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Mount Meru Hiking / Climb

Mount Meru is the second highest mountain in Tanzania and the fifth highest in Africa. Mount Meru is an active volcano located 70 kilometres (44 miles) west of Mount Kilimanjaro. At a height of 4,566 metres (14,980 ft), it is still visible from Mt Kilimanjaro on a clear day. Much of its bulk was lost about 8,000 years ago due to an eastward volcanic blast, similar to the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens in the U.S. state of Washington. Mount Meru most recently had a minor eruption about a century ago. The several small cones and craters seen in the vicinity probably reflect numerous episodes of volcanic activity.

Mount Meru is the topographic centerpiece of Arusha National Park. Its fertile slopes rise above the surrounding savanna and support a forest that hosts diverse wildlife, including nearly 400 species of birds, and also monkeys and leopards. Mount Meru is one of Africa's highest and most beautiful volcanoes. The route to the summit passes through parkland, montane forest, a giant heather zone and moorland. Finally, the summit is reached by a narrow, barren ridge which provides stunning views of the Ash Cone lying several thousand feet below in the crater and Kilimanjaro in the background. Over 400 species of birds, rhino, elephant, buffalo, baboon, warthog, black and white Colobus monkey and duiker are all found in this delightful 'gem amongst parks'. The visit to the Ngurdoto crater and Momella lakes, with their superb scenery, flamingoes and other wildlife, is an unforgettable experience.

The group will be accompanied on Mount Meru by a Park Guide and porters. On the mountain we use dormitory style huts. A sleeping bag and mat are required for the huts. Accommodation at Momella Lodge is an optional extra. Momella lodge is located in Arusha Park. This is a tough walking trip with some steep terrain. Mount Meru is a spectacular volcano. Once upon a very long time ago, it rose higher than Kilimanjaro; also heard this said about Mt. Kenya and the Ngorongoro Crater, so you may want to take this assertion with a grain of salt. However tall it once was, it certainly erupted sideways, rather like Mt. St. Helens, a few million years ago, leaving the northern, southern and western slopes intact, but obliterating the eastern slope of the volcanic cone. From above, Meru is now shaped like a horseshoe opening east, with a new tiny cinder cone forming in the bottom of the devastated crater, and huge cliffs extending up the crater walls almost to the summit. The crater floor and the lower slopes are densely forested,

but the upper slopes are barren expanses of black volcanic ash and occasional massive boulders of lava.

Day 1: Arusha/Mariakamba Hut Mt.Meru Park Gate - Mariakamba

Hiking time: 4-5 hours

Drive from Arusha to the Mt. Meru park gate where you will be met by our game ranger and porters. Hike for the few hours to Mariakamba Hut at 8,500 ft. From here you may wish to take an evening walk on the slopes to view wildlife at one of the watering holes in the crater.

Dinner and overnight rest at Mariakamba Hut, L,D

Day 2: Mariakamba Hut - Saddle Hut Mariakamba - Saddle Hut

Hiking time: 3-4 hours

After breakfast hike to upto 11,500 ft to arrive at Saddle Hut. If time permits you can climb a little further on Mount Meru for a scenic view of the 'Roof of Africa', Mount Kilimanjaro. This will also be part of more acclimatization.

Overnight at Saddle Hut, B,L,D

Day 3: Saddle Hut - Summit - Mariakamba Hut - Saddle Hut - Summit

Hiking time: 4-6 hours

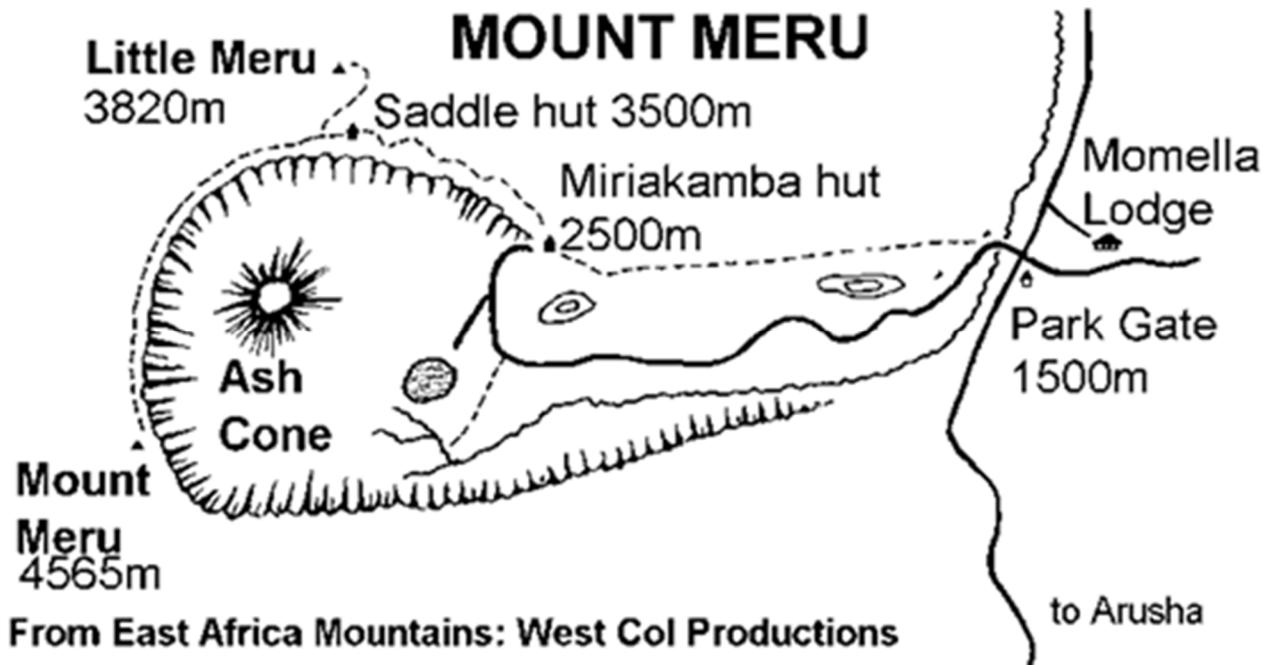
An early rise to hike all the way to the summit before the afternoon clouds cover the summit. From the summit, descend back to the 11,500 ft Saddle Hut in time for lunch. After lunch, hike down to

Mariakamba Hut for dinner and overnight, B,L,D.

Day 4: Mariakamba Hut - Arusha

Breakfast at the camp and a leisurely morning. Descend to the park gate to connect with your waiting transfer vehicle back to your Arusha Hotel, continue with other programs or depart

Note: the said climbing can be done in 2 Nights – subject to clients health as it's a long walk on day 3.



Rates Year 2017 (Ground Package Costs)

1 Night Mirikamba Camp - 1 Night Saddler Camp

Season 2017	Number of Pax	Per Person Sharing	Single Room Supplement
1 st January To 31 st December 2017	1 Pax only	1.246,00 €	N/A
	2 Pax Each	1.080,00 €	N/A
	3 Pax Each	1.023,00 €	N/A
	4 Pax Each	996,00 €	N/A
	5 Pax and Above	979,00 €	N/A
Note: Accommodation at the hotel is not included. Please add the cost of the Hotel			

1 Night Mirikamba Camp - 1 Night Saddler Camp - 1 Night Mirikamba Camp

Season 2017	Number of Pax	Per Person Sharing	Single Room Supplement
1 st January To 31 st December 2017	1 Pax only	1.461,00 €	N/A
	2 Pax Each	1.296,00 €	N/A
	3 Pax Each	1.238,00 €	N/A
	4 Pax Each	1.212,00 €	N/A
	5 Pax and Above	1.195,00 €	N/A
Note: Accommodation at the hotel is not included. Please add the cost of the Hotel			

Included in the trekking costs are the following:

- Guarantee price/guarantee trek on confirmation
- Transfer to and from the base of the mountain
- Full board accommodation whilst on the trek
- Meal plan as detailed: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch and D=Dinner
- Accommodations in camps/huts as per the itinerary
- All park entrance fees
- Service of an English speaking professional guide and skilled cook
- Start and finish in Arusha.
- Treated water on the trek.



Not included in the trekking costs are the following:

- Laundry,
- tips,
- sleeping bags,
- beverages/drinks,
- accommodation before the trek
- climbing gears
- international flights
- visas
- items of personal nature
- any other extras not detailed in the above itinerary

Climbing gear required:

- Walking/hiking stick (though not a must)
- Camera
- Personal items to include toiletries
- Comfortable hiking shoes/boots
- Warm clothes
- Headlight
- Rain suit or poncho
- Thermal sleeping bag