



# JOY CLIMBERS EXPEDITION

## 4 Days Mount Meru

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and transferred to your hotel. You will meet your guide who will brief you on your upcoming trek and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gear. The missing gear can be rented on this day.

### Day 1: Momella gate (1500m) to Miriakamba Hut (2500m)

You will depart the hotel at 0800hrs and head to the Momella gate which is the starting point of the trek. The drive to the gate is roughly an hour and a half. After the registration you will start your trek accompanied by an armed ranger. Along the route you will catch spectacular views of Mt. Kilimanjaro and the Momella lakes. You will encounter animals such as cape buffaloes, giraffes, warthogs and bushbucks. Your trek will end up at Miriakamba Hut where you will be spending the night.

Distance covered: 6km / 3.5mi

Approx. time taken: 4 – 5 hours

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

Today's trek takes you through the steep path along the ridge of the saddle. Amazing views of the Meru crater, the ash cone and little Meru can be seen along the way. While trekking through the forest keep your eyes peeled for wildlife and the attractive wild flowers. You might also encounter buffaloes and the black and white Colobus monkey. Your trek will end up at Saddle hut where you will be spending the night. After resting at the camp you will set off on an hour acclimatization trek to little Meru (3810m) then head back down to Saddle hut.

Distance covered: 6.5km / 4mi

Approx. time taken: 3 – 4 hours

### Day 3: Saddle Hut (3500m) to Socialist Peak (4562m) to Miriakamba Hut (2500m)

You will wake up just after midnight for a light meal then start your final ascent to Socialist Peak at the top of big Meru. The trail to the summit is steep and you will be climbing through gravel and rocky ridges. While at the summit you will enjoy breathtaking views of the Meru crater and ash cone. Occasionally, animals such as Klipspringers and mountain reedbucks can be seen over the rocky terrain. After the summit, you will then descend to Miriakamba Hut where you will be spending the night.

Distance covered: 19km / 12mi

Approx. time taken: 10 – 12 hours

### Day 4: Miriakamba Hut (2500m) to Momella gate (1500m)

After breakfast you will begin your final descent to Momella gate. You will be using the southern route to descend. During your descent you will pass through the montane forest where you will pass the amazing Fig Tree Arch. Upon arrival at the Momella gate, you will be picked up and transferred to your hotel.

Distance covered: 14km / 8.5mi

Approx. time taken: 4 – 5 hours