

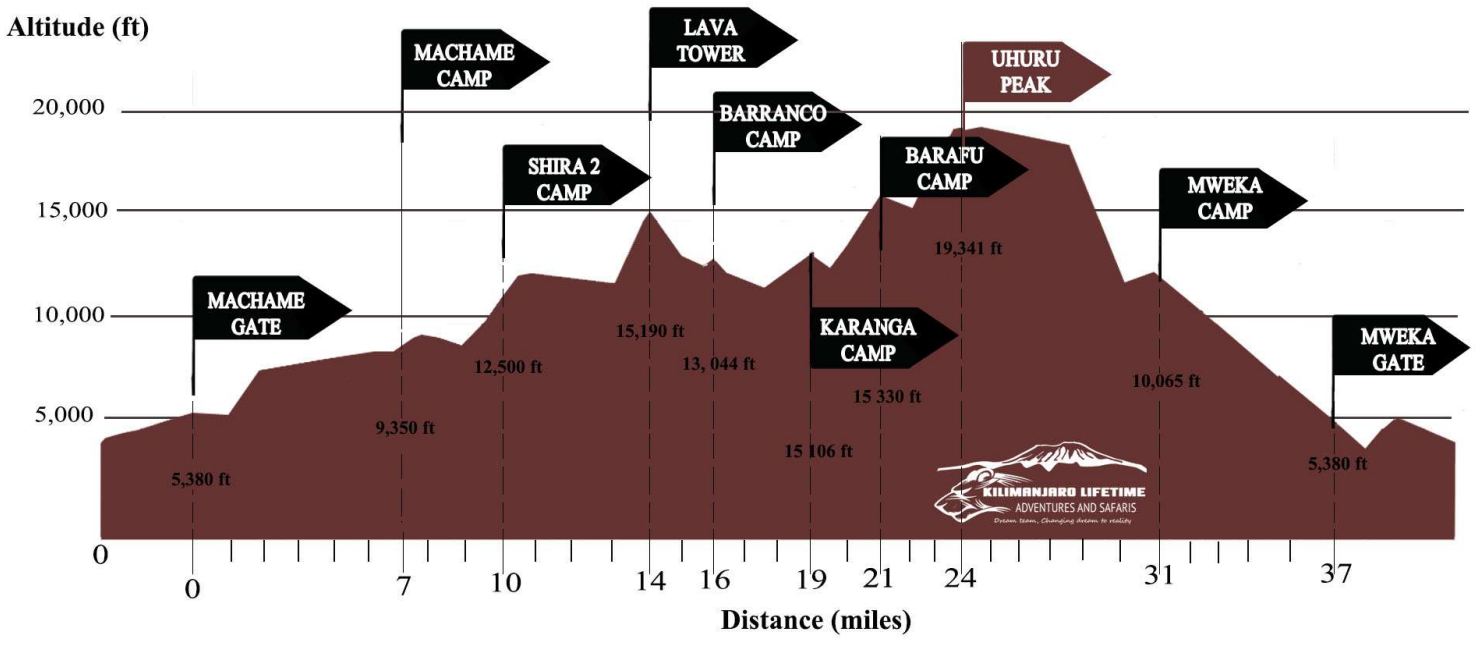
KILIMANJARO LIFETIME
ADVENTURES AND SAFARIS
Dream team, Changing dream to reality

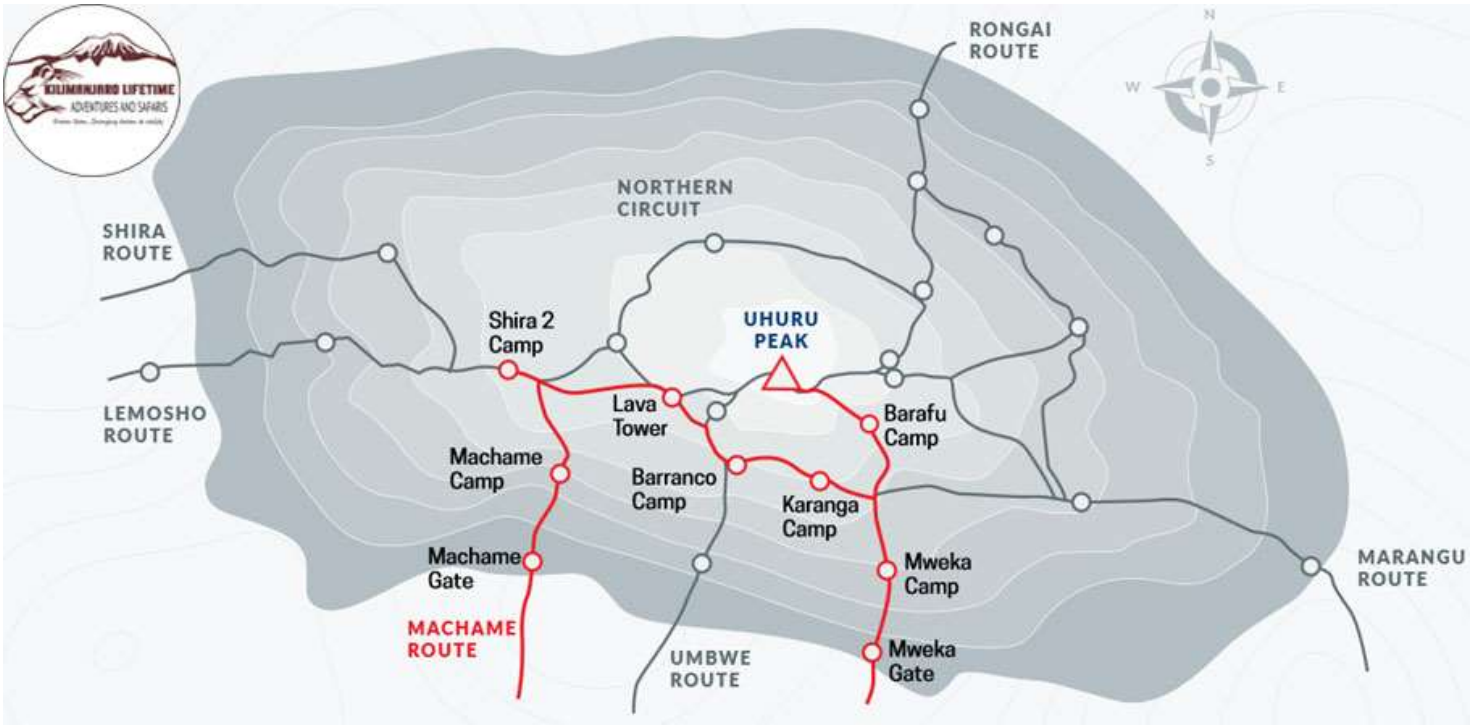
KILIMANJARO CLIMBING – MACHAME ROUTE 7 DAYS

OVERVIEW

7 Days Machame Route Kilimanjaro Climb is our favorite Kilimanjaro hike package. If you are planning for Kilimanjaro hike Vacation, we mostly recommend this route.

Machame Route is the scenery Kilimanjaro Climbing route, with more challenges and adventure than its sister route of Marangu. However, other than the adventure challenge, Machame route has the great success of summit to most of the climbers and it being a challenging and adventure route does not mean that it is technical to Mountaineers only; rather it is for any climbers both experienced and non-ones. 7 days climb via the Machame route you will have an extra day for acclimatization not to be affected by the high-altitude changes. The acclimatization point is ascending to the Lover tower and descending to Baranco before heading up to Karanga and the Barafu to the Summit. Climbing via Machame route, on your second climbing day, its where you can meet climbers via Lemosho and Shira route who are on their third climbing day who will also descend via the Mweka Route.





TOUR ITINERARY

ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to Parkview Inn hotel in Moshi town; you will meet your guide who will brief you on your upcoming trek and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gear. Gear which is missing can be rented on this day. Hotel accommodation (Bed & Breakfast).

Day 1: Machame Gate - Machame Camp

The first day trekking begins at Machame Gate (1,640 meters). Typically, you will drive from the town of Moshi to the gate, which takes approximately an hour. On the way you will get to see subsistence farming and the town of Machame. The first day trek on the Machame Route is a long one (~11km / 7miles) and takes approximately 5-7 hours to complete. We mostly supply packed lunch for this route and 2-3 litres of bottled water. This is the only bottled water you will receive. From here on porters will collect water from mountain streams. The day's trekking ends at Machame Camp (2,835 meters) which sits near the border of the rainforest zone and the low alpine zone. By the time you arrive your porters will have already setup your camp and tents, and dinner will be served.

- ✓ Transport: Private transfer (0.8 hour, 30 km)
- ✓ Hiking time: 6 – 7 hours (11 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 1200 m
- ✓ altitude: 3000 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Camping
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 2: Machame Camp - Shira Camp 2

On day two you will rise early, pack your gear and prepare for the trek from Machame Camp to Shira Camp 2 (3,850 meters). The trek is relatively steep as you enter the low alpine zone which is characterized by moorlands and grasslands. Shira Camp 2 sits on a plateau which provides you with the first views of Kibo in the North-West and Mount Meru in the East. Day two takes approximately 4-6 hours and covers a distance of 5km / 3miles.

- ✓ Hiking time: 5 – 6 hours (5 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 850 m
- ✓ altitude: 3850 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Camping
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 3: Shira Camp - Barranco Camp Via Lava Tower

Day three is a long and tough trek east off the Shira Plateau through the 'Garden of the Senecios', up to Lava Tower and the Shark's Tooth rock formation at 4,600 meters and then back down via the Southern Circuit to Barranco Camp (3,900 meters). After lunch we will descend to Barranco Camp, following the 'walk high, sleep low' golden rule of acclimatization. Our descent to Barranco Camp takes about 2 hours and offers great opportunities to take some beautiful photographs of the Western Breach and Breach Wall. The route is approximately 11km / 7 miles in length and takes 5-7 hours to complete.

- ✓ Hiking time: 6 – 7 hours (7 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 750 m
- ✓ Descent: 650 m
- ✓ altitude: 4600 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Camping
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 4: Barranco Camp To Karanga Camp

A short, but fun, day starting with a scramble to the top of the Great Barranco Wall. We then traverse over scree to the Karanga Valley (3930m) beneath the icefalls of the Heim, Kersten and Decken Glaciers. We will stay overnight at Karanga campsite. This is a shorter day meant for acclimatization.

- ✓ Hiking time: 4 – 5 hours (5 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 260 m
- ✓ Descent: 280 m
- ✓ altitude: 4210 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Camping
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 5: Karanga Camp To Barafu Camp

We leave Karanga and hit the junction which connects with the Mweka Trail. We continue up to the rocky section to Barafu Hut. At this point, you have completed the Southern Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we make camp, rest and enjoy an early dinner to prepare for the summit day. The two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo are viewable from this position.

- ✓ Hiking time: 3 – 4 hours (4 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 670 m
- ✓ altitude: 4700 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Camping
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 6: Barafu Camp To Uhuru Peak

Very early in the morning (around midnight), we begin our push to the summit. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. The wind and cold at this elevation and time of day can be extreme. We ascend in the darkness for several hours while taking frequent, but short, breaks. Near Stella Point (18,900 ft), you will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see coming over Mawenzi Peak. Finally, we arrive at Uhuru Peak- the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa.

From the summit, we now make our descent continuing straight down to the Mweka Hut camp site, stopping at Barafu for lunch. The trail is very rocky and can be quite hard on the knees; trekking poles are helpful. Mweka Camp is situated in the upper forest and mist, or rain can be expected in the late afternoon. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep.

- ✓ Hiking time: 12 – 14 hours (17 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 1295 m
- ✓ Descent: 2795 m
- ✓ altitude: 5895 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Camping
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Day 7: Mweka Camp To Mweka Gate

On our last day, we continue the descent to Mweka Gate and collect the summit certificates. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. From the gate, we continue another hour to Mweka Village. A vehicle will meet us at Mweka Village to drive us back to the hotel in Moshi for shower and then later our driver will pick you and be transferred to Moshi at the hotel of your choice and this will mark the end of our tour.

- ✓ Transport: Private transfer (0.5 hour, 17 km)
- ✓ Hiking time: 3 – 4 hours (10 km)
- ✓ Descent: 1300 m
- ✓ altitude: 3100 m
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch
- ✓ Accommodation: Parkview Inn

Depart Tanzania

Moshi

The day is left free to wind down after the trek before your flight home. Depending on flight times you could go and explore Moshi town and grab some gift before heading to the airport. Our vehicle will be ready to take you to the airport at your time.

- ✓ Hotel: Bed &Breakfast
- ✓ Meals: Breakfast Included

PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Kilimanjaro Airport Pickup and Drop – Off
- ✓ 2 Nights' hotel accommodation in Moshi is included.
- ✓ All transfers to the mountain and back to your hotel in Moshi
- ✓ Professional, experienced, mountain guides
- ✓ Guides, Porters, cook salaries and park fees.
- ✓ Oxygen Cylinder
- ✓ Quality, waterproof, four seasons private mountain sleeping tents.
- ✓ Sleeping Mattress
- ✓ All meals while on the mountain
- ✓ Quality mess tents with table and chairs
- ✓ Large portions of fresh, healthy, nutritious food
- ✓ Clean purified drinking water
- ✓ Kilimanjaro National Park Entrance fees
- ✓ All Government taxes and levies include 18% VAT.
- ✓ Community Development Fund & Conservation Fund

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International or Local Flights
- Optional activities
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Passport and Visa fees
- Personal spending money for souvenirs etc.
- Travel insurance.
- Travel Documents (Yellow Fever Certificate etc.)
- Tip for your crew.