

Beklimming Kilimanjaro door Marlien 2010

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Dear Brenda & Ire,

Having travelled to Tanzania this way was like a dream come true. Everything was in place. It was like me being the moviestar in a topmovie. Everything was taken care of. The most exciting days were the climbing of the Kilimanjaro. When you mentioned the Kilimanjaro's name, a childhood memory popped up. The first thing I was reading in the guide you gave me was: "A vision and a dream, not a mountain to be conquered". The hiking to the Uhuru Peak was one of the most amazing moments in my life. I went up with Davis, the guide from The peaks of Tanzania, Nestor the cook, John 1, my waiter, John 2, Winfred the porters. For six days, no shower! Sharing the hut with 3 other people you never met before. Getting up at 6.30 in the morning when a tremendous breakfast was being served. In the evening a 3-course meal and enjoying it with people from all over the world with one focus and one dream: Uhuru Peak. Used to the hectic way of life in Holland, in the beginning it was very hard to go 'pole pole', like Davis was constantly repeating me, but I learned. It's like in normal life, you always follow a good example. Reaching Uhuru Peak after 7 hours of hiking from Kibo hut, was a magic moment. tears in my eyes and a proudness that I did it. I can encourage every body to do this when the time is there that you really want to meet yourself. I did it alone but had a battle with myself everyday and we both won! Thank you so much.

Marlien