

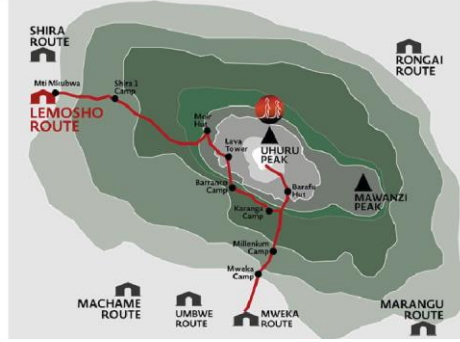


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8 days

MOUNT KILIMANJARO: LEMOSHO ROUTE



Polepole, slowly to the top! Lemosho, as a newer route, it is **more remote and arguably more beautiful**, but a bit longer and slightly more expensive. It starts on the Western side of the mountain at the Londrossi Gate which is a further drive from town and was introduced as an alternative to the Shira route.

After **beautiful forests and moorlands**, it crosses the Shira Plateau on day 3 to connect with the Machame Route at Lava Tower and down towards Barranco Valley via the Southern Circuit. **You may be lucky enough to see buffalo, elephants, and other games.**

Because this route can be done over a **longer period of time for acclimatization**, it has a **higher success rate of the summit.**

DIFFICULTY: MEDIUM | SCENERY: EXCELLENT | TRAFIC: MEDIUM

DAY 1 – LONDROSSI GATE – MTIMKUBWA CAMP: 4.8KM/3MI | 3-4HRS | RAINFOREST · Elevation: 2,389m/7,838 to 2,785m/ 9,137 · Altitude gained: 396m

Departing from Arusha a 45-minute drive will take you through welcoming mountainside villages to the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate. We will patiently wait for our permits to be issued while watching the hustle and bustle of operations as many crews prepare for the journey ahead. **Enjoy the beautiful rainforest scenery and windy trails while your guide tells you about the local flora and fauna and natural wildlife.**

At these lower elevations, the trail can be muddy and quite slippery. We highly recommend gaiters and trekking poles here.

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DAY 2 – MTIMKUBWA CAMP – SHIRAI CAMP: 7.9KM/ 5MI | 4-6 HRS | MOORLAND · Elevation: 2,785m/ 9,137 to 3,504m/ 11,496 · Altitude gained: 719m

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, we emerge from the rain forest and continue on an ascending path, crossing the valley along a steep rocky ridge. The route now turns west onto a river gorge until we arrive at the Shira campsite. Temperatures begin to drop.

DAY 3 – SHIRAI CAMP – SHIRAHUT: 6.9KM/ 4.3MI | 5-7HRS | MOORLAND · Elevation: 3,504m/ 11,496 to 3,895m/ 12,779 · Altitude gained: 391m

We explore the Shira plateau for a full day. It is a gentle walk east toward Kibo's glaciated peak, across the plateau which leads to Shira 2 camp on moorland meadows by a stream. Then we continue to Moir Hut, a little-used site on the base of Lent Hills. **A variety of walks are available on Lent Hills making this an excellent acclimatization opportunity.** Shira is one of the highest plateaus on earth.

DAY 4 – SHIRAHUT-LAVATOWER-BARRANCO CAMP: 10.1KM/6.3MI | 4-6HRS | SEMI-DESERT · Elevation: 3,895m/ 12,779 to 3,986m/ 13,077 · Altitude gained: 91m

Although you end the day around the same elevation as when you began, **this day is very important for acclimatization.** From Shira Plateau we continue east up a ridge, passing the junction towards the Kibo peak before we then continue, South East towards the Lava Tower, called the "Shark's Tooth" (elev. 4650m/15,250ft). Shortly after the tower, we come to a second junction, which leads to the Arrow Glacier. We then continue to descend to overnight at Barranco Camp.

DAY 5 – BARRANCO CAMP – KARANGA CAMP: 5.2KM/3MI | 4-5HRS | ALPINE DESERT · Elevation: 3,986m/ 13,077 to 4,034m/ 13,235 · Altitude gained: 48m

After breakfast, we continue on a steep ridge up to the adventurous Barranco Wall to the Karanga Valley and the junction, which connects, with the Mweka Trail. **This is one of the most impressive days to see the power, agility, and strength of your crew zip over this wall with what appears such ease.** Overnight at Karanga Camp.



DAY 6 – HIKE KARANGA CAMP – BARAFU CAMP: 3.3KM/ 2MI | 4-5HRS | ALPINE DESERT · Elevation: 4,034m/13,235 to 4,662m/15,295 · Altitude gained: 628m

We continue up toward Barafu Camp, and once reached you have now completed the South Circuit, **which offers a variety of breathtaking views of the summit from many different angles.** A nearly dinner and rest as we prepare for summit night. Overnight at Barafu Camp.

DAY 7 – BARAFU CAMP – SUMMIT: 4.86KM/ 3MI UP | 5-7HRS | – MWEKACAMP: 13 KM / 8 MIDOWN | 5-6 HRS | GLACIERS, SNOW CAPPED SUMMIT · Elevation: 4,662m/15,295 to 5,895m/19,341 Altitude gained: 1,233m · Descent to 3,106m/10,190 · Altitude lost: 2,789 m

Excitement is building as morning comes with an early start between midnight and 2 a.m. **This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek.** We continue our way to the summit between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers trying to stay warm and focused on the amazing sense of accomplishment that lies ahead. With a switchback motion in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. **You will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise during your short rest here. Faster hikers may view the sunrise from the summit.** From here on your remaining 1-hour ascent to Uhuru Peak, you are likely to encounter snow all the way.

“Congratulations, one step at a time you have now reached Uhuru Peak, the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the entire continent of Africa!”

After photos, celebrations, and maybe a few tears of joy we take a few moments to enjoy this incredible accomplishment. We begin our steep descent down to Mweka Camp, stopping at Barafu for lunch and a very brief rest. We strongly recommend gaiters and trekking poles for uncooperative loose gravel and volcano ash terrain. **Well-deserved rest awaits you to enjoy your last evening on the mountain.** Overnight Mweka Camp.

DAY 8 – MWEKA CAMP – MWEKA GATE – MOSHI: 9.1KM/6MI | 3-4HRS | RAINFOREST · Elevation: 3,106m/10,190 to 1,633m/5,358 · Altitude lost: 1,473m

After breakfast and a heartfelt ceremony of appreciation and team bonding with your crew, **it's time to say goodbye. Remember to tip your guides, cooks, and porters, since you will be leaving them today.** We continue the descent down to the Mweka Park Gate to receive your summit certificates. As the weather is drastically warmer, the terrain is wet, muddy, and steep and we highly recommend Gaiters and trekking poles.

From the gate, a vehicle will meet you at Mweka village to drive you back to your hotel in Moshi (about 30 minutes). **Enjoy a long overdue hot shower, dinner, and celebrations!**

Overnight Weruweru Lodge (Bed & Breakfast only) before being transferred to your **journey home, adventurous safari or a relaxing trip to Zanzibar.**



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- ✓ Kilimanjaro trekking route according to itinerary.
- ✓ Professional English-speaking Wilderness First Responder & CPR Certified Guide.
- ✓ Proper ration of mountain crew (cooks & porters).
- ✓ Meals during trekking & mineral water.
- ✓ All airport transfers (Arusha Airport or Kilimanjaro Airport).
- ✓ All National Park & hut fees, crew permits and VAT.
- ✓ Fair and sustainable salary crew wages.
- ✓ Gate transfers.
- ✓ Complimentary oxygen cylinder.
- ✓ Credit card transfer fees.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- ✗ Visa paid on arrival at the airport.
- ✗ International and Domestic Flights.
- ✗ Travel Insurance is required and you should ask for Recommendation.
- ✗ Gamow Bag (portable hyperbaric chamber).
- ✗ Medication.
- ✗ Tips for porters and mountain crew: **20% industry standard recommended.**
- ✗ Personal costs for extra purchases, such as souvenirs, energy food and beverage, alcoholic and soft drinks (and other items of personal nature).
- ✗ Trekking and climbing personal equipment and clothing, such as trekking poles, sleeping bags, warm jackets, etc.
- ✗ **Additional Lodge nights and extra activities** in case of early descent from the mountain.

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Tour packages are confirmed upon receipt of a 20% deposit of the total cost of the package. Balance payable in full by cash (dollars) upon arrival or 7 days prior to arrival if paid via credit card with a surcharge of 5% or via wire transfer with a surcharge of 4%.

OUR CANCELLATION POLICY

To cover our costs of scheduling, process the booking, and then canceling it, and to cover expenses for which we cannot be refunded, and are committed to: we apply a cancellation fee of **10%** of the total **of your package**.

Making it clearer: you pay **20%** of your package on booking. If you need to cancel, we charge half of what you paid at the time of booking corresponding to a **10%** of the total package. We refund you the other half (the **other 10%** of the total package).

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