

KIJANI AFRICAN SAFARI

KILIMANJARO CLIMBING LEMOSHO ROUTE 8 DAYS

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 Londorossi 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, elephant and other game. Because this route can be done over a longer period of time for acclimatization, it has a higher success rate of summit.







Tour Itinerary

We have carefully planned out each day to give you the best possible experience. From exploring historic landmarks to tasting delicious local cuisine, each day is packed with adventure and excitement. Join us as we take you on a journey through some of the most fascinating destinations in the world.

DAY 1 - Londrossi Gate – Mti Mkubwa Camp: 4.8km /3mi | 3-4 Hrs | Rainforest

- **Elevation: 2389m/7838ft to 2785m/9137ft**
- **Altitude gained: 396m**

Departing from Moshi 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.

DAY 2 - Mti Mkubwa Camp – Shira I Camp: 17km/5mi | 6-8hrs | Moorland

- **Elevation: 2785m/9137ft to 3895m/12,779ft**
- **Altitude gained: 1110m**

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, we emerge from the rain forest and continue on an ascending path, we leave the forest behind now, the trail climbs steadily with wide views to reach the rim of the Shira Plateau. Temperatures begin to drop.

DAY 3 - Shira I Camp – Shira Hut: 6.9km/4.3mi | 5-7hrs | Moorland

- **Elevation: 3504m/11,496ft to 3895m/12,779ft**
- **Altitude gained: 391m**

We explore the Shira plateau for a full day. It is a gentle walk east toward Kibo's glaciered 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 - Shira Hut – Lava Tower – Barranco Camp: 10.1km/6.3mi | 4-6hrs | Semi Desert

- **Elevation: 3895m/12,779ft to 3986m/13,077ft**
- **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: 3986m/13,077ft to 4034m/13,235ft**
- **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 /2 Mi | 4-5hrs | Alpine Desert

- **Elevation: 4034m/13,235ft to 4662m/15,295ft**
- **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. An early dinner and rest as we prepare for summit night. Overnight at Barafu Camp.

DAY 7 - Summit Day

Barafu Camp – Summit: 4.86km /3mi Up | 5-7hrs | – Mweka Camp: 13km /8mi Down | 5-6hrs | Glaciers, Snow Capped Summit

- **Elevation: 4662m/15,295ft to 5895m/19,341ft**
- **Altitude gained: 1233m**
- **Descent to 3106m/10,190ft**
- **Altitude lost: 2789m**

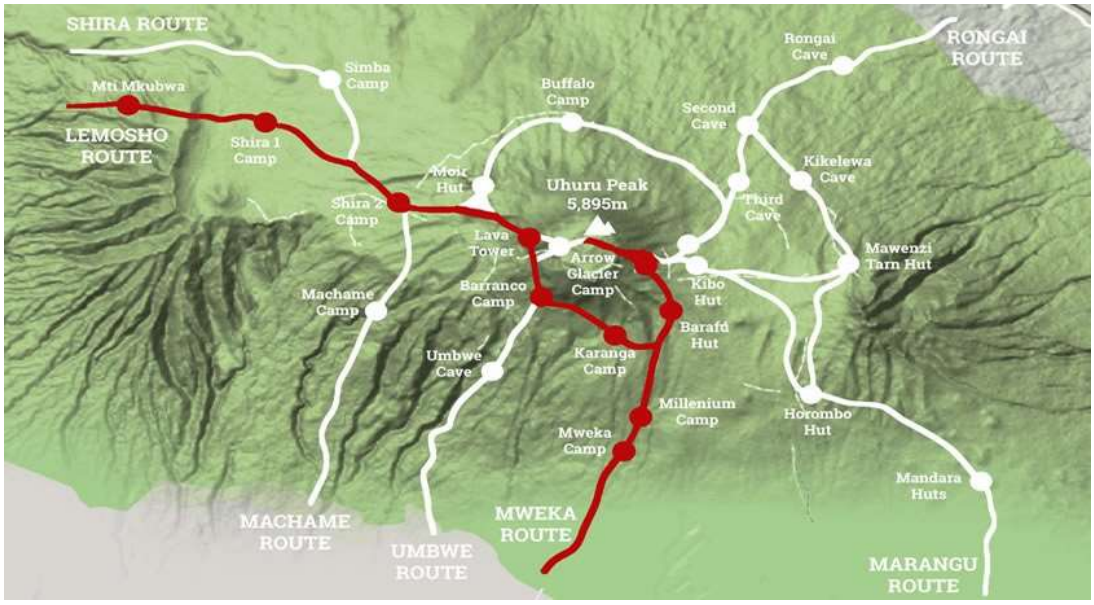
Excitement is building as morning comes with an early start between midnight and 2 a.m. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. We continue our way to the summit between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers trying to stay warm and focused on the amazing sense of accomplishment 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: 3106m/10,190ft to 1633m/5358ft**
- **Altitude lost: 1473m**

After breakfast and a heartfelt ceremony of appreciation and team bonding with your crew, it's time to say goodbye. 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).



Included / Excluded

To help you plan your trip, we have put together a list of what's included and what's not included in your tour package. This will give you a clear understanding of what to expect and help you make any necessary arrangements before your journey begins.

- ✓ Airport pickup and drop off
- ✓ Park fees, camping fees, Hut fees & rescue fees
- ✓ Team Kilimanjaro Rescue fees
- ✓ 18% VAT on tour fees & services
- ✓ 4 Season mountain tents
- ✓ Double layered Sleeping Mats 4 inches (10cm) thick
- ✓ Friendly and professional mountain guides, cook and porters
- ✓ 3 meals daily while on the mountain
- ✓ Enough treated & filtered drinking water throughout the trek
- ✓ Hot water for washing
- ✓ Portable oxygen tanks, Ox meter
- ✓ Emergency first-aid kit
- ✓ Portable flush toilet with a toilet and tent
- ✓ Mountain climbing certificates
- ✓ International or Local Flights

Excludes

- Optional activities
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Tips for guides, porters and cook
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Personal spending money for souvenirs etc.
- Laundry (Available at the hotel)