

KILIMANJARO THE MACHAME ROUTE
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



This is probably the most beautiful route up Kilimanjaro. The accommodation on the way up and down is strictly camping (mobile tents) only. This trek is strenuous and may be better suited to more adventurous hikers.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 ARUSHA · MOSHI

Pick up from Arusha town or Kilimanjaro International Airport and transfer to Moshi town, which is commonly known as the gateway to Mount Kilimanjaro. (D)

Accommodation: Moshi for 1 night

DAY 2 MOSHI · MACHAME CAMP

Today you will be transferred to the Machame Gate to begin your climb. Depending on the weather this can be a moderate to very demanding day as the trek winds through a beautifully lush rain forest. Overnight in mountain tents at Machame (3000m.). (B/L/D)

DAY 3 MACHAME CAMP – SHIRA CAMP

A full day as you start early, leaving the forest behind and climb a steep ridge for 3-4 hours. The path then drops into a gorgeous river gorge before you climb more gently up onto the moorland of the Shira Plateau. The Shira Plateau is all that remains of an older volcano that was engulfed when the much larger Kili formed. On clear days the views are absolutely breath-taking: a seemingly endless expanse of multi-colored heath to the gargantuan rim at the end of the plateau where billows of clouds melt down onto the plateau floor. Overnight camping in mountain tents at Shira (3840m). (B/L/D)

DAY 4 SHIRA CAMP · BARRANCO CAMP

Today's 5-6 hours walk across the plateau makes little net elevation, although there are ups and downs throughout the day. We'll enjoy sightings of the typical Kilimanjaro mountain vegetation and rewarding views of the spectacular Barranco Valley. Overnight camping in mountain tents at Barranco (3950m). (B/L/D)

Extra (\$): An additional night for altitude acclimatization at Karanga Hut is highly recommended.

DAY 5 BARRANCO CAMP · BARAFU CAMP

The standard day includes about 6-8 hours of trekking, up the Barranco Wall, then across scree and ridges to the Karanga Valley (4100m) for lunch, before continuing up to Barafu Camp at 4600m. Overnight camping in mountain tents at Barafu (B/L/D)

DAY 6 BARAFU CAMP · UHURU PEAK · MWEKA CAMP

You will rise around 2330hrs and after some tea and biscuits you will shuffle off into the night. You will head in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. This 8-hour walk to Stella point is for many climbers, mentally and physically, the most challenging on the route. At Stella point (5685m) you will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see (weather permitting). From Stella Point you will normally encounter snow all the way on your 2-hour ascent to Uhuru Peak (5896m). Despite the actual distance of the trek not being too far the progress is slow - there is less than half the oxygen than at sea level! Uhuru Peak provides a unique reward and usually a plethora of emotions. If your progress has been good you can watch the sunrise from the rooftop of Africa! Most people then start returning quite soon after sunrise as the return journey today is quite long. Take a brief respite at Barafu Camp before descending all the way down to Mweka Camp at 3100m. Overnight at Mweka Camp. (B/L/D)

DAY 7 MWEKA CAMP · MOSHI

After breakfast descend through the lower heath section that quickly turns into rainforest. Your time on Kilimanjaro ends at Kibololoni Gate where you will be met and transferred back to a Base Hotel in Moshi for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

Accommodation: Moshi for 1 night

DAY 8 MOSHI · ARUSHA

After breakfast, transfer back to Arusha town. (B)

INCLUSIONS

- 7 night accommodation in double occupancy
- Meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Transfers to/from airport
- English speaking mountain guide
- Experienced cooks, guides and porters
- Tents
- Dining or mess tents, camping table and chairs.

Not included

International air – E-Visa for Tanzania +/- USD \$50.00 <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/> – Mountain gear, sleeping bag, items of a personal nature – gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers, insurance

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from Land package	Double occupation	Single occupation
Daily departures		
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022	3599	4199
Extra Night	459	459

Hotel Options or similar	
City	Hotel / Camp site
Moshi	Park View Inn
Machame	Machame Camp
Shira	Shira Camp
Barranco	Barranco Camp
Barafu	Barafu Camp
Mweka	Mweka Camp

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