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## **Improve Your Summit Chances on Mount Kilimanjaro with Wilderness Travel**

BERKELEY, CALIF. – Adventure seekers looking to “summit” the world’s highest freestanding mountain will find their greatest chance of success with [Wilderness Travel](#), an adventure travel company known for its one-of-a-kind detailed itineraries that take travelers deep into a region’s culture and its most extraordinary landscapes. On their 18-day [Kilimanjaro Climb and Serengeti Safari](#), the company takes hikers up the famous mountain via an uncrowded passage, and allows seven days for acclimatization, which is critical for chances of summit success.

The trek goes through six different ecological zones along an incredibly beautiful, less-traveled route on the remote southwest flanks of the mountain. Along the way, hikers may see trails made by forest elephants as they hike past trees draped in Spanish moss, marvel at the bizarre plants of the ‘giant heath zone’, and see the renowned Furtwangler glacier at the trek’s high camp. To better acclimatize hikers, the maximum climb on any one day is 2,000 feet, and the trip spends three nights ascending from 15,000 to 16,000 feet, which puts hikers in great shape for the final stretch to the summit.

Travelers who make it to the summit at Uhuru Peak are treated to a sunrise with a view of more of the earth’s surface than anywhere else on the planet. After descending via the Mweka Route, groups celebrate at a welcoming lodge and then embark on a 7-day safari through Serengeti National Park.

The safari includes a completely private Hemingway-style camp away from other lodges and is tailored to follow the wildlife and get right in the middle of the action. Travelers will see prides of lion, the endangered black rhino, zebra, elephant and more. The Masai tribe also visits the Wilderness Travel camp to prepare a feast and share stories, songs and dances.

Wilderness Travel has seen romance bloom atop the world on this trip with a couple who met on the trek who are now engaged to be married. It’s also a popular Christmas and New Year’s trip with departures leaving Dec. 16 and 22, 2014.

“We’ve perfected the climb to Mt Kili, which is one of the last true great adventures,” says Barbara Banks, director of marketing and new trip development for Wilderness Travel. “You’re on one of the Seven Summits of the World, witnessing a sunrise from literally the top of the African continent. It’s an experience unlike any other.”

A previous hiker on the trip said, “The trip of a lifetime for me! It was life changing and outstanding in every way. I not only made the summit but also fell in love with Africa and her people.”

There are four remaining departures for the Kilimanjaro Climb for 2014 in August, September and December, and nine departures available in 2015. Pricing begins at \$4995 for the climb portion of the trip and \$4095 for the safari, which can each be taken separately. When both are booked, individuals save \$1250 on the trip. For more information about the Kilimanjaro Climb, call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 or visit [www.wildernesstravel.com](http://www.wildernesstravel.com).

### **About Wilderness Travel**

Wilderness Travel, founded in 1978 and still run by Bill Abbott, a consummate traveler, offers some 200 trips every year to more than 75 destinations around the world. The company is known for its one-of-a-kind detailed itineraries that take travelers deep into an area's culture. There are four ways to travel with Wilderness Travel: [Small Group Adventures](#); [Private Journeys](#); [WT Expeditions: Rare Journeys and Exploratories](#); and [Small Ship Cruises](#), for which the company doubled its offerings in 2014. Constantly on the look-out for new adventures and ways to improve existing journeys, the company focuses on quality, design and the uniqueness of its trips. Almost 70% of individuals who travel with Wilderness Travel are repeat guests or direct referrals from past travelers. For more information, visit [www.wildernesstravel.com](http://www.wildernesstravel.com) or call 800-368-2794.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: Photos and detailed itineraries available upon request.**