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*How to summit Africa's highest peak in style.*

I don't consider myself an outdoorsy type. Until recently the last time I spent a night in a tent was during a trip I took in middle school, nearly 14 years ago. So when my mother suggested last fall that she, my younger brother, and I climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania I was excited about the adventure but nervous about spending more than a week in a tent surrounded by the windy, cold conditions of the mountain. I also wasn't sure how my **\$350 haircut** would fare over two weeks without a shower.

It turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life. Here are the companies and the gear that got me through it and the 14 things I learned:

## 10. Bring the right bags.

Everyone climbing Kilimanjaro has to let a porter carry his or her duffel bag. I found **Osprey's 130-liter Transporter bag** (*above*) to be the perfect size.

