225 REASONS WHY

YOU CAN'T TREK KILI WITHOUT A PORTER



Each trek is different, but on average, it takes about 225 pounds of total luggage per trekker to get to Kilimanjaro's peak and back, here's a breakdown of gear:

100 pounds

FOOD

Food for trek including porter's food

65 pounds

CAMPING GEAR

Sleeping, dining, toilet, kitchen and porter tents 33 pounds

PERSONAL GEAR

Trekker's dufflebag

15 pounds

COOKING EQUIPMENT

Cooking, and serving equipment for meals 10 pounds

SAFETY GEAR

Oxygen kits, first aid kits, hyperbaric chamber, AED and litter

On average, that 225 pounds is split among six porters.

Splitting the weight among many people means a safer, more efficient, socially responsible climb.





Thomson Safaris is a founding member of the Kilimanjaro Porters Assistance Project (KPAP), which establishes and monitors porter ethics to improve porter treatment industry-wide. Each year, Thomson sets aside a week-long celebration to honor Kilimanjaro porters and all they do for trekkers.

