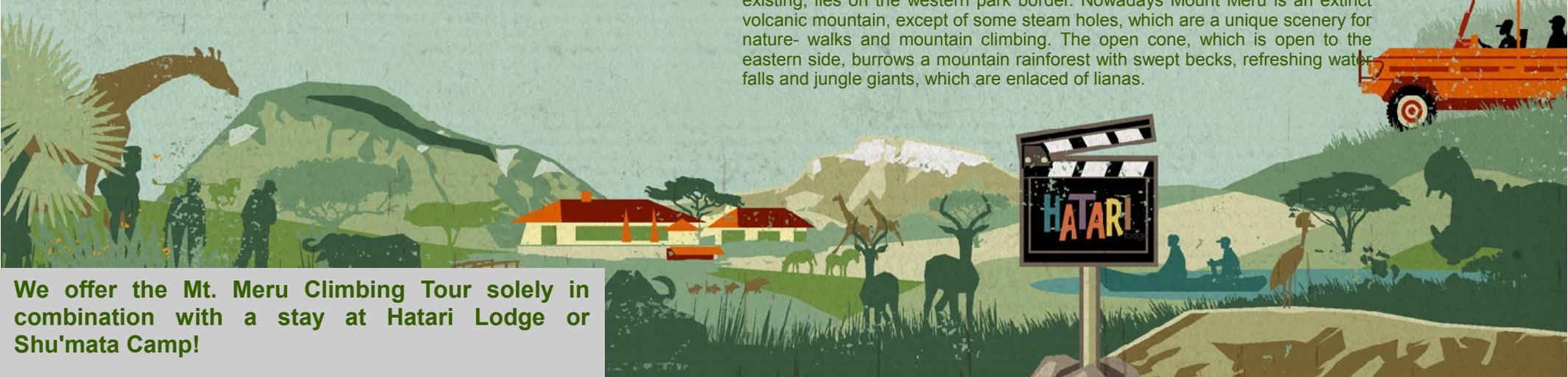




Mount Meru Climbing - 4 Days

“Studied deeply before I left home. About this beauty with bite – and learned to tackle attitude, aptitude, altitude – call it height! Mountains – the roof of Africa, Meru and Kilimanjaro, extinct volcanoes for years – massive, impressive giant miracles that enchant our hearts with joy and fears!”

The highest point of Arusha Nationalpark is Mount Meru. With an altitude of 4566 m above sea level it is the fourth highest Mountain in Africa and the second highest in Tanzania. Though often ignored in favor of its bigger sister Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mt. Meru is a worthy trekker's paradise. The massive volcano endured a violent explosion at an estimated 200 million years ago and in its wake the explosion left towering cliffs in a gaping U-shaped ridge facing east towards Kilimanjaro. Its craggy top lies at the westernmost point of the summit ridge at 4566m. Sometimes, during chilly months, Mount Meru is covered by a snowcrest. The steep back of the crater edge, from which is only half still existing, lies on the western park border. Nowadays Mount Meru is an extinct volcanic mountain, except of some steam holes, which are a unique scenery for nature- walks and mountain climbing. The open cone, which is open to the eastern side, burrows a mountain rainforest with swept becks, refreshing water falls and jungle giants, which are enlaced of lianas.



We offer the Mt. Meru Climbing Tour solely in combination with a stay at Hatari Lodge or Shu'mata Camp!



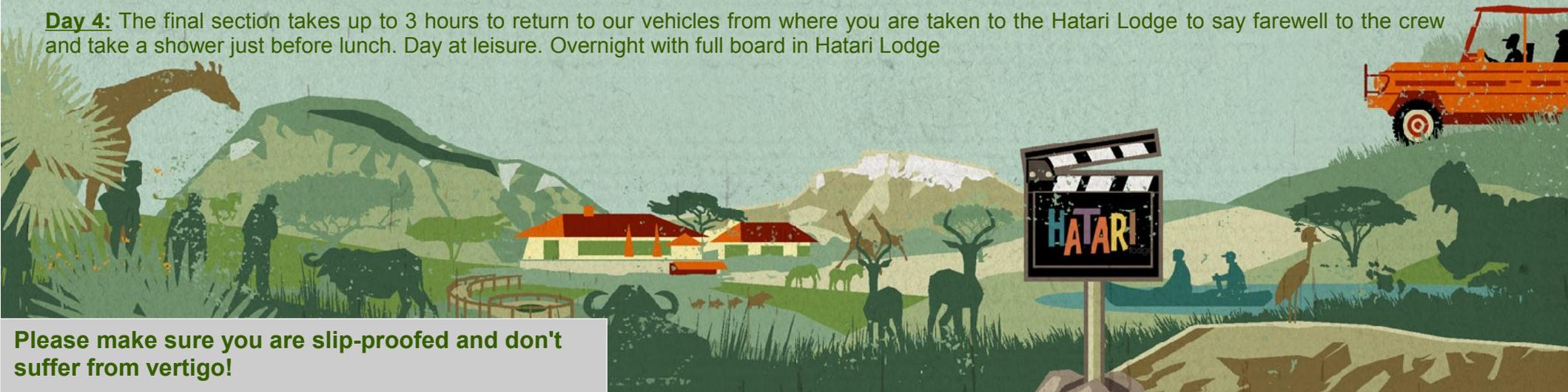
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Day 1: After breakfast you are collected from the Hatari Lodge by your mountain guide and transferred to Arusha National Park. At the Momella gate you finish registration formalities before setting off with your guide and armed ranger. There is abundant wildlife in the forests! The forest section is especially scenic with strangler figs and the possibility of seeing buffalo grazing in one of the clearings. In the late afternoon you reach a viewpoint before heading onto Miriakamba hut for dinner.

Day 2: In the morning you set off from Miriakamba initially still in the forest zone but in a few hours as you reach Saddle hut for lunch in the alpine desert zone. In the afternoon a walk to the summit of Little Meru can be taken for stunning views before heading back to Saddle Hut for dinner.

Day 3: You rise early and your hard work is rewarded at dawn as the sun rises to the East. Kilimanjaro is normally clearly seen from here and the sheer cliffs of the crater fall dramatically 1000 feet or more. You return back and after some brunch at Saddle Hut, you continue down again to Miriakamba hut for dinner.

Day 4: The final section takes up to 3 hours to return to our vehicles from where you are taken to the Hatari Lodge to say farewell to the crew and take a shower just before lunch. Day at leisure. Overnight with full board in Hatari Lodge



Please make sure you are slip-proofed and don't suffer from vertigo!