MVX Kilimanjaro Grand Expedition September Kili Climb 2016 Machame Route & Optional Safari

September 17-18: Depart from home on Sept 17, arrive JRO on Sept 18. A MVX representative will pick you up at the airport. They will be holding a MountainVision Expeditions sign and they will transfer you to the Mount Meru Hotel in Arusha. www.mountmeruhotel.com Dinner provided if arrival is prior to hotel kitchen closing

September 19: Rest day, shopping, and gear check. Overnight again at Mount Meru. Breakfast and dinner provided (no lunch)

 September 20: Machame Gate to Machame Camp Hike time: 7.5 hrs Elevation change: +1200m Estimated distance: 10km Camp elevation: 3100m Early pick-up at Meru Hotel and a 40-minute drive to Machame gate (5,400’) where trekking formalities take about 30 minutes. From the gate, we begin our trek following an easy track for the first hour through the dense forest. The path continues to follow the ridge, rising steadily with several steep sections. The gradient eases slightly as the forest merges into heather covered ground we will reach Machame Hut in 10 km (6.2 miles) after a 1,200-meter ascent. B, L, D provided

 September 21: Machame Camp to Shira Camp Hike time: 7 hrs Elevation change: +800m Estimated distance: 6km Camp elevation: 3800m From the Machame Hut we cross the stream onto its west bank and follow the path up the steep rocky ridge crises-crossing a few times before reaching Shira Hut at the base of a semi-circular wall of rocks. We will have ascended 900 meters in 5-7 hours and about 6 km (3.72 miles) of walking.

September 22: Shira Camp to Barranco Camp Hike time: 5 hrs Elevation change: +100m Estimated distance: 5km Camp elevation: 3900m From Shira Hut hike to Lava Tower and then proceed to Barranco via the Great Barranco Wall. This route offers panoramic views of Kibo through Karanga Valley as we hike high and sleep low, dropping back down to Barranco after lunch. B, L, D provided

 September 23: Barranco Camp to Karanga Valley Hike time: 3.5 hrs Elevation change: +100m Estimated distance: 4km Maximum elevation: 4590m Camp elevation: 4000m From Barranco Camp we climb up through the edge of great the Great Barranco Wall. The majority of the day walking will fluctuate around the elevation of 4250m. B, L, D provided

 September 24: Karanga Valley to above Barafu Hut (Kosovo Camp) Hike time: 3.5 hrs Elevation change: +600m Estimated distance: 4km Final elevation: 4600m Today involves gaining more elevation, acclimatizing and resting for the summit attempt the next morning. We will camp at an isolated spot above all of the masses at Barafu. This will put us an hour closer to the summit! This day will take us 4 to 6 hrs of walking. B, L, D provided

 September 25: High Camp to the Summit and then Millineum Camp SUMMIT DAY! Estimated summit time: 7 hrs Elevation change: +1300m Estimated distance: 5km Final elevation: 5895m Descent time: 5 hrs Elevation change: -2800m Estimated distance: 12km

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Camp elevation: 3100m We will start trekking early before sunrise (1-2 am) as the walk today will take 1014 + hours. We will avoid the mist that sets in later in the day; the scree and snow will still be safely frozen. The 1,100-meter (3,600’) ascent in just over 3 km (1.86 miles) will take us about 6-8 hours. After a brief stay at the summit of the highest point in Africa, Uhuru Peak, at over 5,898 meters (19,340'), we descend via the Barafu Route roughly 2,500 meters (8,200’) in 12 km (7.44 miles) in about 4-7 hours to Millennium Camp. B, L, D provided

 September 26: Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate Descent time: 4 hrs Elevation change: -1250m Estimated distance: 10km Final elevation: 1828m Today we descend about 1400 meters (4,592’) through the forest on a jungle path for about 10 km (6.2 miles) in 3-4 hours to reach Mweka Gate. After lunch and ceremony at Mweka Gate, we’ll take you back to the Mount Meru hotel where you will overnight there. B, L, D provided

 September 27: For some, fly home. For those not going on safari, you will be transported to the airport for your flight back to the States. B provided

 Safari: There are two safari options, both 3-star and 5-star. Below are the dates and general locations. Please inquire for more details.

 September 27: Arusha flight into Serengeti National Park

 September 28: Serengeti National Park

 September 29: Ngorongoro National Park

 September 30: Tarangire National Park – Arusha – Depart for Home