



THE GREAT ESCAPE

The place I'd most like to visit in 2013 is the top of Mount Kilimanjaro. I want to trek across the snow-capped summit (where a surprising amount of the white stuff fell last season) and sleep in the dormant volcano crater of Africa's highest peak (while saving a few waking moments to take in the full moon and the Southern Cross). "The nights are brilliant," Wally Berg tells me. "I've never been bored on Kilimanjaro." That's a big statement considering he has just completed his 50th ascent of the Tanzanian landmark. His company, Berg Adventures International, based in Canmore, Alta., has been leading trips up Kili since 2001 and specializes in going slowly (meaning lots of time for acclimatizing—and taking pictures) and avoiding the crowds. Now that's *my* kind of getaway (from \$5,600 per person for an eight-night, nine-day trek, bergadventures.com). c.r.□