



Machame Route

The Machame route approaches Kilimanjaro through forest and moorland from the southwest, and joins the Shira route before traversing beneath the southern ice fields of Kibo. The rainforest is extremely beautiful and there is a tangible sense of wilderness once the higher elevations are reached. The views of Mt. Meru floating on the clouds are simply unforgettable. We make our final ascent by the Barafu route. The seven day itinerary gives maximum possible acclimatization, and also gives us plenty of time to enjoy the magnificent scenery. ***N.B The Briefing will be done the next morning before departure***

Day 1

Meet your guide at the lodge, briefing and thereafter drive to Machame Gate (1,800 m.) after a short walk through the attractive banana and coffee farms of Machame village. The path follows a ridge through dense mountain forest. This is the richest forested area on the mountain, and also the zone from where 96 % of the water on Kilimanjaro originates. On sunny days, and especially in the dry season, this section is very lush and beautiful; it can also be a very muddy experience, particularly if it has rained recently! We have lunch at 'Halfway Clearing', a small opening in the trees, and continue climbing steadily. The gradient becomes gentler as the forest slowly merges into giant heather close to the next camp near the ruins of **Machame Hut** (3,000 m.). We may get our first closer look at the glacial dome of Kibo if the evening clouds permit. [6-8 hours walking]

Day 2

A shorter day that begins by climbing up a steep ridge to reach a small semicircular cliff known as Picnic Rock, there are excellent views of Kibo and the jagged rim of Shira Plateau from here, and it is a good rest point too! The trail continues less steeply to reach the Shira Plateau. We camp near **Shira Cave Camp** (3,720 m.) which has some of the most stunning views on Kilimanjaro; close to the huge volcanic cone of Kibo, the spectacular rock formations of Shira Plateau, and looking across to Mt. Meru floating on the clouds. [4-6 hours walking]

Day 3

A morning of gentle ascent and panoramic views, leaving the moorland plateau behind to walk on lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. After lunch near the Lava Tower junction (4,500 m.) we descend to the bottom of the Great Barranco valley (3,900

m.), sheltered by towering cliffs and with extensive views of the plains far below. **Barranco Camp** [5-7 hours walking]

Day 4

A steep climb up the Barranco Wall leads us to an undulating trail on the southeastern flank of Kibo, with superb vistas of the Southern Ice fields. Lunch is usually taken at Karanga, the last water point, in a steep valley. Dinner and overnight at **Karanga Camp** [3 - 5 hours walking]

Day 5

After breakfast, the terrain changes to scree and we climb steeply to reach the **Barafu Camp** (4,667 m.) short rest and thereafter we proceed to **Kosovo Camp** (4850m), arriving for lunch by mid-afternoon. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent before a very early night. [6-8 hours walking]

Day 6

We will start our ascent by torchlight at about 1 a.m. so that we can be up on the Crater rim by sunrise. The steep climb over loose volcanic scree has some well-graded zigzag and a slow but steady pace will take us to Stella Point (5,735 m.), in about five or six hours. We will rest there for a short time to enjoy the sunrise over Mawenzi. Those who are still feeling strong can make the two hour round trip from here along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,896 m.), passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that still occupy most of the summit area. The descent to Barafu is surprisingly fast, and after some refreshment, we continue to descend to reach our final campsite (3,800 m.) at the edge of Mweka Forest. **Mweka Camp** [11- 15 hours walking]

Day 7

A sustained descent through lovely forest with lush undergrowth takes us to the National Park gate at Mweka (1,650 in.) [4-6 hours walking] lunch is served at the Gate and thereafter you will be transferred to Moshi/Arusha – End of Service



Lemosho Route

Day 1

Meet your guide at the lodge, briefing and thereafter depart to Londorrosi Gate at West Kilimanjaro, after completing the necessary registration formalities at Lemosho National Park gate, it is an easy day of walking from the Lemosho road head up a small path through beautiful and lush forest. We have our lunch in the glades before continuing to Lemosho Forest camp (2,650 in.). This area is home to a variety of game including buffalo, and so we are accompanied by an armed park ranger. [2-3 hours walking]

Day 2

We soon leave the forest behind and enter the moorland zone of giant heather. The trail climbs steadily with wide views to reach the rim of the Shira Plateau. There is a tangible sense of wilderness, especially when the afternoon mists come in! We might walk to the summit of Shira Cathedral, a huge buttress of rock flanked by steep pinnacles, before reaching the next camp near Shira Cave (3,720 in.). This campsite has some of the most stunning views on Kilimanjaro, close to the glaciated dome of Kibo and the jagged rim of Shira Plateau. The views from here of Mt. Meru floating on the clouds are simply unforgettable. [6 - 8 hours walking] Shira Camp

Day 3

A morning of gentle ascent and panoramic views, leaving the moorland plateau behind to walk on lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. After lunch near the Lava Tower junction (4,500 in.) we descend to the bottom of the Great Barranco valley (3,940 in.), sheltered by towering cliffs and with extensive views of the plains far below. [5-7 hours walking] Barranco Camp

Day 4

A steep climb up the Barranco Wall leads us to an undulating trail on the southeastern flank of Kibo, with superb vistas of the Southern Ice fields. Lunch is usually taken at Karanga, the last water point, in a steep valley. Karanga Camp [3 - 5 hours walking]

Day 5

The terrain changes to scree and we climb steeply to reach the Barafu campsite (4,600 in.) by mid-day. Later trek up to the high camp **Kosovo** 4850m, the remainder of the day is

spent resting in preparation for the final ascent before a very early night. There are often spectacular views to the plains far below from Barafu. [3 - 5 hours walking] Kosovo Camp.

Day 6

We will start our ascent by torchlight at about 1 a.m. so that we can be up on the Crater rim by sunrise. The steep climb over loose volcanic scree has some well-graded zig-zags and a slow but steady pace will take us to Stella Point (5,735 in.), in about five or six hours. We will rest there for a short time to enjoy the sunrise over Mawenzi. Those who are still feeling strong can make the two hour round trip from here along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,896 in.), passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that still occupy most of the summit area. The descent to Kosovo is surprisingly fast, and after some refreshment, we continue to descend to reach our final campsite (3,950 in.) at the edge of MilliniumCamp. [11- 15 hours walking]

Day 7

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Net Cost:

Route		1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 -6 persons	7-9 persons	10-12 persons
Lemosho 7	With transport	\$4376	\$3355	\$2897	\$2740	\$2545	\$2484
Machame 7	With transport	\$4226	\$2941	\$2838	\$2671	\$2500	\$2447

**** Clients who prefer a crater overnight will need to let us know well in advance as TANAPA (Tanzania National Park) will require their details before commencing of the climb!***

**** The western breach route requires each climber to fill in a form which will be provided by us here in the office as well as the gate, due to the risks involved.***

**** All our Western & Eastern camping routes do overnight at KOSOVO Camp (Lemosho, Shira, Machame, Umbwe)***

Christmas Supplements (24th Dec 2026 to 1st Jan 2027): US\$40 per person per night

Cost Includes:

- All Kilimanjaro National Park Fees
- Crew fees
- Rescue fees
- Camping equipment's (tents, sleeping mats)
- Private Portable Toilets & tent (On all camping routes)
- All guides (WFR qualified) and porters
- All food on the mountain with services of dedicated cook,
- Transfers to/from the starting point on the Mountain
- All safety equipment (including oxygen)
- Water proof kit bags to carry clients duffle bags
- Water Filters
- All Camp/hut fees
- Solar Lights
- All communication techniques (Radio Call/mobile phones)
- Hot lunch on the first/last day

Cost Excludes:

- Accommodation before and after the climb
- Transfers to/from Kilimanjaro Airport
- International Air fares
- Items of a Personal Nature
- Gratuities

- Travel Insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Departure taxes and any other applicable airport taxes
- Visa for Tanzania
- Personal health insurance
- Bottled mineral water on the mountain (boiled spring water can be provided)
- All other expenses resulting from early descend before the completion of the climb

Pre & Post Climb accommodation

Please note that we can arrange pre and post climb accommodation in Arusha or Moshi at varying standards and we can arrange transfers to and from Kilimanjaro International Airport. Please contact us should you want these arrangements included.

General Price conditions for 2026

- Prices assume a 20% non-refundable payment upon confirmation of the trip and the remaining balance be paid 60 days before the trip commences.
- Prices assume no changes in current Park fees and in Park regulations; If any unexpected changes in park or camps fee there will be a surcharge.
- For groups between 13 and 16 pax, there must be a “social leader” in the group, who will be the main point for communication between the guides and the group.
- For groups above 16 pax, please ask for prices. Also please note that we only operate groups of this size if they are accompanied by a tour leader for social and mountain security reasons.
- RATES: All prices shown are NETT, in US\$ as stated.
- LANGUAGE: Unless otherwise stated the language on the tours is English, but we can operate guaranteed departures with German speaking guides and on request we have multi-lingual guides available.
- LUGGAGE: For your own comfort, please limit your luggage on the tours to 15kg (duffle bags). On our trips it is advisable to keep your clothes in dust-proof soft bags. Binoculars and a zoom lens, a torch and a water bottle

Cancellation conditions for Mountain climb service costs and Park Fees

- On booking a climb a 20% non-refundable deposit is required if booked within 6 months of the climb starting in order to secure the space in the huts (Marangu Route)
- Once a confirmed booking is cancelled, the deposit payment is automatically forfeited.
- 50% of climb service costs are levied for cancellations received between 15 and 8 days before start of the climb
- Full payment of climb services is required for bookings cancelled less than 7 days before commencement of the climb.

EXTRAS ON THE MOUNTAIN

If client luggage exceeds 15 kg on Kilimanjaro & Mt. Meru, and an extra porter is necessary, this will be surcharged at the rates below. **(Only if the client's luggage exceed the required kilograms for the porter) Extra porters** for carrying **client daypacks** or as a **personal porter** can be arranged before the trip starts at the same rates.

➤ Rongai 5, Marangu 5	\$100
➤ Rongai 6, Marangu 6, Shira 6,	\$120
➤ Shira 7, Machame 7, Lemosho	\$140
➤ Lemosho 8 and Shira 8	\$160
➤ Meru 4	\$80

Mineral Water: If clients want to have mineral water (3 litres per day) carried for them during the whole climb this will be surcharged at the rates below. (The below rates are per person)

- *Only if the client will request to have still water instead of our normal boiled/purified water provided each day at the camp.*

➤ Rongai 5, Marangu 5	\$135
➤ Rongai 6, Marangu 6, Shira 6,	\$160
➤ Shira 7, Machame 7, Lemosho	\$185
➤ Lemosho 8 and Shira 8	\$270

We have a small store of equipment of international standard for rent.

Duvet (down) Jackets	\$20 per climb
Sleeping Bags	\$35 per climb
Foam Sleeping Mats	\$20 per climb
Safari-style Mattresses	\$40 per day
Rain Trousers (Goretex)	\$35 per climb
Rain Jackets (Goretex)	\$40 per climb
Trekking Poles (pair)	\$25 per climb

Equipment can be hired before the trip, and invoiced with the trip; or the client can hire it directly on arrival, depending on availability. All hired equipment must be paid in full before the climb commences.

INFORMATION ON GRATUITIES

Many travelers view tipping as a difficult subject, though this need not be the case. The first thing to remember is that tipping is not compulsory, nor are there any fixed amounts. The bottom line in determining whether to and how much to tip is to ask yourself how much the individual did to make your travels more enjoyable. It is with this in mind that we offer the following information.

On a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, many travelers choose to tip their guides and porters. PLEASE NOTE that your gratuity should be presented at the end of the climb and should be addressed on all party concerned i.e porters & guides, which will distribute it amongst those who have assisted you during the climb.

The following amounts are suggested as a tipping guideline and these will vary depending on the number of climbers in your group (the amount is per climber):

- 1 person between US\$550 and US\$650
- 2 to 4 people..... between US\$350 and US\$450
- 5 to 7 people between US\$250 and US\$300
- 8 or more people between US\$200 and US\$180