



8 Days Lemosho Route Mount Kilimanjaro Trekking

Free cancellation up to 7 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
 - For Art Lovers
 - LGBTQ
 - Senior
 - Solo
 - Women
 - Youth
- **Country:**
 - Africa
 - Tanzania
- **Routes:**
 - Lemosho 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 rate (over 90%)
- High guide to client ratio

- **Tour Introduction:**

The Lemosho Route avoids the crowds on the early part of the Machame route and over 8 days, you have a fantastic journey and a great chance of summiting successfully.

The climb begins at Londorossi Gate, at an altitude of 2360 metres, with an approach far to the west of the mountain. It passes through majestic rainforest where some of the region's most unique wildlife can often be seen. The route continues up to the mountain's third summit at Shira Ridge. From there you will cross the famed Shira plateau and see the awe inspiring Shira Cathedral before reaching Shira camp on the main Machame route on day three. This allows a few days of quiet climbing overlooking some amazing terrain before taking the more heavily travelled route to the summit. After reaching the summit, you will descend by the Mweka trail, rather than retracing your steps along the ascent route.

The Lemosho Route is a good eight 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 7 day ascent along the Lemosho route.

- **Itinerary:**

- Day 1: **LONDOROSI GATE TO MTI MKUBWA CAMP**

4WD transfer to Londorossi Park Gate for registration. Our porters prepare and pack our supplies and luggage before we start our ascent along the forest trail to Mti Mkubwa (Big Tree) campsite at 2895m. We will stay here overnight. Transport: 1.7 hours, 80 km
Hiking time: 3 - 4 hours Ascent: 535 m Max. altitude: 2895 m Accommodation: Camping
Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

- Day 2: **MTI MKUBWA CAMP TO SHIRA 1 CAMP**

Our journey continues eastwards across the Shira Plateau with spectacular views of Shira Cathedral. We cross moorland meadow to reach Shira 1 Camp for dinner and overnight camping at 3500m. By now we will be able to see the stunning glaciers of the Western Breach. It will be colder tonight than the previous night with temperatures possibly falling below freezing. Hiking time: 5 - 6 hours Ascent: 605 m Max. altitude: 3500 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

- Day 3: **SHIRA 1 CAMP TO MOIR HUT**

We leave the forest behind now and the trail gets steeper as it enters the moorland zone. A gentle grade walk takes you across the high altitude Shira Caldera to Moir Hut with fabulous views of Arrow glacier. We will camp here for the night at 4200m. Hiking time: 6 - 7 hours Ascent: 700 m Max. altitude: 4200 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

◦ Day 4: **MOIR HUT TO BARRANCO CAMP VIA LAVA TOWER**

Today we will climb up to 4600m to the base of 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: 400 m Descent: 650 m Max. altitude: 4600 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

◦ Day 5: **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 6: **KARANGA CAMP TO BARAFU CAMP**

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 7: **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: 13 - 16 hours Ascent: 1295 m Descent: 2795 m Max. altitude: 5895 m Accommodation: Camping Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

◦ Day 8: **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: 0.6 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**

- 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 the holder of Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness First Aid certifications. All our guides have 7+years of successful mountaineering experience;
- Dedicated support crew (assistant guides, camp master, porters, cooks, etc.).

• **Meals**

- Halal
- Kosher
- Meat
- Vegan
- Vegetarian
- Breakfast in the hotel before and after the hike;
- All meals on the hike. Our Kilimanjaro diet includes energy-rich and highly nutritious meals prepared by our professional high-altitude cooks. A typical diet on Kilimanjaro includes different soups, garnishes, several types of fish and meat, fresh fruit and vegetables; vegetarian/gluten-free/halal options are available at no extra cost;
- All drinks on the hike (coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water).

• **Transport**

- Shuttle
- Pick-up and drop-off at Kilimanjaro International Airport;
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• **Extra Services**

- A refreshing Day trip after a trek

- Portable Toilet
- Extra hotel night in Moshi, check-in 2 PM, check out 10 AM,
- Zanzibar Island Visit & Tours
- Safari

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

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

- Visas, Flights and airport taxes
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities
- Health requirements (Yellow Fever vaccination is compulsory if travelling to Tanzania)
- Highly recommended travel and medical insurance.
- Personal hiking/trekking gear (you may opt to rent the gears from equipment stores in Moshi)
- Optional but highly recommended Portable toilet
- Personal medicine and water purifying tablets
- Meals & drinks not specified and snacks

Covid Safety

- ~~Regular temperature and COVID-19 testing~~

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Good To Know

FAQs