Our climbs have been guided by America’s elite mountaineers for nearly 30 years, each climb has been led by one of our world class guides. Climbing Kilimanjaro is a serious undertaking and the benefits of ascending with a true mountaineering guide service, instead of a travel or safari company, with professional guides cannot be understated.
Alpine Ascents has been named one of “The Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth.” Our Kilimanjaro trip was named one of “The 25 Greatest Adventure Trips in the World” and chosen as “One of the World’s Best Hikes” by National Geographic Adventure Magazine. We are proud to be National Geographic’s highest-rated mountain guide service.

“Of all the great guide services on Kilimanjaro, Alpine Ascents might be the best. Its success rate is close to 90 percent, and though its treks are longer and pricier, they avoid the jam-packed Marangu Route.”

Selected by Outside Magazine as Kilimanjaro outfitter 2017: “Hire a Guide: Alpine Ascents International offers two routes to the top and has a 95 percent success rate of getting clients up.”

“If you have the vacation days to spare, take the 9-day Lemosho Route, which gently ascends to the summit at a relaxed pace, making it easier to acclimate. Alpine Ascents pairs this route with a visit to Tanzania’s Tarangire National Park and Ngorongoro Crater.”
WORLD-RENOVED GUIDES

While there are many excellent Africa-based guides, they cannot rival the skill set that a professional—who not only leads Kilimanjaro trips with numerous ascents and intimate knowledge of the mountains, but trips the world over—can share. Our guides are recognized as leaders in the international climbing community. Read on to see what our climbers have to say.
“It is an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experience. Every aspect of the climb was enjoyable, including food, lodging, and extracurricular activities. Our guide was a very effective communicator and was patient and well-experienced. They reviewed goals and plans every day, as well as expectations and possible worst-case scenarios. Great route, expedition crew, and lead guide. I cannot think of a legitimate weakness.”

“The Alpine Ascents staff is very well organized and responsive. Always polite and knowledgeable. Tough to find anything that was not perfect.”

“For those of you who hate long reviews: stop looking, sign with this company now. You will be happy you did.”
CHOOSING THE RIGHT GUIDE
Our Kilimanjaro trips are led by seasoned guides, coupled with the cultural knowledge and expertise of local climbers and porters.

KILIMANJARO WITH A MOUNTAIN GUIDE AND MOUNTAINEERING COMPANY

All scheduled trips are led by elite members of our guide staff, with extensive knowledge of Kilimanjaro and Tanzanian culture. You’ll know the names and background of your guide beforehand and have the chance to communicate directly. Each guide is listed next to the departure date.

While many guide services offer WFR (Wilderness First Responder) training to guides, practical field use is a often a missing element. You can find our guides in leadership roles from Everest to Antarctica, and they bring a wealth of experience to Kilimanjaro. Whether that’s helping with illness, injury or altitude issues, our guides are more likely to handle these hurdles early and efficiently, so you can focus on climbing the mountain and enjoying the success of your trip.

Social intelligence and leadership are the other big parts of the equation. Having worked with climbers on Kilimanjaro and big peaks around the world, their ability to assist, motivate and assess your fitness and skills is what enables us to have the highest summit success in the industry. We strive not only to work one-on-one with each climber while on the mountain, but also to educate everyone on a daily basis. Climbers will leave the expedition with a solid foundation of knowledge in areas like high altitude physiology, Leave No Trace principles, cold weather issues and injury prevention, efficiency in the mountains, flora and fauna, local history and the Chagga community.
5-STAR STANDARDS

With nearly 30 years experience, we have honed our logistics to truly meet and raise the highest guiding standard. We aim for 5-star facilities and meals, and a customer-centric approach. We also strive to provide top wages and excellent working conditions for our porters, cooks and guides.
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

From before you book, to after your climb is over, we’re here to make sure you’re comfortable, happy, and having the trip of your life. Our services include:

**Route Selection**
Which one is right for you?

**Comprehensive Preparation**
Receive our famous pre-trip information package.

**Gear List**
We’ll give you a time-tested gear list and offer our recommendations. We also have a full retail store and rental department, and offer personal shopping and assistance.

**Physical Activity**
Guides and staff to help you design a training regimen.

**Personal Communication**
Your guide will contact you pre-trip to answer any questions you have.

**Timing & Logistics**
We have a full-time travel agent.

**Transportation**
We’ll handle the transportation, including airport pickups for arrival and departure, as well as climb and safari transportations.

**Local Insight**
Arusha staff is ready to assist with any needs or last minute add-ons.
Excellent pre-trip materials, online gear lists with photo descriptions, and a promise of quick (famously so) responses to all questions.

We operate a U.S.-based mountain gear and rental department, so staff is always available for questions during business hours by phone or email.

“We were given so much help and information prior to the trip that I found very helpful. There are not enough words to describe the great support and encouragement that was given to us by your Alpine Staff. All my correspondence with AAI have been professional and responsive. Preparation materials were also very useful. I feel I arrived in Arusha well equipped and prepared for the climb.”
On days 4 and 6 (Machame Route), local staff brings fresh food to our camp and take out waste for proper disposal. Fresh fruit, vegetables and meats at meals every day!

“Food was amazing! And plentiful. The team do a really great job to provide varied options and lots of it. I was never hungry, between full breakfasts, lunch and dinner, snack packs and snacks when we got into camp there was definitely more than enough food. The Summit cake on day 6 was a particular highlight and I have no idea how the team might have been able to make cake up there?”

We are one of the original KPAP (Kilimanjaro Porter Assistant Project) members, ensuring high wages and working conditions for the Tanzanian Staff. We also provide ongoing training for porters and regularly provide Alpine Ascents logo and gear for the staff while climbing. We are partners with the Kilimanjaro Guide Scholarship Foundation Inc, a public charity devoted to providing scholarships to deserving Mt. Kilimanjaro guides, assistant guides, and porters currently working in Tanzania: www.kiliguides.org/
Truly showing our expertise as a mountaineering company, we excel in the areas that matter most.

Our extensive medical kit includes bottled oxygen, pulse oximeters, and other advanced equipment that may be necessary when climbing Kilimanjaro.

Each trip is equipped with satellite phones, radios and cell phones for communication. Satellite phone messages left by the team are uploaded to the Alpine Ascents Cybercast website as audio recordings that can be listened to by family and friends—we’re famous for our cybercasts! Pictures are also posted pre and post trip.

On the trip, we provide high quality 4-season (usually Mountain Hardwear), 3-person mountaineering tents for each pair of climbers. There are separate dining tents with table and chairs, as well as private “sit down” flushing style toilets within a privacy tent.
SEE YOU AT THE TOP

No climbing skills are needed, as we follow a defined trail to the summit. Our high ratio of local and professional Alpine Ascents guides ensures the ability to provide 1-on-1 support for each and every climber throughout the entire trip. However, if you’re interested, Alpine Ascents can provide you with a pre-trip, personal training regimen to ensure you are ready to succeed.
WHO SHOULD CLimb?
We have assisted people of all levels. We’ve helped those who have never climbed before or barely hiked. We’ve also assisted experienced athletes and avid hikers. No matter your experience and fitness level, if you have gotten this far it’s simply a matter of getting prepared.

SUCCESS RATES & TRAINING
We have never missed a camp or summit in nearly 30 years of climbing. Our summer 2017 season had an astonishing 99% success rate over 10 expeditions!

Our excellent guides can get fit trekkers and enthusiasts to the summit. Alpine Ascents true success rate is approximately 95%. Anything higher than that is frankly not statistically probable over the long run. If you really count all your climbers who may have a cold, flu, need to return for an emergency, etc, it's hard to always hit 100%. Be wary of any company claiming 100% all the time. At Alpine Ascents, we count all our climbers and report true, realistic numbers.

As we are adept at preparing climbers to get ready for great climbs around the world, we are happy to develop a training regimen specifically for you. We are one of the few outfitters that has an extensive Kilimanjaro-specific training website, but we are also happy to work with you to develop an individual plan. We base individual plans on your location, noting both the time you spend in the gym and your preference for outdoor activity.
Alpine Ascents offers both 7-day and 9-day trips. The routes are the ones our staff feels most confident in allowing for proper acclimatization for you to have a successful summit, while truly showing the majestic beauty of the mountain and offering extra days for those who want to sleep at the crater floor camp. When you look at a Kilimanjaro route map, it’s easy to see that many of the routes are simply shared routes with different entrance and exit points. The most remote routes are less traveled for a reason (dry, less diverse, less acclimatization days); thus our choices of routes are meant to reflect the best of what Kilimanjaro has to offer while completing the climb in a moderate time frame.
By far our most popular climb and with good reason. The 7 day Machame takes in the most scenic and beautiful parts of Kilimanjaro: The upper Western to Southern slopes; the Western Breach, the Breach Wall, and the Southern glaciers. This climb features the very best of what Kilimanjaro has to offer with the chance to travel through five ecosystems, reasonable travel times for daily walks, and a high camp that allows one to be properly acclimated and prepared on summit day.

While some companies stress the remoteness of the Lemosho, it is essentially the Machame route from day 3 onwards. Thus, we add something special by giving you the opportunity to sleep on the crater floor after your summit. (Some companies offer the crater floor camp on the way to the summit which can easily lead to altitude illness issues! Don’t defy the old adage “climb high, sleep low.”) Our 9 day trip allows for an excellent acclimatization period before sleeping at the crater floor and exploring the remote glaciers and the Reusch Ash Pit.
As with any high mountain, micro weather system can cause unpredictable weather patterns in all seasons. Avoiding the main rainy seasons is highly recommended. The shoulder seasons can offer good weather with fewer climbers on the mountains.

Temperatures: A mountain of this size, located amidst differing climate zones, will offer a wide array of temperatures. One can expect temperatures in the 70s on the lower part of the mountain and “teens” near the summit.
Another area in which Alpine Ascents shines is helping you prepare your gear. Alpine Ascents uniquely provides the following services:

**Experts**
Dedicated full time expert gear staff

**Retail**
Stores: both online and at our Seattle office with a discount to our registered climbers

**Gear List**
Detailed gear list with full descriptions and pictures to help make sure you have the right stuff!

**Rentals**
Quality rental gear, cleaned and stored in Seattle: offering the latest models and brands

**Alpine Ascents-Provided Gear**
Items such as tents, stoves, cooking items, utensils, and sleeping pads are already included and provided
Perhaps the single greatest difference, separating Alpine Ascents from the rest, is the quality and experience of our guides. In addition to our superb African guides such as Jonas, Julius and August, all trips are led by an Alpine Ascents expert guide. They are experts not just on Kilimanjaro (Eric Murphy has nearly 100 ascents of Kili!), but on great peaks all around the world. You’ll find that many of our lead Kilimanjaro guides have led trips to Everest, Denali and great climbs worldwide. Always WFR certified (at a minimum) and truly skilled in all things that define safety and success. We’ll let their bios do the talking.
YOUR KILIMANJARO SENIOR GUIDES

ERIC MURPHY

A talented climber and guide, Eric is a 35 year resident of the Pacific Northwest. A former competitive distance runner, and cyclist, Eric was born in Alaska and introduced to the wilderness at an early age. He has led many of our mountaineering courses in the Cascades. He has been climbing for over 25 years, and has guided trips for 16 years. Eric has vast experience in the mountain ranges of the Cascades, Rockies, Andes and Himalaya. He has led or participated in over 30 expeditions to Alaska, Canada, Kenya, Tanzania, Antarctica, Nepal, Tibet, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, and Chile. His background encompasses technical ice, rock, and high altitude mountaineering. Over the last 12 years, he has developed climbing curriculums for local organizations. Eric has guided for us in the Cascades, on Denali, Mount Vinson, Cho Oyu, Everest/Lhotse, Aconcagua and Kilimanjaro for the past 15 years. Most recently, Eric guided for us on Mt. Rainier, Kilimanjaro, Everest/Lhotse, and Denali. Eric is the most experienced Western guide working on Kilimanjaro, having led more than 95 trips on that mountain, spending significant time with the local Chagga peoples native to the lower slopes of the mountain. Other passions include ski mountaineering, distance trail running, ocean sailing, and winemaking. From 2006 until 2015 Eric was a founding member, partner and winemaker for Ott & Murphy wines, located on Whidbey Island, Washington State. When not guiding, Eric can be found near home with his wife Melissa and young son Conner in Bellingham, Washington.

BEN JONES

Ben Jones has been guiding for us on Kilimanjaro for the last 7 years and boasts a 100% success rate on the mountain (18 summits, 18 expeditions). For the rest of the year, Ben can be found guiding in Alaska, Antarctica, South America, in the Himalayas and most of the 7 summits. Ben has spent the last 10 years working as a professional guide and instructor in Alaska, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, British Columbia, Norway, Argentina, Nepal, Tanzania, Indonesia and Mexico. Ben is proficient on rock, ice, and snow but spends a majority of his time in the snow on high glaciated peaks. Ben has instructed courses in mountaineering, backcountry skiing, snowboarding, and horse packing. While teaching mountaineering at National Outdoor Leadership School, Ben got to extensively explore the glaciers of the Chugach Mountains, Wrangells, eastern Alaska Range, and remote mountains in British Columbia, as well as in Wyoming and Idaho. In the off season while residing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and when not traveling and exploring different countries around the world Ben's hobbies include skiing, climbing, metal work, fixing things, practicing Spanish, and Swahili. Recently Ben has been very active in the Himalayas. He guided Everest in 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2017, notably guiding the Everest/Lhotse combo in less than 24 hours in 2013. He also led our Cho-Oyu expeditions in 2013 and 2014. With yet another busy year planned for 2018, Ben will be leading expeditions to Carstenz Pyramid, Everest, Denali, Mongolia, Cho-Oyu, and Kilimanjaro as well as guiding 3 Vinson expeditions to round out his season as one of the most active guides in the industry.
JOHN HAUFS

Trained as a climber and wildlife biologist, John has had a special affinity for wild places ever since he was a child. He is an educator, mountaineer, explorer, entrepreneur and true believer in the power of trust, respect and tolerance. He is our African/Kilimanjaro expert having lived in Kenya where he became fluent in Kiswahili. He has led dozens of Kilimanjaro trips and is active in helping local communities in Arusha. He has had many trips with 100% success and has helped hundreds of climbers to the summit. John is one of the best Kili guides around and an honor to be on the mountain with. John also has a special attraction to Patagonia's Northern Ice Field where he has conducted numerous expeditions. He has climbed extensively in South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America, including Kilimanjaro, Denali, Aconcagua, Mexico, Yosemite and New Zealand. During his 24-year long career with the National Outdoor Leadership School he accumulated 300+ field weeks and founded and directed the Patagonia Branch in southern Chile for fifteen years. John is a member of Chile's National Committee on Safety and Risk Prevention in Mountain Sports and a private outdoor risk management consultant.

TOM CHAMBERS

Tom grew up in England where his father introduced him to the mountains by taking him on cold, drizzly yet amazing adventures to the highlands of Scotland, England and Wales. He moved to the United States with his family around eight years ago where a road trip from Texas to Colorado ‘blew his mind’. The incessant draw of the high places urged him to pack up his Jeep in Texas and drive North to the Great Land, where he began to pursue a career as a Mountain Guide. He has been guiding on Kilimanjaro for almost 10 years with great success on multiple routes. Tom has been guiding and instructing in Alaska, British Colombia, Argentina, and Tanzania since 2008, including 20 expeditions on Kilimanjaro, 13 expeditions on Aconcagua, 6 expeditions on Denali, and 2 expeditions on Mount Fairweather. The mountains and harsh environments are his spiritual home and he loves every moment spent amongst them. During his time off he can be found climbing snow, ice and rock in Alaska, Utah, Washington and Nevada, helping out on the Ranch in the heart of Texas, and enjoying long romantic walks on the beach. His favorite drink is shaken, not stirred!
YOUR KILIMANJARO SENIOR GUIDES

PAUL KOUBEK

Paul joined Alpine Ascents in 2008 as a natural step in a lifelong career leading groups in the outdoors. Paul’s work as a guide and outdoor leader began in 1995, working with adjudicated youth in a wilderness therapy program in Utah. Since then, he has worked with the following companies: Outward Bound, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the National Outdoor Leadership School (265 field weeks, Mountaineering Program Supervisor), Yosemite Search And Rescue (Valley SAR siter with YOSAR), the Yosemite Mountaineering School, and the U.S. Antarctic Program (Lead Mountaineer). Paul has led expeditions in Wyoming’s Wind River Range, the North and Central Cascades, the Waddington Range of British Columbia, Patagonia, Alaska, Africa (Kilimanjaro and Mt. Kenya) India (Kumoan Himalaya) and Antarctica. Paul has traversed more than 5000 miles across the Antarctic continent and speaks conversational German and Spanish. Paul currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Mountain Guide’s Association.

BRIEN SHEEDY

Brien brings a wealth of climbing, teaching and international experience to Alpine Ascents International. Brien has climbed the highest peak on every continent and skied the last degree to both the North and South poles. He is proficient in rock, ice, big walls and high altitude climbing. He loves leading expeditions to remote hard to reach locations and helping people push their limits and succeed at difficult challenges. Most recently, Brien successfully guided our 2011 Cho-Oyu Expedition and 2013 Everest Expedition. In addition to guiding for Alpine Ascents, Brien has been the Director of Outdoor Programs at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA since 2001 and is a Senior Instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School where he started in 1991 and worked for over a decade, accumulating over 215 field weeks. He has led courses and expeditions all over the western US and Canada and worked roughly four years out of the country between Kenya, India, Chile, Argentina and Mexico. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Environmental Studies from SUNY ESF at Syracuse and a Master’s Degree in Geography from the University of Texas at Austin where he studied Nepali for two years and conducted his thesis research on ecotourism in Nepal.
YOUR LOCAL KILIMANJARO GUIDE STAFF

JONAS RUTTA, LEAD GUIDE

Jonas was born in the Chagga Village of Marangu, growing up with Kilimanjaro in his backyard. He has worked as a mountain guide for over 20 years. Jonas has traveled to Argentina, completing an ascent of Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere- 6963m/22,844ft. While in Argentina, Jonas also completed a professional mountaineering course for guides. Jonas is the current Chairman of the Tanzanian branch of the Explorers Club, based in New York City. He has been featured in a New York Times article by Tom Bissel. Jonas is Wilderness First Responder certified by NOLS. As a guide he is very passionate about his work enjoys very much sharing his extensive knowledge on natural history, mountain climbing and the local culture. He is the father of 4 children and lives in Arusha, Tanzania with his family.

250+ ascents of Kilimanjaro by all routes
10 years working with Alpine Ascents groups
WFR certified by NOLS

JULIUS MINJA

Born in the Chagga village of Marangu on the slopes of Kilimanjaro, Julius has been working as a Kilimanjaro guide for 24 years. He has worked with Alpine Ascents groups for 8 years. Julius is the father of 6 children, and lives in Arusha, Tanzania with his family.
Julius has visited the United States and the UK, attending mountain leader courses, and completing an ascent of Mount Rainier, in Washington State in 2003. In 2003, he lead a group of scientists from Ohio Polar Research Center, camping on top for 35 days to study global warming, and the disappearing glaciers of Kilimanjaro. Julius is a leader of the highest quality, he enjoys sharing with clients the history, flora and fauna of Kilimanjaro.

24 years guiding on Kilimanjaro
275+ ascents of Kilimanjaro
8 years working with Alpine Ascents groups
Advance certificate of secondary Education at Arusha Catholic Seminary
Certificate of geology, mountain history, flora and fauna of Kilimanjaro from Mangrove Wildlife College Arusha
YOUR LOCAL KILIMANJARO GUIDE STAFF

AUGUST MALEO

August was born in the Chagga village of Marangu, on the slopes of Kilimanjaro. Growing up with the mountain in his back yard, and other family members working as guides, it was a natural progression for August to learn to be a guide. August has been working as a guide on Kilimanjaro for more than 30 years. August is a father of 4 children, and continues to live in Marangu Village with his family. His daughter is the first in the family to attend college, and works in Dodoma, the capital of Tanzania, as a teacher. August is a master pacer, beloved by clients for his ability to maintain the “all day pace”.

400+ ascents of Kilimanjaro by all routes
10 years working with Alpine groups
Mountain First Aid training

DANIEL LEONARD

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Rodrick is from the Chagga tribe and was born in Marangu Village on the lower slopes of Kilimanjaro, where he grew up in a family of 8 children. He is part of the prominent Mtuy clan, many of whom have worked on the mountain in the last 30 years. Rodrick has been working as a guide for over 15 years, with over 150 ascents of the mountain. He has worked with Alpine groups for over 10 years and is currently the lead Tanzanian guide for all Alpine Ascents trips alongside the Western guide. He is known for his excellent leadership skills, unending patience, and a great smile. Rodrick lives in Arusha with his wife Aggie, and his young son Genius. The family is currently expecting another child in 2018! They hope to move to a new location in Maji A Chai (water of tea) where they are working on building a new home- closer to Kilimanjaro.

150+ ascents of Kilimanjaro by all routes
11 years working with Alpine Ascents groups
Mountain 1st aid certified

HELP & FRIENDSHIP

“I had special needs in getting my pace right in order to reach the summit. Also, I needed quite a bit help getting down. I established a personal relationship with the guides. I will not soon forget how much help they were for me, plus they were able to converse and make a friendship.”
In turn, Alpine Ascents bears responsibility to assist our guides, porters and staff, not just in doing a great job, but in helping to keep their working environment and home life be as balanced and cared for as possible. Our commitment has included:

- Being a longstanding, original member of the KPAP (www.kiliporters.org) helping the industry improve wages and working conditions
- Regularly providing waterproof AAI gear to all staff on the mountain
- Assisting our porters by making thoughtful donations (most recently we teamed up with climbers to purchase new boots for our porter team!)
- Assisting in ongoing guide education in a variety of areas such as English skills, Mountain Guiding as well as WFR and wilderness medical procedures
- Helping to pay for schooling for guides and their family
- Committing to high wages
- Providing transportation, quality sleeping gear, and managing pack weights carefully
- Climbers are outnumbered—large teams may have as many as 70 guides and staff on the mountain as part of our commitment to a high level of support

OUR COMMITMENT
Co-workers, friends and teammates our staff of jubilant and expert companions make everyday a wondrous journey. Some of the staff has been with us upward of 20 years, so the easy relationships and common goals are apparent and downright fun throughout the trip.
ROOM & BOARD

While Alpine Ascents not only assists climbers in reaching some of the most remote and challenging summits on earth, we strive to make the experience as comfortable as possible.

Kilimanjaro is truly unique as a high-altitude climb, needing no technical skills; thus, we can easily transport quality food and gear up the mountain allowing you to “put in the daytime effort to enjoy the evenings”. Each trip has:

Home Cooking
Enjoy diverse and delicious meals prepared by our chefs. Menus are updated and evaluated to reach proper calorie counts for climbing. At mid-trip we resupply fresh vegetables, and each night we set up a dining tent.

Adjustments for Dietary Restrictions
We are ready to adjust or help those with any dietary needs, including vegan and gluten free, as dietary needs should not stop anyone from climbing!

Leave No Trace
All of our guides are Leave No Trace Certified and regularly discuss Leave No Trace ethics particular to each mountain we climb. We carry out all our waste.

Fresh Water & Sanitary Conditions
Clean, potable water is always available, and we do constant maintenance to maintain sanitary standards. Male and female sit down toilet tents are provided at camps.

Easy, all-inclusive pricing!
Following our climb we begin a four day safari to the spectacular game parks of Tanzania. Throughout the safari, we lodge in luxurious hotels and travel by Land Cruiser across the Great Rift Valley, following wildebeests, lions, and other indigenous wildlife.
Our safari itinerary includes three national parks: Tarangire, Ngorongoro Crater, and the Serengeti. Additionally, we return via air on the last day, greatly reducing the length of the typical overland return trip. We lodge in outstanding hotels (Sopa Group), and travel privately by Land Cruisers.

“I found all the lodges and accommodations to be excellent and certainly lived up to their 4-star ratings... Our drivers and guides were very knowledgeable and extremely talented at pointing out wildlife for our viewing and photo taking pleasure. Our guides also provided information on the animals’ habitats and migrations.”
THE SAFARI ITINERARY: WHERE YOU’LL VISIT

THE NGORONGORO CRATER

The largest intact crater in the world and second largest extinct crater in the world, the area has a spectacular concentration of wildlife. Ngorongoro was an active volcano some eight million years ago whose cone collapsed, leaving a Crater. The crater rim is wooded with mountain vegetation, and blooming in acres of flowers. The view from the crater rim is breathtaking and descending deep into the belly of the crater will ensure an encounter with almost every animal species found in East Africa.

THE TARANGIRE RIVER AND NATIONAL PARK

South of Lake Manyara, Tarangire is a huge wildlife retreat for animals during the dry season. This park is sprinkled with baobab trees and alternating between open acacia woodland, open bush, plains, swamps, stands of palm trees, and rivers. Big game and birds are abundant and we usually see animals such as kongoni, wildebeest and zebra. With any luck, safarists will also see rhino and leopard amongst a variety of gazelle, giraffe, elephant, and impala. Tarangire also houses extremely rich and varied bird-life.

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK

Tanzania’s signature park covers nearly 15,000 square miles and sprawls into Kenya where it connects to the Masai Mara Reserve. The word Serengeti conjures images of wild African game in all its glory. The abundance of animals running at will creates an overwhelming experience and fulfills the dream of life before the “great white hunters”. The sheer mass of animals is both staggering and long-remembered.
We enjoyed the expedition very much. It was truly an experience of a lifetime for both of us. Alpine Ascents has established an excellent program in Tanzania from the time of arrival to the time of departure... The lodges on safari were comfortable and quite beautiful. The game viewing was exceptional, particularly in the Ngorogoro Crater.

An outstanding climb, safari and experience. I cannot imagine a better trip! Detailed information about the mountain and safari was tremendous.

The safari could not have run more smoothly. Most of the group found the experience a defining moment in their lives.
PRIVATE CLIMBS: OUR KILIMANJARO CLIMBING EXPERTISE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

Over the last 20 years, Alpine Ascents has amassed a 95% success rate of climbing Kilimanjaro using our guiding expertise on almost every route on the mountain. We personally oversee all of our guides and local operations, and treat our private and scheduled climbs with equal care.

Our private guiding programs have grown rapidly over the past ten years because of our expertise as a mountain climbing company. We understand the training and effort each climber makes for such an undertaking, and appreciate the desire each climber brings to us. While our scheduled climbs are led by a Seattle-based, professional mountain guide, we are happy to arrange private climbs for your group with our esteemed, Alpine Ascents-trained African staff. Small groups may appreciate the pricing and personal contact available with our African guide staff, while receiving the same food, logistics and care.

Routes such as the Machame, Northern Circuit, and Lemosho are examples of routes that may have individual appeal to private groups. We can add extra days to standard routes especially for those interested in crater rim camps. We are also happy to send one of our Seattle-based professional mountain guides to lead your private climb.

Unlike other companies operating in Africa, we have the unique quality of being a high-end travel company that specializes in mountaineering expeditions. We bring our many years of experience as one of the best climbing companies in the world to create your custom or private expedition. Please contact Gordon Janow to help you plan your next private travel experience.

Each season Alpine Ascents operates private climbs for reasons such as:
- Private individuals or groups
- Family reunions, corporate events, nonprofit fundraisers, large media productions, or simply celebrating a milestone birthday
- Setting an exact start date specified by your needs
- Custom itineraries or specific trip additions
- Needing special attention
- Wanting to climb with a specific guide or local guide
- Different lodging, safari locations, or visits with local families or tribes

Selecting your dates or itineraries
You and your group can pick the desired start date. We can customize any of our scheduled day-by-day itineraries or create a complete custom itinerary.
UPCOMING CLIMBS:
All scheduled trips are led by elite members of our guide staff. Each guide is listed next to the departure date. Please contact our office for the most up to date availability for each departure, and note that dates and prices are subject to change. View Price Inclusions & Schedule Online
**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- All Tanzania transportation on scheduled dates
- All hotel accommodations in Tanzania during listed itinerary (double occupancy; if we cannot find a pairing for you, additional fees may be incurred)
- All group equipment, such as tents, stoves, closed-cell foam pads, inflatable sleeping pads, etc.
- All meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) during the climb and safari
- Porters, drivers, guides, park fees, and climbing permits

**Machame Route (15 days)**
Climb & Safari: $6,900.00 | Climb Only: $4,900.00

**Lemosho Route (17 days)**
Climb & Safari: $8,300.00 | Climb Only: $6,300.00

Deposit: $700.00. Due with application. Balance due 120 days prior to departure.

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- $25 wire transfer fee (if applicable)
- Round-trip airfare to/from Tanzania, visa, and international vaccinations
- Excess baggage charges, airport taxes, any/all expenses incurred in the event of early departure (evacuation fees, transport, extra hotel nights, etc.)
- Meals, transport, and lodging outside the regular itinerary, as well as optional single room supplement (hotels only), alcoholic beverages and bottled drinks
- Personal gear (see Gear List)
- Charges incurred as a result of delays beyond the control of Alpine Ascents International
- Tips and gratuities

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**Climb Only and Safari Only Options**
For those climbers with limited time, we offer a Climb-Only option for this trip at a reduced price. Contact our office for details. For those climbers who are interested in family members joining them on the safari after the climb, or for those individuals interested in experiencing the fantastic game parks of Africa without the challenge of climbing Kilimanjaro, we offer a Safari-Only option on each of our departures. Contact our office for details and pricing.

**Optional Serengeti Balloon Ride ($550.00)**
During the safari, you have the option of adding on a hot air balloon ride to your adventure at an additional cost.
YOUR LOCAL KILIMANJARO GUIDE STAFF

JONAS RUTTA, LEAD GUIDE

Jonas was born in the Chagga Village of Marangu, growing up with Kilimanjaro in his backyard. He has worked as a mountain guide for over 20 years and with AAI for 10 of those. He has 250+ ascents of Kilimanjaro by all routes. Jonas has traveled to Argentina, completing an ascent of Aconcagua, the highest mountain in the Western Hemisphere. While in Argentina, Jonas also completed a professional mountaineering course for guides. Jonas is the current Chairman of the Tanzanian branch of the Explorers Club, based in New York City. Jonas is Wilderness First Responder certified by NOLS. As a guide he is very passionate about his work enjoys very much sharing his extensive knowledge on natural history, mountain climbing and the local culture. He is the father of 4 children and lives in Arusha, Tanzania with his family.

JULIUS MINJA

Born in the Chagga village of Marangu on the slopes of Kilimanjaro, Julius has been working as a Kili guide for 24 years, and with us for 8 years. He has 275+ ascents of Kili under his belt. Julius is the father of 6 children, and lives in Arusha, Tanzania with his family. He has attended mountain leader courses in the US and UK, and completed an ascent of Mount Rainier in 2003. He also lead a group of scientists, camping on top for 35 days to study global warming, and the disappearing glaciers of Kilimanjaro. Julius enjoys sharing with clients the history, flora and fauna of Kilimanjaro.

AUGUST MALEO

August was born in the Chagga village of Marangu, on the slopes of Kilimanjaro. Growing up with the mountain in his back yard, August has been working as a guide on Kilimanjaro for more than 30 years with 400+ ascents by all routes. August is a father of 4 children, and continues to live in Marangu Village with his family. His daughter is the first in the family to attend college, and works in Dodoma, the capital of Tanzania, as a teacher. August is a master pacer, beloved by clients for his ability to maintain the “all day pace”.

DANIEL LEONARD

Daniel grew up in Arusha, Tanzania, and has been working as a mountain guide on Kilimanjaro since 2009, and with us for 5 years, totaling 100+ ascents of Kili. He has studied language and tourism, and currently speaks Swahili, English, Spanish and French. Additionally, Daniel is trained and certified in mountain first aid. Daniel enjoys teaching clients mountain skills, and educating them about the history of Tanzania. Daniel is known by clients for his smile, patience, strength, and easy going manner.