

Kilimanjaro Lemosho Route

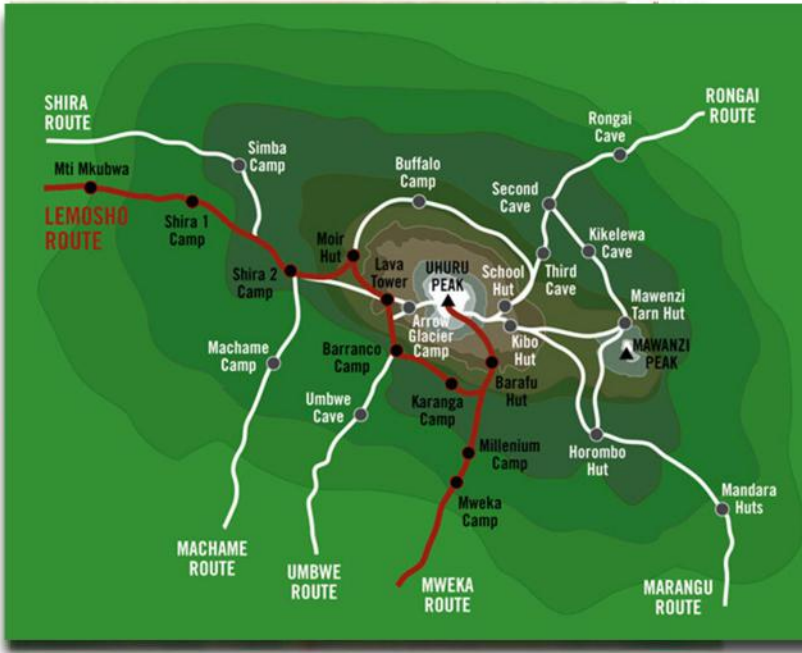


Your adventure starts on the cultivated lower slopes of Kilimanjaro through a wet rainforest jungle. As you begin to ascend, the terrain will start to change from lush green to jagged rock. It is a trek that pushes your limits both physically and mentally and will reward you with the most unforgettable experience. We'll progress up challenging terrains and transcend from warm and humid climates to arid mountainsides and finally to the exposed arctic summit.

The Lemosho route is un-spoilt, remote, beautiful and not so frequently used on the way up to the Shira Plateau. The route is one of the few where an armed ranger accompanies groups, as the bush around the Lemosho Glades is rich in buffalo and other big game animals. The Lemosho route begins to the west of Kilimanjaro in the rainforest and moorland before ascending to the Shira Plateau. The route takes in some of the most beautiful and famous features on Kilimanjaro including the Lava Tower and the Barranco Wall. The Lemosho route joins with the Machame route and ascends Kilimanjaro via Barfu Camp and Stella Point. Descent is via Mweka Route with a camp at either Millennium or Mweka camp during the descent.

The Itinerary

- Day 1 Kilimanjaro Airport to hotel in Arusha
- Day 2 Londrossi Gate to Mti Mkubwa
- Day 3 Mti Mkubwa (Big Tree Camp) to Shira Camp
- Day 4 Shira Camp 1 to Shira Camp 2
- Day 5 Shira Camp 2– Lava Tower (4.600m) – to Barranco Camp
- Day 6 Barranco Camp to Barafu Camp via Karanga Camp
- Day 7 Summit Day!!**
Barafu Camp – Stella Point – Uhuru Peak (5.895m) – Mwenka Camp
- Day 8 Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate
- Day 9 Hotel in Arusha to Kilimanjaro Airport





Day 1: Kilimanjaro Airport to hotel in Arusha

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and transfer to hotel

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport you will be greeted by one of our team and then driven to your lodge in Arusha where you can freshen up and relax into Tanzania.

Day 2: Londrossi Gate to Mt Mkubwa

Elevation: 2360m to 2895m, - Distance: 6 km - Trekking-Time: 3-4 hours - Montane forest

After breakfast in your hotel you will be given an overall briefing from your guide. At 9am you will be met by our , who will drive you several hours to the Western side of Mt. Kilimanjaro and to the Londrossi Gate, where our guides and porters will prepare and pack the equipment and supplies. Once at the gate you will be given a packed lunch and after registration with the Kilimanjaro Park office, we will drive for another 45 mins to Lemosho Glades where your trek will begin with ascending into the rainforest. You will ascend for approx. 3 hours in dense rain forest which could be very wet and muddy so be ready with your gaiters and trekking poles. During the trek we will have a break and you can enjoy the rest your packed lunch. We will reach the Mti Mkubwa, Camp also known as "Big Tree" Camp in late afternoon. After arrival, you will be taken to your camp and tent which has already been set up by the porters who ran ahead, where you will be greeted with boiled drinking water and hot washing water. Once you have freshened up and settled in, a hot dinner will be served in the mess-tent.

Day 3: Mt Mkubwa (Big Tree Camp) to Shira Camp 1

Elevation 2895m to 3.505m – Distance 15 km – Trekking-Time 8-9 hours – Moorland

You will be woken up after your first night on the mountain with a nice cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate at 6:30 am in your tent. After breakfast we gradually leave the rainforest and enter into open moorlands where the vegetation is sparse with small shrubs and the trail steepens. After a short break, our route crosses Shira ridge before dropping into Shira Camp 1 and Shira Plateau. By now you will be able to see the Western Breach and its stunning glaciers. Your evening meal will be served at 3500m!





Day 4: Shira Camp 1 to Shira Camp 2

Elevation 3505m to 3895m - Distance: 10 km Trekking-Time: 5-7 hours - Moorland.

After breakfast you will continue on your hike across and up the Shira plateau to Shira Camp 2 at 3,850 meters. Here you will join trekkers from the Machame Route whilst enjoying stunning view across the valley below and Western Breach of Kilimanjaro above. The plateau is exposed so be prepared for a cold night with temperatures getting below zero.

Day 5: LShira Camp 2– Lava Tower (4.600m) – to Barranco Camp

Elevation: 3.850m to 4.600m to 3.950m – Distance 12 km – Trekking-Time 6-7 hours – Semi-desert

Your daily morning wake up with a hot drink will be followed by a hot breakfast and then we pack up leave Shira camp2 for a 4-5 hour trek to the well-known landmark of Lava Tower (4.600m) for acclimatization. Once reaching Lava Tower we will have a short break for lunch for some bonus acclimatization before starting a 2 hour descent by 650m to Barranco Camp. This is following the golden rule of acclimatization „ climb high and sleep low“. This will be our toughest day so far but the climb offers multiple terrific opp-ortunities for photos. As we descend through the valley, the amazing sight of the Giant Groundsels is bound to stop you in your tracks. Barranco Camp gives you a beautiful view of the Western Breach and Breach Wall and be prepared with your camera while you are waiting for dinner for what could be one of the most spectacular sunsets you have ever seen as the sun drops down into the valley.

Day 6: Barranco Camp to Barafu Camp via Karanga Camp

Elevation 3.950m to 4.600m – Distance 13 km – Trekking-Time 7-8 hours – Alpine Desert

Today the climb has a technical challenge! We start to climb Baranca wall – also known by its nickname „breakfast wall“, meaning after climbing this wall your breakfast has been burned away. Don` t worry, it is much easier than it looks and the view down to Moshi is fantastic. After crossing Karanga Valley we will arrive at Karanga Camp . Once again you will be welcomed with boiled washing water and some snacks, followed by a hot lunch. This is the last place for the porters to collect water for the rest of the ascent.

“Pole Pole”

After lunch we complete the „Southern Circuit“ and make our ascent to Barafu Hut and enjoy again a spectacular view of the summit. We will arrive at the camp in the afternoon and you will get served a hot late afternoon meal. Our guides will give you a final briefing to prepare you for the summit day. Time to relax and enjoy the nice spirit in the camp and perhaps some reflection on what you have accomplished so far! It is also a good time to cross check and prepare your equipment and clothing. Good food, lots of water and sleep are the keys to a successful summit. We advise you to be to bed before 7pm to be rested for your wake up hot drink at around 11:30pm.



Day 7: Summit Day !!

Barafu Camp – Stella Point – Uhuru Peak (5.895m) – Mwenka Camp

Elevation 4.600m to 5.732 to 5.895m to 3.100m – Distance 7 km ascent 23 km descent – Trekking-Time 6-8 hours ascent and 7-8 hours descent – stone screed and ice field – glaciers

The wake-up tea will be served at 11:30pm with the departure at midnight. After a hot drink and some biscuits we will start the challenge for the summit. Our initial 6 hour climb begins in the dark with only our headlamps and guides to show us the way through the thick scree and winding pathways of Ratzel and Rebmann Glaciers until we reach Stella Point. Many say this is the most challenging part of the entire climb but you will be rewarded with what is perhaps the most emotional and beautiful sunrise you have seen or ever will see in your life. After taking some pictures at the sign, and a short rest we will join the last part of the Marangu route to continue 1 - 2 more hours to reach your ultimate goal - the summit – the highest peak of Africa – Uhuru Peak at 5.985 m. Congratulations!! You are now standing on the “Roof of Africa”. Our guides will take pictures of you at the world famous Uhuru sign and post it on Facebook for your family and friends at home. After a few minutes spent at the summit, due to the altitude and cold, it important to start our descent.

Day 8: Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

Elevation 3.100m to 1.800m – Distance 10 km – Trekking-Time 3 - 4 hours - Rainforest

Once again you will be woken for your final celebratory breakfast where our team will thank and con-gratulate you in their unique, special way! This is, also the opportunity for you to say thank you for their support and encouragement and show your appreciation by giving a tip to each of them or to the team. We will then set off for the final 3 hour scenic descent to Mweka gate. At the gate you will get the chance to have a celebratory beer while the equipment is loaded in the van and then it is off to a restaurant in Moshi for lunch where you will be presented with your certificate of achievement. After lunch you will dropped off at your lodge/ hotel where you can relax under a long, well deserved hot shower.

Day 9: Hotel in Arusha to Kilimanjaro Airport

If your time in Africa ends today our transfer team will drive you back to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for your departure. If you have booked with KCC for a safari or a few days to dissolve into the pristine sandy beaches and tropical waters of Zanzibar, we will be there to help you comfortably transition from your climb into your next Tanzanian adventure.





What`s Included

- Return airport transfer from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your hotel
- Two nights bed and breakfast hotel accommodation
- An expedition briefing prior to leaving for the mountain
- Kilimanjaro park entry permits
- Kilimanjaro park camping permits
- Mountain rescue permit
- Helicopter evacuation registration fee
- Bilingual guides
- Expedition porters and cooks
- Expedition food to include a hot breakfast, packed lunch, a hot evening meal and snack food available at camp + hot drinks.
- Staff transport, meals & wages
- High quality sleeping tents, 2 persons per tent
- Mess tent with tables and chairs
- Safety equipment to include short wave radios, a satellite phone, oxymeters, oxygen cylinder, large expedition first aid kit and means of evacuation.
- Uhuru or Stella Point certificate of achievement

What`s Not Included

- Return flights to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport
- Entry Visa (\$50) can be obtain on entry
- Personal travel INSURANCE (specific to high altitude trekking and travel in rural Africa)
- Vaccinations for travel to region

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