



Kilimanjaro Itinerary



Seven Day Machame Route Kilimanjaro program

Day 1 Arrival in Moshi town - hotel transfer

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport, you will be greeted by our transfer driver and be taken to your hotel in Moshi. The driver will tell you a time for briefing, and an office representative will come to see you at that time for a preliminary talk and preparation for your trek. Dinner in your hotel.

Why Choose Us?

Our guides and porters are trained and equipped to a far superior standard than anything we have seen from larger, more expensive companies.

Day 2 Machame Gate (1790m) - Machame Camp (3010m)

Hiking time: 6 hrs

Distance: 10.8 Km

Terrain: Montane forest

After breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel. A 45-minute drive will bring you to the entrance to Kilimanjaro National Park. While your guide is busy with the entrance forms, you can watch the



mountain team preparing for the climb – it is always impressive ‘what’ and particularly ‘how’ everything is carried up the mountain. Once this is all prepared, your Kilimanjaro adventure will begin. In no time, you will be deep within the magnificent mountain rainforest with ancient trees, primeval ferns, liana, lichen and moss that carpets the ground and drapes from the trees. Today you will have a packed lunch on the way up at a picnic area then, with a little luck, you may glimpse at and hear the beautiful black and white Colobus monkeys in the treetops. Please note that porters will trek ahead of you as they can prepare the camp site before your arrival. After 5 - 6 hours you will reach today’s destination - The Machame Camp – which is situated just above the tree line at 3000m. Here, at the base of the Kilimanjaro, you will have your first dinner and overnight stay at the camp. (Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 3 Machame Camp (3010m) - New Shira Camp (3845m)

Hiking Time: 5 hours

Distance: 5.2 Km

Terrain: Moorland

After an early morning start, you will leave the Machame Camp where the path steepens and the landscape turns into a moor and heath land, allowing you to take in the impressive mountain range. Today’s stage is shorter than yesterday, and by mid-afternoon you will reach the campsite at the Shira Plateau. The camp offers a breath-taking view of the mountain and during sunset, the warm evening sun lights the rock face and glacier of Kibo. During the night it gets cold so be prepared with enough warm clothes. (Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)



Day 4 New Shira Camp - Lava Tower Hut - Barranco Camp (3960m)



Hiking Time: 7 hours

Distance: 10.7 Km

Terrain: Semi Desert

Today, you will climb approximately 700m but you will be camping at an elevation only slightly higher than the previous night. This will allow your body to acclimatize as a height of over 4500m will be reached during the next two days before descending again. The trek begins with a long ascent above the Shira Plateau in the direction of the Lava Tower Hut (4640m). The vegetation becomes sparser as the landscape moves towards an afro-alpine desert. The trek passes through the spacious and sweeping Barranco Valley with its giant senecio and lobelia plants. After 6 – 7 hours, you will arrive at the Barranco Camp. Here, you will stay for the night fortified with an evening meal. (Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)



Day 5 Barranco Camp (3960m) – Karanga Camp (3940m)

Hiking Time: 4 – 5 hours

Distance: 5 km

Terrain: Alpine Desert

The trek for today starts with the climb of the “Barranco Wall”. Safety is paramount and you will be secured wherever necessary along this route. Following the ridge as it wanders up and down, it offers splendid views of the south glacier of Kibo. In the Karanga Valley, you will have lunch. You will then take a short trek up the valley to allow for good acclimatization before heading back to spend the night at Karanga camp.

Why Choose Us?

Our prices are highly competitive yet all our staff are paid fairly. We don't have expensive offices or numerous administration staff. We keep costs low and ask that if you are happy with your trip you leave a 10-15% tip which we will distribute proportionately between your staff.

10% of our profits go directly to community development projects in the Moshi area.

Day 6 Karanga Camp (13,100 ft)- Barafu Camp (4640m)

Hiking Time: 4 to 5 hours 7

Distance: 4 km,

Terrain: Alpine

After breakfast hit the road and be prepared for the 2 - 3 hrs climb to Barafu Camp (4640m). Once at camp, you can relax, have dinner and take a short nap in preparation for the next stage, which begins at midnight. This stage of the trek will take you to the summit. Please

Why Choose Us?

Your food on the mountain is sourced from a small nearby village, organically grown and brings income to independent growers in the region. Your cook will expertly whip up a variety of delights to keep you energized through your climb



make sure you pack all necessary gear needed for this final stage.
(Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 7 Barafu Camp - Uhuru Peak (5895m) - Mweka Camp (3080m)



Hiking Time: 7 to 8 hours to reach Uhuru and 6 hours to descend back to Mweka camp.

Distance: 4.5km ascent and 10.8km descent

Habitat: Stone scree and ice capped summit

After a hot tea and a light snack, the climb begins at midnight. By torchlight, you will climb the scree of the Kibo. After 5 - 7 hrs of night climbing, you will arrive at Stella Point, the crater rim of the Kilimanjaro. Another 1 - 2 hrs climb along the crater ridge will lead you to the summit of Uhuru Peak (5895m). Here, you will witness Africa's Kilimanjaro in all its glory, enjoying its surrounding landscape being lit up and warmed by sunlight. A truly liberating experience, you have reached the "Roof of Africa". We don't advise staying at the top for too long as fatigue can set in and you may become unable to descend by yourself. The simple descent runs almost along the same route and shortly before midday, you will arrive at Barafu Camp. Here, the rest of the mountain crew will have waited for you and upon your



return will provide you with warm meal. After a well-deserved break of 1 - 2 hrs, you will be on your way to Mweka Camp (3080m) where an evening meal and a well earned sleep awaits you. (Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner)

Day 8 Mweka Camp (3080m) - Mweka Gate (1630m) - Moshi



Hiking Time: 4 to 6 hours

Distance: 8.5 km

Terrain: Forest

The final leg of your amazing adventure begins after breakfast, with a traditional farewell ceremony from the mountain guides. Then a gentle 2 -3 hrs descent through the rainforest continues to Mweka Gate, where your driver takes you back to the hotel in Moshi. Once there, our office representative will give successful climbers their Kilimanjaro certificate, evidence that you made it to the summit. You may then choose to relax and relieve your

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We believe our guides are the friendliest and best around! Some guides don't talk to their guests. Ours will go the extra mile and become your friends. They enjoy speaking in English with you and will happily tell you about the surroundings and answer questions.*



aching muscles in the pool or just idly doze away an hour or two with thoughts of the “Roof of Africa”. (Breakfast; Dinner)

Day 9 Moshi - additional Services

After breakfast, you can continue with your travel plans or be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport. Breakfast

Price \$1700-\$2400/person + \$90/person accommodation in Town

Price includes:

- Arrival and departure Kilimanjaro airport transfers
- Accommodation as indicated
- Sleeping tent and mattresses on the mountain
- Meals as indicated above (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)
- Dining tent on the mountain
- All park fees, including mountain rescue fees, government taxes and all applicable fees and taxes.
- Services of a Professional Leading Guide who is medically trained, certified, licensed and English speaking.
- Services of English-speaking assistant guide(s) and porters for your luggage, food, and water, and a skilled cook.

Price excludes:

- International airfare and entry visa
- Personal items such as wash kit, clothing, medicines, camera



- Additional snacks/supplements as required
- Climbing gear and clothing (can be rented on arrival)
- Tips (recommended in USD)
- Portable toilets: If you do not want to use the public toilets which some climbers have been complaining about being dirty, then add \$110/person (or \$180/group) for a portable toilet. Please let us know when booking.

Note:

- The pack that the porters carry is limited to 35 pounds (15kgs)
- Overweight or extra luggage will require an extra porter at \$8/day.

Extra luggage can be stored in the hotel (if you leave any valuable items like cash, jewelry, etc) make sure you get a receipt.

If you wish to arrive a day earlier so you can have time to acclimate/get over jet lag before starting the trek, extra hotel cost is \$50 for a single room, and \$85 for a double room, including breakfast

We can offer day trips to Materuni Village, cooking classes with locals, safaris and numerous shorter trips to add to your stay if you wish to really get to know your surroundings. We would be delighted to add to our adventure. Please let us know if you would like more information.

