



Kilimanjaro The Ultimate Machame Journey

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Private Touring

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| ☒ Flexible Dates | ☒ 24-Hour Local Assistance |
| ☒ Flexible Itinerary | ☒ Upgrade Accommodation |
| ☒ Professional Guide Throughout | ☒ Modern Airconditioned Vehicle |

Visit: Kilimanjaro-Machame Camp-Shira Cave Camp-Barranco Camp-Karanga Camp-Barafu Camp-Mweka Camp-Mweka Gate

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Arrive Kilimanjaro

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport, you will be met by our representative and taken to Keys Hotel. It is a family-run hotel located on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, with an inviting atmosphere. Accommodation, a variety of meals, a clean swimming pool, and friendly services are provided. Located just ten minutes' walking distance from Moshi town centre, Keys Hotel is the most spectacular place one could wish to stay.

Meal Plan

No Meal

Day 02: Machame Gate (1,800 m/5,380 ft) – Machame Camp (2,980 m/9,780 ft)

Walking distance: 11 km / 7 miles

Walking time: 5–7 hours

Altitude gain: 1,180 m / 3,875 ft

After breakfast, we will depart from our hotel at approximately 8:30 AM for Machame Village to collect lunch boxes and begin the trek. From the park entrance gate (Machame Gate) at 1,800 m / 5,905 ft, you will walk for about two to three hours through a dense rainforest before breaking out onto a steep ridge. This route is often muddy and slippery at lower elevations.

As you continue your ascent, you will notice that the tropical forest gradually gives way to tall grasses and giant heather. You will be walking along a ridge, with the left side overlooking the Semira Stream and the right side offering views toward the Weru Weru River. Depending on the climbers' pace, arrival at Machame Camp is usually between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Your camp is set up on the edge of the forest zone. This camp is used for dinner and overnight. There is little need to rush on this day, as the focus is on gradual acclimatisation. Do not try to keep up with the porters, who are usually far ahead. Instead, take time to admire the beauty of the Afro-montane forest. Dinner and Overnight at Machame Camp.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 03: Machame Camp (2,980 m/9,780 ft) – New Shira Camp (3,840 m/12,600 ft)

Walking distance: 5 km / 3.1 miles

Walking time: 4–6 hours

Altitude gain: 860 m / 2,820 ft

On this and subsequent mornings, the wake-up call is at around 6:00 AM. You will be greeted with a steaming cup of tea or coffee and, weather permitting, a fabulous view of Uhuru Peak.

Today's trek takes you up a steep track through giant groundsel, through a ghostly landscape of volcanic lava, caves, and foamy streams. Your guide will set the pace for the group, deciding when to take short breaks and the best spots to enjoy some bites, biscuits, tea, and coffee. Upon arrival at Shira Cave Camp, you will be welcomed with a hot lunch and can rest for a few hours before embarking on a short acclimatisation hike. Later, you will settle in for the night at this camp. Dinner and Overnight: Shira

Cave Camp.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 04: Shira Cave Camp (3,840 m/12,600 ft) – Lava Tower (4,630 m/15,190 ft) – Barranco Camp (3,950 m/12,960 ft)

Walking distance: 10 km / 6.2 miles

Walking time: 7–8 hours

Altitude gain: 790 m / 2,590 ft (Shira Camp ? Lava Tower)

The entire Shira Plateau greets you this morning with sweeping vistas across to Meru and the Shira Needles. A steady walk takes you up to the pass at Lava Tower (4,630 m / 15,190 ft). On the way, your guide will choose good spots for the group to enjoy some bites, biscuits, tea, coffee, popcorn, and nuts (cashews or groundnuts).

At Lava Tower, you will stop for a hot lunch before beginning the descent towards Barranco Camp, crossing the Bastain Stream along the way. You will pass numerous waterfalls, fed by streams from the mountain that converge here to form the Umbwe River.

Barranco Camp is set at almost the same altitude as the previous night. Today is a full-day trek, and you may feel quite tired. Arrival at camp is usually between 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM.

Dinner and Overnight: Barranco Camp

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 05: Barranco Camp (3,950 m/12,960 ft) – Karanga Camp (4,035 m / 13,240 ft)

Walking distance: 5 km / 3.1 miles

Walking time: 4–5 hours

Altitude gain: 310m / 1016 ft

Today begins with the famous Barranco Wall climb. Your guide will set a comfortable pace, ensuring everyone ascends safely. At the top of the Barranco Wall, approximately 4,260 m / 13,976 ft, you will take a break to pause, take photos, drink water, and enjoy some bites before continuing the trek.

Once over the Barranco Wall, the trail gradually leads across the alpine desert toward Karanga Valley. On the way, your guide may also choose spots for short breaks with biscuits, tea, coffee, popcorn, or nuts.

Upon arrival at Karanga Camp, you will be welcomed with a hot lunch. After lunch, you can rest or take a short hike for further acclimatisation while enjoying the views of the surrounding peaks. Dinner and Overnight: Karanga Camp

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 06: Karanga Camp (4,035 m / 13,240 ft) – Barafu Camp (4,700 m / 15,420 ft)

Walking distance: 4 km / 2.5 miles

Walking time: 4–5 hours

Altitude gain: 665 m / 2,180 ft

The scenic climb to Barafu Camp is mostly along a moraine and lava ridge, with Mawenzi Peak towering majestically to the right and Kibo Peak seemingly just out of reach overhead.

The alpine desert terrain here is mostly mineral, with few lichens and mosses.

On the way, your guide will choose good spots for short breaks to enjoy bites, biscuits, tea, and coffee, allowing everyone to rest and take in the views.

Upon arrival at Barafu Camp, an early lunch will be served before 1:00 PM. In the afternoon, there is a summit clothing check. Dinner will be served early, around 5:00 PM, as climbers who plan to ascend to the summit will go to bed soon afterwards, preparing for the longest and most challenging day ahead. Dinner and Overnight: Barafu Camp.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 07: Summit Day- Barafu Camp (4,700 m / 15,420 ft) ? Stella Point (5,730 m / 18,800 ft) ? Uhuru Peak (5,895 m / 19,341 ft) ? Barafu Camp ? Mweka Camp (3,100 m / 10,170 ft)

Walking distance: 16–18 km / 10–11 miles

(depending on descent route)

Walking time: 13–17 hours total

Altitude gain: 1,195 m / 3,921 ft (Barafu ? Uhuru Peak).

You will wake up around midnight for a light breakfast, and your climb will begin at approximately 12:00 AM. This is the most challenging portion of the trek, so climbers should carry as little as possible.

Temperatures can range from - 4°C to 5°C / 25°F to 41°F.

The climb to Stella Point (5,730 m / 18,800 ft) takes about six hours. From there, it is roughly another hour to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m / 19,341 ft), the highest point on the African continent. The track around the crater rim is rocky and often icy, so it is essential to concentrate on your footing and follow your guide closely.

The descent is equally demanding. You will return to Barafu Camp after about three hours, arriving around 11:30 AM, where you can rest and have refreshments.

From Barafu, you will continue down to Mweka Camp (3,100 m / 10,170 ft) for the night, arriving around 5:00 PM. Today's trek covers a total of 13–17 hours of walking. Dinner and Overnight: Mweka Camp.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 08: Mweka Camp (3,100 m/10,170 ft) – Mweka Gate (1,980 m/6,500 ft)

Walking distance: 10 km / 6.2 miles

Walking time: 4–5 hours

Descent: 1,120 m / 3,670 ft

On the final day of the journey, climbers will descend from Mweka Camp to the park gate. The descent takes you through lush rainforest, with plenty of opportunity to enjoy the scenery along the way. The trek to the gate usually takes about 4–5 hours, and climbers typically arrive before noon.

Upon arrival at Mweka Gate, you will be presented with a certificate celebrating your achievement of summitting Mount Kilimanjaro. After the celebration, you will be transferred back to Keys Hotel for hot showers, a relaxing dinner, and overnight rest.

Meal Plan

Breakfast lunch and Dinner

Day 09: Departure

End of Services

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Inclusion

- 1: A night before and after the trek in bed and an English breakfast basis.
- 2: All food on the climb.
- 3: Transfer to and from the gate.
- 4: Tents (Four-season, 3-person mountain tent – double occupancy), chairs and table.
- 5: Mattress (Sleeping pad foam 1.5 inches thick).
- 6: First aid kit/Bottle of oxygen/pulse oximeter.
- 7: Park fees, Camping fees and Rescue fees.
- 8: Forest fees where applicable.
- 9: Guides and porter's fees as per government regulations, their food and accommodation on the climb.
- 10: Value Added Tax (VAT) and other government taxes.

Exclusion

- 1: Transport from and back to the airport.
- 2: 3 litres of water for the first day.
- 3: Drinks.
- 4 Tips for guides and porters.
- 5: Food for the first and last night at the hotel.
- 6: Personal equipment for mountain climbing.

Note

All accommodation is subject to availability

Please note that the prices start from and that upon sending a new request with a specific date, we will send the applicable rate and availability.

Price for an extra night's accommodation and Airport pick up. Accommodation available on request.

Transfer from/to Kilimanjaro International Airport, Moshi, available on request.

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