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Hekima Safaris
Tour Itinerary

OL DOINYO LENGAI CLIMB

The shortest, the most precipitous and challenging route for your Kilimanjaro hike.

Day 1 Arrival

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), where you will meet a representative of Hekima Safaris, and transfer to the hotel of your choice. In the evening there will be a briefing with the guide, who will also make sure you are ready to begin your safari and climb.

Day 2: ARUSHA - LAKE NATRON

Our driver will pick you up at your hotel in the morning and drive you to Lake Natron. The drive is fairly long and you will reach Lengai Safari Lodge sometime after lunch. At the same time, the scenery on the way is picturesque and you will have an opportunity to see the local people, including Maasai tribesmen, as well as some African wildlife. After your check-in a guide will take you on a walking tour to Ngare Sero waterfall. The trail runs through a gorge and you will sometimes need to ford the stream, so we recommend that you wear sandals or the like to avoid constantly having to take your shoes off. A drive to the lakeshore, where you get a chance to capture its great scenery on camera takes place before you return to the Lodge for dinner and some rest.

Day 3: TREKKING TO OL DOINYO LENGAI VOLCANO - ARUSHA

At 1:00 a.m. driver takes you to the foot of Ol Doinyo Lengai volcano for the start of your climb. The footing on the slopes of the volcano can be treacherous, especially in the dark, so follow your guide without overtaking him. The trek is strenuous and takes between 7 and 12 hours depending on your fitness and resultant pace. The gradient is steep, so it is best to make a short stop with every 100 m or so of altitude gained in order to get acclimatized.

It is best to make a break for breakfast on the way to the top in order to regain some strength for the remainder of the climb. At the edge of the crater you will have reached the altitude of 2,960 m. Here, you can actually hear the lava flow inside the Mountain of God crater.

The descent is easier and you may be tempted to move faster. This is, however, the time when most injuries happen, so mind your step! It is also advisable to change your fleece for a sun hat after dawn in order to avoid heatstroke.

Our driver will be awaiting you as you return to the foot of the mountain with cold drinks, ready to drive you back to the town of Arusha.

Price is 750 USD per Person

Tour price includes:

- Permission for the ascent;
- Fees local communities on Lake Natron;
- Accommodation
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- Rent Land Cruiser for two days;
- Fuel surcharge;
- Professional driver services (English-speaking);
- Guide service;
- Lunch box (is carried by you);
- Drinking water (is carried by you);
- Optional tour to the Ngara Sero waterfall.

Tour price excludes:

- Services of porters during the climb;
- Tips for guide (\$ 20-50 for all ascent).