



7 Days Climb Kilimanjaro via Machame route

Free cancellation up to 5 day(s) prior departure, after which the tour cancellation policy applies.

- **Activities:**
 - Trekking and Hiking
- **Travel Style:** Budget
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
- **Activities:**
 - English
 - Spanish
 - French
- **Tour Vibe:** Active
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
- **Recommended For:**
 - Couple
 - Family/Kids
 - Senior
 - Solo
 - Women
- **Country:**
 - Africa
 - Tanzania
- **Routes:**
 - Machame Route
- **Pickup:** Kilimanjaro International Airport;

From: 12:00 AM

To: 12:00 AM

- **Drop-off:** Kilimanjaro International Airport;

From:12:00 AM

To:12:00 AM

- **Age Range:** 9 - 80 (Years Old)
- **Tour Highlights:**

Extra day for acclimatisation

High summit success rates (over 90%)

High guide to client ratio

Open and private treks available

- **Tour Introduction:**

Because it has a great success rate and is really attractive the Machame route is undoubtedly the busiest on the mountain. Over 7 days, you have a fantastic journey and a great chance of summiting successfully.

The climb begins at Machame Gate, at an altitude of 1800 metres, with an approach to the south west of the mountain. It passes through majestic rainforest on the first day, before continuing up the mountain to reach Shira Camp, where the Lemosho route joins from the west. From here you traverse the southern side of the mountain to Barranco via Lava Tower, and climb the Great Barranco Wall on your way to Barafu Camp. After reaching the summit, you will descend by the Mweka trail, rather than retracing your steps along the ascent route.

The Machame route is nicknamed the 'Whiskey Route' as it is considered more difficult than the 'Coca Cola Route', the nickname for the Marangu route. In reality, it is not more technically difficult, but is longer and in places steeper. The longer distance and the opportunity to 'walk high, sleep low' offer much better acclimatisation and as a result a very high success rate.

The Machame route is a good seven day hike for those who have not trekked much at high altitudes, with an effective extra day's acclimatisation, giving a better success rate. Experienced and already acclimatised mountaineers may opt for the more difficult 6 day ascent along the Machame route.

- **Itinerary:**

- Day 1: **FROM MACHAME GATE TO MACHAME CAMP**

Transfer from your hotel to Machame Gate for registration. Our porters prepare and pack our supplies and luggage before we start our ascent along the forest trail to Machame Camp at 3000m. We will stay here overnight. Transport: Private transfer (0.8 hour, 30 km) Hiking time: 6 - 7 hours Ascent: 1200 m Max. altitude: 3000 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

- Day 2: **MACHAME CAMP TO SHIRA CAMP**

After breakfast we start walking, leaving the rainforest behind, and continue our ascent, crossing a small valley and up to a steep rocky ridge, covered with heather. Our route now turns west into a river gorge until we reach Shira Camp. It will be colder tonight than the previous night with temperatures possibly falling below freezing. Hiking time: 5 - 6 hours Ascent: 850 m Max. altitude: 3850 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

- Day 3: **SHIRA CAMP TO BARRANCO CAMP VIA LAVA TOWER**

Today we will climb up to 4600m to the base of the Lava Tower for lunch and acclimatization. This will be our toughest day so far and you may, for the first time, feel the altitude. After lunch we will descend again by almost 650m to Barranco Camp, following the 'walk high, sleep low' golden rule of acclimatization. Our descent to Barranco Camp takes about 2 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. Hiking time: 6 - 7 hours Ascent: 750 m Descent: 650 m Max. altitude: 4600 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

- Day 4: **FROM BARRANCO CAMP TO KARANGA CAMP**

A short, but fun, day starting with a scramble to the top of the Great Barranco Wall. We then traverse over scree to the Karanga Valley (3930m) beneath the icefalls of the Heim, Kersten and Decken Glaciers. We will stay overnight at Karanga campsite. Hiking time: 4 hours Ascent: 260 m Descent: 280 m Max. altitude: 4210 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

- Day 5: **FROM KARANGA CAMP TO BARAFU HUT**

We leave Karanga campsite behind to meet the junction connecting with the Mweka descent trail. From here we continue up to Barafu Camp. You have now completed the Southern Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. At camp, we can rest, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the summit day. The two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo are to be clearly seen from this position. Hiking time: 3 - 4 hours Ascent: 670 m Max. altitude: 4600 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

- Day 6: **BARAFU CAMP TO SUMMIT TO MWEKA CAMP**

You will be woken around 23:30 with tea and biscuits. We start our trek to the summit between the Rebman and Ratzel glaciers through heavy scree up to Stella Point on the crater rim. This is the most mentally and physically challenging part of the trek. At Stella Point (5732m), we will stop for a short rest and hopefully be in time to witness the magnificent sunrise (weather permitting). We are now only an hour away from the summit, Uhuru Peak (5895m), the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa. From the summit, we descend down to Mweka camp site, via Barafu for lunch. Trekking poles will be needed for the loose scree going down to Mweka Camp (3100m). Later in the evening, we will enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep. Hiking time: 14 - 16 hours Ascent: 1295 m Descent: 2795 m Max. altitude: 5895 m

Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

◦ Day 7: **MWEKA CAMP TO MWEKA GATE**

Your final day on the trek, departing after breakfast we descend a further 1300m to the Mweka Park Gate to pick up your summit certificates from the Park Headquarters.

Transfer to your hotel. Transport: Private transfer (0.5 hour, 17 km) Hiking time: 3 - 4 hours Descent: 1300 m Max. altitude: 3100 m Accommodation: Hotel Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Location	Nights	Type	Property Name	Rating	Occupancy
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• **Pickup & Drop-Off**

- Airport Transfer
- Pick-up and drop-off at Kilimanjaro International Airport;
- Transfer to the trailhead - entry gate to Kilimanjaro National Park;
- Pick-up at the exit from Kilimanjaro National Park and transfer to the hotel;

• **Guide**

- Professional guides, licensed by Kilimanjaro National Park. All our guides are well-equipped to handle medical emergencies as they have undergone various High-Altitude Medical Emergency Training to save the lives of climbers who fall sick on the mountain.
- Dedicated support crew (assistant guides, camp master, porters, cooks, etc.).

• **Meals**

- Halal
- Jain
- Kosher
- Meat
- Vegan
- Vegetarian
- Breakfast in the hotel before and after the trek.
- All meals on the trek. Our Kilimanjaro diet includes energy-rich and highly nutritious meals prepared by our professional high-altitude cooks. In our menu you will find different soups, garnishes, several types of fish and meat, fresh fruit and vegetables; vegetarian/gluten-free/halal options are available at no extra cost.

• **Transport**

- Shuttle

- Pick-up and drop-off at Kilimanjaro International Airport;
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WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Flights
- Insurance
- Transport
- **Other Excluded:**
 - Tanzania Visa: \$50 per person on arrival
 - The Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, telephone, beverages, etc.)
 - Travel insurance
 - Tips and any items of personal nature.
 - Mountain equipment
 - Sleeping Mattress:

What to Bring for Machame Route

- Clothes.
- A warm sweater as the nights can be chilly at high altitudes.
- Comfortable shoes
- Pillow
- Towel
- Toilet paper

Our vehicle will be waiting for you at Mweka gate to drive you back to your Moshi

Covid Safety

Negative certificate for Covid is require. Always be sanitizing yourself

Tour Cancellation Policy

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Good To Know

FAQs