



Kilimanjaro Machame Route (#20806)

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Overview

This is most beautiful route up Kilimanjaro. With lovely gradual ascent through forest you emerge to see wide views of the moorland on Shira plateau, Kibo and western breach.

Trip Highlights

Kilimanjaro-Machame Camp-New Shira Camp-Barranco Camp-Karanga Camp-Barafu Camp-Mweka Camp-Mweka Gate

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

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 comfortable accommodation, variety of meals, clean swimming pool and



friendly services. Located just ten minutes walking distance to Moshi town centre, palatable meal and luxurious accommodation; Keys Hotel is the most spectacular place one will always wish to stay, Keys Hotel - 2700 ft.

Meal: No Meal

Day 02

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: 1,490 m/4,890 ft

After breakfast, we will depart from our hotel at approximately 8:30 AM for the Machame village with a lunch box for you to sporadically bite on your trek. From the park entrance gate (Machame), you will walk for about two to three hours trek through a dense forest of fig and rubber trees, begonia flowers, and other tropical vegetation. A stop for lunch will be made halfway to this evening's campsite. As you continue your ascent, you will find that the tropical forest has given way to tall grasses and giant heather. You will be walking on a ridge, to the left of which is the Semira stream, and on the right, the Weru. Depending on the pace of the climbers, arrival at Machame Camp is usually between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Your camp is set up near some old metal's huts, which were once used for shelter. This initial stage of the climb is tranquil and relatively easy. There is no point in rushing to get to the camp, as there is little to do there. Guides tend to recommend a slow ascent, even at this point, for gradual acclimatization. Do not try to keep up with your porters, who will usually bound ahead. Instead, take time to admire the beauty of the afro mountain forest. Overnight: Machame Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 03

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

Walking distance: 9 km/5.5 miles

Walking time: 4-6 hours

Altitude gain: 860 m/2,820 ft

On this and subsequent mornings, wake-up call is at around 6:00 AM. You will be greeted with a steaming cup of tea or coffee, and weather permitting, by a fabulous view of Uhuru peak. Today's trek takes you up a steep track through a savannah of tall grasses, volcanic rock, and bearded heather. You will encounter giant groundsels as you hike through a ghostly landscape of volcanic lava, caves, and foamy streams. Lunch will be taken just below the Shira Plateau, about three to four hours from Shira Camp. The hike to the next campsite takes approximately six hours and you should arrive between



2:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Most climbers tend to pace themselves, walking slowly and resting about every half-hour. On arrival in camp, there is time to relax and even so for an acclimatization hike with your guides before dinner. Overnight: Shira Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 04

Day 04: Shira 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: 15 km/9.3 miles

Walking time: 7-9 hours

Altitude gain: 10 m/360 ft (680 m/2,230 ft to 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 (15,000 ft), where you stop to have lunch. Crossing the Bastain stream, you will begin to descend towards Barranco Camp. Descending takes you along an immense canyon called the Great Barranco. Along the way, you will see numerous waterfalls, which are fed, by streams coming from the mountain, converging here to form the Umbwe River. Your camp is set at almost the same altitude as the night before. Today is a full day trek and you will feel very tired. Arrival at camp is between 4:30PM and 5:30PM. Overnight: Barranco Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 05

Day 05: Barranco Camp (3,950 m/12,960 ft) – Karanga Camp (4,040 m/13,255 ft)

Walking distance: 5.8 km/3.4 miles

Walking time: 4-5 hours

Altitude gain: 55 m/185 ft

This morning you begin your hike to Karanga Camp, which is on the same altitude as Barranco Camp. You will encounter a bit of a climb at Barranco wall and spend the rest of the trek climbing up and down the slopes of the mountain most of the way to camp. Climbing is not considered difficult, and you should arrive in time for lunch (approximately 1:00PM) having trekked for about four – five hours. In the afternoon you will have an opportunity to hike in the Karanga Valley where giant senecios and lobelia grows. However, you are well advised to rest as much as you possibly can to prepare you for the climb ahead. Overnight: Karanga Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



Day 06

Day 06: Karanga Camp (4,040 m/13,255 ft) – Barafu Camp (4,550 m/14,930 ft)

Walking distance: 3.5 km/ 2.2 miles

Walking time: 4-5 hours

Altitude gain: 510 m/1,675 ft

The scenic climb to Barafu is mostly on a moraine and lava ridge with a view of Mawenzi peak towering majestically to the right, and overhead, Kibo peak seemingly just out of reach. The alpine desert terrain encountered at this point is mostly a mineral environment with few lichens and mosses. Lunch is taken in camp and in the afternoon, there is a summit clothing check. Climbers who choose to ascend the peak will go to bed very early this night, as the next day is the longest one.

Overnight: Barafu Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 07

Day 07: Barafu Camp (4,550 m/14,930 ft) – Summit via Stella Point (5,752 m/18,871 ft) to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m/19,340 ft) and descending to Millennium Camp (3,820 m/12,530 ft), on to Mweka Camp (3,100 m/10,170 ft)

You will be awakened early in the morning and at this stage that the climb becomes much more tough. Climbers should carry as little as possible on this portion of the climb. Temperatures will range from -4° to 5° Fahrenheit. You will climb for about six hours before reaching the edge of the crater, Stella points.

Another hour of climbing brings you to the summit. Uhuru stands at 19,340 feet and is the highest point on the continent of Africa. The track around the edge of the crater is rocky and often icy. Concentrate on your feet and follow your guide very closely for this portion of the journey. The descent is no easier than the ascent. You will reach Barafu camp after about three hours (around 11:30 AM). Climbers will be given the opportunity to rest and have some refreshments before continuing to Mweka Camp for the night. Arriving at camp at around 5:00PM, you will have trekked a total of thirteen to seventeen hours today. Overnight: Mweka Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 08

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

Walking distance: About 15 km, 9.3 mile

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Descend: 1,120m/ 3,670ft



On the final day of the journey, climbers descend from Mweka camp to the base. The descent to the gate will take approximately 5 hours and climbers usually arrive before noon. Upon arrival at the gate, climbers will be rewarded with certificates attesting their success at climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. After finishing your climb, you will be taken to Keys Hotel for a hot shower, dinner & overnight rest.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 09

Day 09: Departure

End of Services

Inclusions

- 1: A night before and after the trek on bed and English breakfast.
- 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/Bottled 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 public Liability insurance for the porters/guides.
- 10: Value Added Tax (VAT) and other government taxes.

Exclusions

- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Optional activities.
- Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.
- Travel insurance.
- Gratuities.
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Transport from and back to the airport.



3 liters of water for the first day.

Food for the first and last night at the hotel

Personal equipment for mountain climbing

Note

All accommodation subjected to availability

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

Price for Extra night accommodation and Airport pick up Accommodation available on request.

Transfer from/to Kilimanjaro international airport Moshi available on request.

Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

Periodic Departure

08 Feb, 2025 to 31 Dec, 2025

Camp

AUD 5,176 P P twin share

ON REQUEST

