



Climb Kilimanjaro via Machame Route

Free cancellation up to 3 day(s) prior departure, after which the tour cancellation policy applies.

- **Activities:**
 - Mountaineering
 - Nature
 - Trekking and Hiking
- **Travel Style:** Premium
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
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 - 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:**
 - Africa
 - Tanzania
- **Routes:**
 - Machame Gate - Mount Kilimanjaro

- Machame Camp
- Shira Camp
- Barranco Camp
- Barafu Camp
- Mweka Camp
- **Pickup:** Kilimanjaro Airport or at your hotel;

From: 7:09 AM

To: 7:09 AM

- **Drop-off:** Kilimanjaro Airport or at your hotel;

From: 12:00 PM

To: 5:00 PM

- **Age Range:** 10 - 100 (Years Old)
- **Tour Highlights:**

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- **Tour Introduction:**

The Machame route is considered relatively tough. Depending on your level of fitness, you will be trekking for 6-7 hours nearly every day, at increasingly higher altitude. For the summit ascent, you will need to be prepared for a whopping 12-15 hours on your feet! Climbing up for 6-8 hours and descending back down for 6-7 hours. Arriving in great physical condition and with a tough mental "Ndaga tours" attitude will be your key to success! Novice climbers are sometimes nervous about how they will cope with the Great Barranco Wall, but this is just a short scramble that is really not that tricky - you will be helped by your guide every step of the way. One stride around a rock outcrop is the most precarious part you will experience. Thousands of climbers safely travel this route each year, let alone the Kilimanjaro porters carrying heavy loads.

- **Itinerary:**

- **Day 1: Machame Gate (1,640 meters) to Machame Camp (2,835 meters)**

Distance: ~11km / 7 miles Trekking time: 5-7 hours Zone: Rainforest The first day trekking begins at Machame Gate (1,640 meters). Typically you will drive from the town of Moshi to the Machame gate, which takes approximately an hour. At the Gate you will meet your trekking crew – your guide, porters and cook. You, your guide and climbing team will in the meantime begin the ascent through the stunning rainforest that covers the South-West of the mountain. You will have picnic lunch on the way. The first day trek on the Machame Route is a long one (~11km / 7miles) and takes approximately 5-7 hours to

complete. The day's trekking ends at Machame Camp (2,835 meters) which sits near the border of the rainforest zone and the low alpine zone. By the time you arrive your porters will have already setup your camp and tents, and dinner will be served.

- **Day 2: Machame Camp (2,835 meters) to Shira Camp 2 (3,850 meters)**
 Distance: ~5km / 3 miles Trekking time: 4-6 hours Zone: Rainforest / Low Alpine Zone
 After breakfast you will pack your gear and prepare for the trek from Machame Camp to Shira Camp 2 (3,850 meters). The trek is relatively steep as you enter the low alpine zone which is characterised by moorlands and grasslands. Shira Camp 2 sits on a plateau which provides you with the first views of Kibo in the North-West and Mount Meru in the East. Day two takes approximately 4-6 hours and covers a distance of 5km / 3miles.
- **Day 3: Shira Camp 2 (3,850 meters) to Lava Tower (4,600 meters) and then Barranco Camp (3,900 meters)**
 Distance: ~11km / 7 miles Trekking time: 5-7 hours Trekking time: 5-7 hours Low alpine zone / High alpine zone After breakfast trek East off the Shira Plateau through the 'Garden of the Senecios', up to Lava Tower and the Shark's Tooth rock formation at 4,600 meters and then back down via the Southern Circuit to Barranco Camp (3,900 meters). The route is approximately 11km / 7 miles in length and takes 5-7 hours to complete. Although you end the day at a very similar elevation to when you started from Shira Camp, it is arguably one of the most important days on your trek as it gives you a chance to climb high and sleep low which is important for proper acclimatisation.
- **Day 4: Barranco Camp (3,900 meters) to Karanga Camp (3,960 meters) (and then Barafu Camp – 4,680 meters)**
 Distance: ~9.5km / 6 miles Trekking time: 8-10 hours Zone: High alpine zone After breakfast our days will begins with a steep traverse up the Barranco Wall; a 257 meter rock face that requires basic scrambling skills to the top of the Karanga Valley. The path then follows a series of inclines and declines to Karanga Camp (3,960 meters). If you are on a six day trek you will stop for lunch at Karanga Camp and then continue on along the Southern Circuit until it joins the Mweka Trail up to Barafu Camp (4,680 meters). For six day trekkers, day 4 takes approximately 8-10 hours to complete and covers 9.5km / 6 miles. When you arrive at Barafu around mid-afternoon you will be served an early dinner and encouraged to get some shut-eye as the summit trek commences around 24:00 that night. Note: Trekkers on the seven day route spend the night at Karanga Camp before continuing on to Barafu. This additional day is beneficial in terms of acclimatisation.
- **Day 5: Barafu Camp (4,680 meters) to Uhuru Peak (5,895 meters) and then Mweka Camp (3,100 meters)**
 Distance: ~4.5km / 3 miles ascent and then 11km / 7 mile descent Trekking time: 6-8 hours to the summit and then 5-8 hours to Mweka Zone: Glacial zone and the all preceding zones You will be awoken around 23:30 with hot tea and biscuits. Hopefully you have managed to get a few hours' sleep; don't worry if you haven't as most people struggle to sleep before summit night. Do however make sure that all your kit, including warm clothes, headlamp, insulated water reserves and snacks are ready for a sharp departure at 24:00. The trek up Kibo is steep and slow. The trick is to keep your

momentum moving forward, one step at a time. It takes about 6-8 hours to reach the top of the crater rim where you will see the sign for Stella Point (5,739 meters). You still have another 156 meters of altitude to walk around the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,895 meters). After reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro, a 4.5km / 3 mile ascent, you still have an 11km / 7 mile descent to Mweka Camp (3,100 meters)! Mweka is situated in the upper part of the rainforest zone. The richness of oxygen and moisture in the air will be a very welcome surprise.

◦ Day 6: **Mweka Camp (3,100 meters) to Mweka Gate (1,640 meters)**

Distance: ~9km / 5.5 miles Trekking time: 3-5 hours Zone: Rainforest In the morning after breakfast you will be trekking down to Mweka gate. The trek is a pleasant one through the lower rain-forested slopes and down to Mweka Gate (1,640 meters). Although you cover 9km / 5.5 miles, the trek only takes 3-4 hours. Assuming you successfully reach Stella Point or Uhuru Peak you will be presented with official certificates – a green certificate for the former and a gold certificate for the latter. It is customary to tip your trekking crew before being transported back to your hotel in Moshi.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Location	Nights	Type	Property Name	Rating	Occupancy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickup & Drop-Off • Guide • Meals • Transport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Private Vehicle 					

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Flights
- Insurance
- Transport
- Other Excluded:
 - Flights
 - Tips to mountain crew
 - Items of a personal nature
 - Laundry Services
 - A doctor for the group
 - Portable flush toilet with a toilet tent is extra (US\$100 per toilet + toilet tent)

Covid Safety

Those steps recommended by WHO we are taken to prevent our clients out from COVID 19 transmission.

Tour Cancellation Policy

Free cancellation up to 3 day(s) prior departure, Or traveler will pay 20 % of the tour amount

Good To Know

FAQs