Marangu. There we welcome our team and the guides from Marangu who will accompany us. We pick up our permit at the park entrance. Then we drive to the Kilema Gate, where our bike adventure begins in the green high forest. Driving and pushing to the remote Kilema camp at almost 3000 meters above sea level. Overnight in tent. From now on, dinner and all meals together will be prepared and served by our kitchen team.

Day 4**Kilema Camp – Horombo Huts (3700m) – Zebra rocks (4000m).**

Breakfast in beautiful nature with a view of the Maasai steppe and the foothills of Kilimanjaro. Further ascent with the bikes to the Horombo huts, where we will spend two nights for acclimatization. This is very important. The air is already noticeably thinner, a slow pace is the order of the day. A first tour in the direction of the zebra rock with a short descent should be possible. Dinner, overnight in tents or cabins at Horombo Huts.

Day 5**Horombo – Zebra rocks (4335 m)**

Today we climb up to more than 4000 meters above sea level to the zebra rocks and the Mawenzi saddle. For the view and optimal acclimatization, we shoulder the bikes on the small summit of the East Lava Hills (4325 m). Sensational view of the rest of the route. Opposite is the jagged Mawenzi. From the saddle down to the Horombo hut, a first long descent awaits you on partly blocked, partly flowing trails. Dinner and overnight at Horombo huts, tent or cabin.



Day 6

Horombo - Mawenzi Saddle (4295 m)

This last night at 3700 was good for our bodies - already better used to the mountain air, we go up again to the Saddle and the Upper Marangu Route, where we hardly find any hikers. A first exploration trip in this extensive plateau below the Mawenzi makes you look forward to the great adventure that awaits you at Kibo. Dinner and overnight in tents on the Saddle near the lonely Mawenzi Hut. (4400m). This height is ideal and just right for optimal acclimatization before the enormous sleeping height on the Kibo-Hut. The step between the sleeping altitude at 3700 - 4700 is then not so high and you will be better adapted to the "thin air" on the summit day

Day 7

Mawenzi Saddle – Kibo hut (4700 m)

From our Mawenzi Camp we have free travel over the "upper route" of the Saddle Plateau to the Kibo Hut, which is already at 4700 meters. The new, comfortable huts with a view of the southern glaciers of the Kibos are wonderfully beautiful in the sun. The landscape is barren up here, this landscape promises flowing downhill pleasure. The altitude is enormous and we are slowly getting used to it. Dinner/overnight in the cabins of the Kibo hut or in a tent.

Day 8

Kibo hut – Hans Meyer Cave (5200 m)

Another last acclimatization day: we slowly roll/push the bikes to the legendary Hans Meyer Cave (5200 m) to acclimatize again and secondly to deposit the bikes there for the summit climb at night. So we already know the first part of the trail, which we will commit to the coming night. This tactic (go high, sleep low) has proven itself on all of Hermann's expeditions. Descend back to the Kibo Huts. There is a short night: dinner at 17:00 / breakfast at 23:00 (!), departure to the summit at 00:00.

Day 9

Downhill: big summit day! (5895m)

In the glow of the headlamps we push/roll and shoulder our bikes in 5 - 6 hours to Gilman's Point (5690 m). The rocks on the last steep section before the crater rim up to the summit of Gilman's Point require strength and determination. The sunrise up there then rewards the efforts of the night! From here the first passages on the rim of the crater can already be ridden and the sun drives away the tiredness and exertion of the night-time ascent. The glaciers are within your reach and after a few final climbs, you'll be standing on the highest point in Africa! A great experience and now the long descent awaits you as a reward!

On the wide edge of the crater we roll towards Stella Point and the Bismarck Tower. This is where the steep downhill begins, on a separate route designed for bikers back to the Kibo hut. Like skiers, we cruise down the soft gravel slopes in long turns. Flow trails are waiting for us in the last third. At the Kibo hut, our team greets us with enthusiasm and applause, chef Hubert strengthens us with vegetable soup and fresh juices. The ride down to Kibo Hut is a glorious treat on wide, blocky trails through desert and heathland. We stop the journey at the Horombo huts and spend the night on the mountain one last time, since we have to leave the park together with our team. (downhill 17 km/ 2165 m))

Dinner/Overnight at Horombo huts in tent or cabin.

Day 10

Downhill: Horombo Hütten – Marangu

Freshly rested and with a gleam in our eyes from yesterday's summit day, we drive down the wide gravel road into the beautiful mountain rainforest. The air smells of camphor trees again, dense forest lines the endless descent and monkeys jump in the treetops. Arrived in the village of Kilema, we have descended almost 5000 meters from the summit. Here we will be picked up by our vehicles, short transfer to check out at Marangu gate and last lunch and ice cold beer at the gate with our crew. In the afternoon we drive back to Moshi, the first hot shower and the pool are doing us good. The glaciers of Kilimanjaro shine far away and we end the adventure with cool drinks. Dinner/overnight hotel (DR/SR) at Moshi.

Day 11

Moshi Hotel

Sleep in, have breakfast and one last bike ride or relax by the pool. We pack the bikes again for the flight the next day. Dinner/overnight hotel.

Day 12

Jeep safari Arusha National Park _ Hatari Lodge _ Flight to Zurich

Safari day: early in the morning the driver picks us up and we go to Arusha National Park in 4x4 vehicles. The park is dominated by the mighty water dispenser MOUNT MERU (4562 m), high forests and magnificent lakes dominate the landscape. Seeing zebra, buffalo, antelope and elephant in the wild is almost a must for every Kilimanjaro summitter. We visit the Hatari Lodge and end the day at the John Wayne Bar. Numerous giraffes and buffalo graze peacefully in the lodge grounds. In the evening transfer to JRO Kilimanjaro Airport. The luggage (bikes and travel bags) is already there and ready for check-in. Departure in the evening approx. (9:00 p.m.) and return flight to Switzerland/Europe. Dinner at the airport.

Day 13

Arrival in Zurich-Kloten in the morning/morning. Individual journey home.

