



6 Day Kilimanjaro Machame Route Climbing - Group Join

Free cancellation up to 30 day(s) prior departure, after which the tour cancellation policy applies.

- **Activities:**
 - Backpacking
 - Camping and Stargazing
 - Cultural Walking
 - Eco Tourism
 - Expedition
 - Honeymoon
 - National Parks & Wildlife Sanctuaries
 - Nature
 - Photography
 - Safari
 - Trekking and Hiking
 - Unique Adventure
 - Volunteer and Educational
 - Wildlife Safaris
 - Tanzania Safaris
- **Travel Style:** Budget
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
- **Activities:**
 - English
- **Tour Vibe:** Active
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
- **Recommended For:**
 - Couple
 - Family/Kids
 - For Art Lovers
 - LGBTQ

- Senior
- Solo
- Women
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Youth
- **Country:**
 - Tanzania
- **Routes:**
 - Kilimanjaro
- **Pickup:** Arusha City Center;

From: 8:00 AM

To: 8:00 AM

- **Drop-off:** Arusha City Center;

From: 7:00 AM

To: 8:00 AM

- **Age Range:** 12 - 100 (Years Old)
- **Tour Highlights:**

Budget camping This is a budget camping tour

Shared tour On this shared tour, you will join a group of other travelers. Max 10 people per group.

Suitable for single travelers Single travelers can join this group tour.

Can start any day If availability permits, this tour can start on any day.

Minimum age of 10 years The minimum age for this tour is 10

Activities Getting around: minivan & hiking/walking

Transportation A transfer from and back to the airport can be arranged for an extra cost

- **Tour Introduction:**

The Machame route, also known as the "Whiskey" route, is the most popular route on Kilimanjaro. Machame's draw is in its scenic beauty. Upon arriving at Kilimanjaro International Airport you will be meeting with our representative. After greetings you will be transferred to Arusha/Moshi town to a designated accommodation for hot shower and overnight.

- **Itinerary:**

◦ **Day 1: Transfer from Moshi town to Machame Gate (1490m) - Machame camp (2980m)**

Hiking time: 7 hours. Distance: About 18 km's. Habitat: Montane forest. Elevation change: + 1490 m After breakfast around 9:00 am drive to Machame gate which takes about 40 to 45 minutes. With your picnic lunch climbers will do registering at the gate office, thereafter you start your ascent and enter the rain forest almost immediately. There is a strong possibility of rain in the forest, which will transform the trail into a very soggy, muddy and slippery experience. You will have a welcome lunch stop about half way and will reach the Machame camping area in the late afternoon. Tents and other belonging will be take care by porters and climbing Mount Kilimanjaro guide. Most of the time porters and cook happens to reach to the camping site before you for preparation of meals as well as erection of tents for your accommodation. Sometime weather condition in the night temperatures can already drop to freezing point at Machame campsite.

◦ **Day 2: Machame camp (2980m) - Shira campsite (3840m)**

Hiking time: 6 hours Distance: About 9 km's. Habitat: Moorland. Elevation change: + 860 m Early in the morning after breakfast, the day is spent to reach Shira campsite (3840 m) with our picnic lunch. The night at this bare camp will even be colder than the previous night, with temperatures dropping to well below freezing. The trail take us for an hour or so to the top of the forest and then for about two hours at a gentler gradient through the moorland zone. After a picnic lunch and rest, you continue up a rocky ridge onto the Shira plateau. Hiking to this point you will be able to see in an easterly direction, the Western Breach with its spectacular glaciers. You are now due west of Kibo and after a short hike you will reach the Shira campsite.

◦ **Day 3: Shira (3840m) - Lava Tower (4630m) - Barranco camp (3950 m)**

Hiking time: 6 hours Distance: About 15 km's Habitat: Semi desert. The route now turns east into a semi desert and rocky landscape surrounding Lava Tower, where you reach an altitude of 4630m after about a four hours walk. Lunch is served in a designated area before ascending the rocky scree path to Lava Tower (4630m). Definitely, the toughest day so far. It is normally around this point, where for the first time, some climbers will start to feel symptoms of breathlessness, irritability and headaches. After lunch you descent again by almost 680m to the Barranco camping area and after reaching the high altitude of 4600m at Lava Tower, the true acclimatization benefit of this day becomes clear. This descent to Barranco camp takes about two hours and offers great opportunities to take some beautiful photographs of the Western Breach and Breach Wall. The camp is situated in a valley below the Breach and Great Barranco Wall, which should provide you with a memorable sunset.

◦ **Day 4: Barranco Hut (3950 m) to Karanga Valley Camp (4200 m) to Barafu camp (4600 m)**

•Elevation (ft): 13,000ft to 15,000ft •Distance: 9km •Hiking Time: 8-10 hours
 •Habitat: Alpine Desert. After breakfast, we leave Barranco and continue on a steep ridge passing the Barranco Wall, to the Karanga Valley campsite. Then, we leave Karanga and hit the junction which connects with the Mweka Trail. We continue up to the Barafu Hut.

At this point, you have completed the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we make camp, rest, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the summit day. The two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo are to be seen from this position.

◦ Day 5: **Barafu Camp to Summit to Mweka camp**

Very early in the morning (midnight to 2am), we continue our way to the summit between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers. You head in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. At Stella Point (18,600 ft), 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 may encounter snow all the way on your 1-hour ascent to the summit. At Uhuru Peak, you have reached the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa. Faster hikers will see the sunrise from the summit. From the summit, we now make our descent continuing straight down to the Mweka Hut camp site. Mweka Camp is situated in the upper forest and mist or rain can be expected in the late afternoon. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep.

◦ Day 6: **Mweka camp (3100m) - Mweka Gate (1980m)**

Hiking time: 4 hours. Distance: About 15 km's Habitat: Forest Elevation change: - 1120 m After an early and well-deserved breakfast, it is a short 3-hour and scenic hike back to the Park gate. At Mweka gate you sign your name and details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. Those climbers who reached Stella Point (5685m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak (5895m) receive gold certificates. From the Mweka Gate you will continue down into the Mweka village, normally a muddy 3 km (1 hour) hike. At the Mweka Gate, meet Mount Kilimanjaro National Park Officials gives you the Certificate of Achievement. After sign out to the park gate you will be transferred to a your hotel in Arusha/Moshi for hot shower probably dinner and overnight. End of the Tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Location	Nights	Type	Property Name	Rating	Occupancy
Kilimanjaro	5	Camping	Public Campsite	Select One	Select One

• **Pickup & Drop-Off**

• **Guide**

• **Meals**

- Halal
- Meat

- Vegan
- Vegetarian
- **Transport**
 - Private Vehicle

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Flights
- Insurance
- Transport
- **Other Excluded:**

Covid Safety

- Face masks required for travelers in public areas
- Face masks required for guides in public areas
- Face masks provided for travelers
- Hand sanitizer available to travelers and staff
- Social distancing enforced throughout experience
- Regularly sanitized high-traffic areas
- Gear/equipment sanitized between use
- Transportation vehicles regularly sanitized
- Guides required to regularly wash hands
- Regular temperature checks for staff
- Temperature checks for travelers upon arrival
- Paid stay-at-home policy for staff with symptoms

Tour Cancellation Policy

Free cancellation up to 30 day(s) prior departure, Or traveler will pay 100 % of the tour amount
the Tour is guaranteed 100%

Good To Know

FAQs