

MOUNT KILIMANJARO TREKKING PACKING LIST

Preparing for your Mt Kilimanjaro Trek



PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

KILIMANJARO TREK



EQUIPMENT LIST

Adjustable trekking poles

Headlamp. A good quality climbers headlamp. Bring extra batteries.

FOOTWEAR

Light Hiking Boots or trekking shoes. 1 pair of sturdy boots in which you can wear a light synthetic sock under a heavy sock comfortably, either wool or synthetic. Shoes should be very **Water Proof and very Warm.**

Gaiters. 1 pair used to keep rocks out of shoes and boots dry.

Wool or Synthetic Socks - 3 pairs heavy weight socks (wool is warmer) to be worn over the liner socks. When layering socks, check fit over feet and inside boots. Remember to keep one fresh, dry pair of socks available at all times. It is very important to buy new socks regularly as they lose their cushioning over time.

Liner Socks. 3 pair of smooth thin wool, nylon or Capilene to be worn next to the skin. This reduces the incidence of blisters and hot-spots and makes the outer sock last longer before needing to be changed. They should fit well with heavyweight socks.

TECHNICAL CLOTHING

Lightweight Long Underwear. 2 pair. Tops & bottoms, Capilene, other synthetic or wool. **No Cotton.** Lightweight is preferable as it is more versatile (worn single in warmer conditions and double layer for colder). Zip-T-neck tops allow more ventilation options. One set of white for intense sunny days and one pair of dark for faster drying gives the most versatility.

Trekking Pants. 2 pair. Lightweight nylon trekking pants worn during start of climb and safari.

Soft Shell Pants. (Optional) These non-insulated pants can be worn in place of trekking pants while on the climb. They provide a higher level of warmth and also repel light rain.

Hard Shell Pants. Waterproof, breathable. Full length side zippers preferred but not required. Full zip can be helpful when removing pants while wearing boots. 7/8th or 3/4 zips that reach to lower hip will work. Ankle zip pants are not recommended since pants can not be quickly or easily removed while wearing boots.

Insulated Synthetic Pants. Be sure pants can be removed while wearing boots.

Synthetic/Soft Shell jacket. Mid- to Heavyweight. A full-zip version is easier to put on and has better ventilation than a pullover.

Hard Shell jacket w/ hood. We recommend a waterproof breathable shell material with full front zipper, underarm zips, and no insulation. This outer layer protects against wind and rain.

Insulated Down Jacket w/ hood or Insulated Synthetic Jacket w/ hood. Medium to heavy weight with hood.

HEAD WEAR

Balaclava. Look for a simple lightweight model.

Warm Lightweight synthetic/wool hat. Hat should cover ears.

Baseball cap/sun hat. One with a good visor to shade the nose and eyes. Synthetic is nice as it dries quickly.

Bandana. Used to shade your neck.

Glacier glasses. 100% UVA/B, IR, high quality optical lenses designed for mountain use and must have side covers. High quality "wrap around" style glasses work as well. Its extremely important for glasses to have either side shields or wrap around to protect eyes from high wind and dust.

HAND WEAR
Lightweight synthetic gloves. 2 pair, quick drying material. Should fit comfortably inside heavy mitts.
Hard Shell Mitts w/ insulated removable. 1 pair each. A good pair of ski mittens/gloves work well.
PERSONAL EQUIPMENT
Trekking Backpack. A day pack big enough to carry water bottles, camera, lunch and extra clothing. 3,000 cu.in. max.
Water Bottles: 2 to 3 Wide mouth bottles with minimum 1 Liter capacity per bottle. No water bag or bladder systems , they freeze or are hard to fill.
Pee Bottle (1 Litre). Optional. Highly recommended. For cold nights in the tent. Large mouth, clearly marked bottle.
Sunscreen. SPF 30 or better, 2 small tubes. Make sure that the sun screen is not older than 6 months. Sunscreen older than six months loses half of its SPF rating.
Lipscreen. SPF 40 or better, at least 2 sticks. Not older than 6 months.
Sports Drink Mix. Powdered electrolyte drink mix. 1-2 Servings per day for 7 days.
Water Purification tablets. 2 bottles.
Sleeping bag. Expedition quality to at least 10 ⁰ . Down is lighter and less bulky, but more expensive than synthetics.
Closed Cell foam pad. One full length closed-cell foam. (Sleeping bags, mattresses and tents will be provided for you).
Self Inflating pad. One 3/4 or full length w/repair kit. No Ultralights.
BAGGAGE & TRAVELLING ITEMS
115 litre waterproof rucksack cover. This waterproof bag is needed to keep your clothing dry during transport.
Large Rucksack Bag. 70-90 litres capacity (carried by porters)
Day pack 25-35 litre (for personal use on mountain; ready access items)
Plastic bags. To line stuff sacks to keep gear dry and line pack. Trash Compactor bags are best.
Trail snack food items. Special energy supplements. 5-6 Servings GU/Shotblocks etc for summit Day. These are easily metabolized simple sugars/carbs -Not power protein bars. 3-5 (Total)Additional bars/snack favorites to supplement remaining climb days.
Toiletry bag. Include toilet paper, soap, wet wipes, toothbrush, towel, hand sanitizer, foot powder, dust mask, ear plugs etc.
FIRST AID
Small personal first-aid kit. (Simple and Light) Aspirin , paracetamol, antibiotic ointment & tablets (Amoxycillin), Imodium diarrhoea tablets, anti-inflammatories/pain killers ibuprofen, Diamox if you choose to use it, waterproof first-aid tape, athletic tape, Band-Aids, personal prescriptions, etc. The guides will have extensive first-aid kits, so leave anything extra behind. Please consult your doctor regarding recommended medications for your upcoming trek. <i>Please let your guide know about any medical issues before the climb.</i>