REMARKABLE TEARS SAFARIS

## MOUNT MERU CLIMBING

Best time: All year round

Duration: 4 days

### Day 1: Arusha (1400m) – Miriakamba Hut (2500m)

After an early morning breakfast in Arusha, you will be picked up from your hotel and drive to the Momella Gate in Arusha National Park. At this time, the porters will organize and pack the belongings for the hike while you and your guide register. You will then begin your ascent in Arusha National Park. The first day of hiking is similar to a walking safari, you should expect to see giraffes, zebras, antelope, buffalo, and potentially elephants near the trail. Since there is a high possibility of spotting wildlife, an armed ranger, hired through the National Park, is required to hike with our team for the duration of the hike. As you continue hiking, you will pass the Ngarenanyuki River and a beautiful waterfall at the base of Mt. Meru. Enjoy the beautiful sunset and overnight.

### Day 2: Miriakamba Hut (2500m) – Saddle Hut (3500m)

After breakfast, you will start ascending up the steep trail along the ridge of the saddle. You may see various wildlife along the way. The trail has views of Mt. Meru Crater and the Ashtray. When you arrive at camp, you have the option of hiking Little Mt. Meru (3820m) with your guide for acclimatization. You will be served an early dinner, so you can receive ample rest before your midnight summit attempt.

### Day 3: Summit (4566m) – Miriakamba Hut (2500m)

Your guide will wake you at 00:30 for tea and biscuits. You will then begin your summit attempt at 1:30am. The trail starts off on a steep grade to Rhino Point (3800m) to Cobra Point (4350m). The last hour of the hike you will scramble on a rocky ridge between the crater and inner cliffs of Meru. You will reach the summit of Meru (4565m) at sunrise with spectacular views of Mt. Meru Ashtray. Enjoy your views then descend to Saddle Hut for a short break. You will then continue descending to Miriakamba Hut (2500m) for dinner and overnight.

**Day 4: Miriakamba Hut (2500m) – Arusha (1400m)**

After a long rest and breakfast, we will begin our final descent to Momella gate. We will hike through forest and meadows where it is likely to spot wildlife. At the base of Mt. Meru, you will be greeted by our driver who will take you back to Arusha.

**Cost for Mountain based**

**Inclusions:**

- Transport to/from gate, All park and Accommodation fees, cervices of Guide and Porters, three meals par day, on safari, three liter mineral water for the first day and all camping gears, Accommodation and meals in Arusha before and after your safari, water on subsequent days comes from the Mountain and can be purified with tablets, a filter or by boiling.

**Exclusions:**

- Tips for Guide and porters, soft drinks, Alcohol, personal items or equipment for climb, flight Airport transfer are not included pending your choice of standard and price. Visas, Travel baggage insurance, Laundry, Flight Airport transfer,
- Tipping USD $15-20 par person par day.

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