The Lemosho route is lesser known.It begins on the western side of Kilimanjaro. Walking through the rainforest for the first two days the vegetation changes to heath and moorland with many ferns and ericas along the way. The narrow trail sometimes has some very steep sections and is scenically diverse. On the third day, the trail joins the Machame route. Hikers overnight in tents.

Day 00: Arrival at Kilimanjaro international airport.

You will be picked up at Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania by our transfer driver and taken to the Arusha town, The rest of the day will be free. Relax at the pool or explore the small town of Arusha. There will be a pre-departure briefing on what can be expected over the next days and a gear check at the hotel before tour start. You'll dine at the lodge and get a necessary good night's sleep.

Day 01: Arusha to lemosho gate:

Up and away. You will drive to Lemosho Gate where you will be registered by the national park authorities. A moderately steep path leads to the Big Tree Camp (2780 m). Look out for monkeys and interesting birds along the way. The tents will be already set up and hot tea and washing water will be waiting.

Day 02: lemosho gate to Shira camp

Today's long trek starts on a small trail which continues through the trees and gradually ascends to reach the Shira plateau. Enjoy the views of the mountain and plains below. The path continues to cross the Shira Ridge (ca. 3600 m) and you will stop for lunch at the Shira Camp 1 after another few hours. The last section (approximately 3 hrs), you will climb another 250 meters in altitude and pass the surreal Senecia-plants growing to over 8m in height. Reaching the camp after the long day, you will relax with coffee and tea and be nourished with a 3-course meal tonight. As the sun sets you might see the summit glowing in the afternoon sun.

Day 03: Shira camp to Barannco camp.

You will gain 700m in altitude but descend to sleep at Barranco – 60 m higher than last night's camp. This will help with acclimatisation as you will go up to 4600 m before descending again. Today begins with a long uphill in the direction of the Lava Tower Hut (4640m) and you will notice how the landscape changes to a rocky alpine desert. Later, the path descends again to the Barranco Valley with its giant Senecias and Lobelias. After six to seven hours you should

arrive at the most beautiful camp on the mountain – the Barranco Camp.

Day 04: barannco camp to karanga camp.

Today will start with the daunting Barranco Wall. Soon you will realize it looks worse than it actually is, but there are tricky sections where you will need to hold on tight. Admire the views from the top.

The rest of the route follows along the mountain ridge into the Karanga valley and out.

You reach Karanga Camp after lunch and you will have fantastic views of the southern glacier of Kibo as well as of the Kibo summit.

Day 05: karanga camp to barafu camp.

A few hours hiking through desolate and rocky moon-like landscape lies ahead. It will be a relatively easy day leading steadily uphill. The goal for today is the Barafu campsite on a narrow ridge in full view of Mawenzi peak. You will walk along a trail that passes through the afro-alpine dessert until you reach your destination for today –Barafu Camp at 4640 m. Use the rest of the day to relax and pack your daypack for tonight's summit attempt. Supper will be served early; drink and eat enough if you can and try to sleep. You will be woken up around midnight to start your walk to the summit.

Day 06: barafu camp to uhuru peak to mweka camp:

It is dark and cold as you set off just after midnight. You will climb the frozen volcanic dust by headlamp going towards Stella Point on the crater rim – about six hours. The sun should be rising when you arrive here. Just an hour or two more and you will be standing on the highest point of the crater: Uhuru peak. On top of the world! Take a short break for pictures and celebratory hugs before you tackle the steep and dusty descent. By now the volcanic ash will have thawed… You will stop for a short tea break at Barafu and then continue downhill for about three hours to Mweka camp (3080 m). This is your overnight stop. Refuel by drinking lots of fluids and have a good helping at supper time.

Day 07: mweka camp to mweka gate to Arusha town.

A traditional farewell ceremony from the porters begins the day. After about three hours of

comfortably descending through the greenness of the forest, you should reach Mweka gate where the driver will be waiting. Back at the lodge, a hot shower, cold drinks, a debrief and your certificate of achievement are waiting. Well done!

Price includes:

Trekking tour according to the itinerary

Accommodation in tents and hotels as indicated in the itinerary

Professional English-speaking guide

Personal porter

Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Accommodation in tents and hotels as indicated in the itinerary

Transfers as indicated in the itinerary

Camping equipment – tents, sleeping mattress and camping furniture

National park fees

Rescue fees

Price excludes:

Flights (international and domestic)

Meals not indicated in the itinerary

Beverages other than water (alcohol and soft drinks)

Visa, tips, personal expenses, travel insurance

Sleeping bag (can be rented, please ask us at the time of the booking)