



## Kilimanjaro - Machame Route 6 Days 5 Nights

Free cancellation up to 7 day(s) prior departure, after which the tour cancellation policy applies.

- **Activities:**
  - Backpacking
  - Camping and Stargazing
  - Mountaineering
  - National Parks & Wildlife Sanctuaries
  - Trekking and Hiking
  - UNESCO
- **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
  - Youth
- **Country:**
  - Africa
  - Tanzania
- **Routes:**
  - Mount Kilimanjaro

- **Pickup:** Airport and Hotel ;

From:8:00 AM

To:8:00 AM

- **Drop-off:** Airport and Hotel ;

From:11:00 AM

To:1:00 PM

- **Age Range:** 16 - 65 (Years Old)

- **Tour Highlights:**

- Kilimanjaro climb
- Nature hiking
- Camping
- Uhuru Peak

- **Tour Introduction:**

Machame Route now vies with – and indeed over the last few years has overtaken – the Marangu Route as the most popular trail. Machame is also regarded by many guides as the most enjoyable, though it is longer and, according to most, more arduous. Despite this, the success rate on the Machame Route is higher than on the Marangu Route, possibly because the Machame is a day longer at six days and five nights (assuming you take the Barafu Route to the summit) which gives trekkers more time to acclimatize. An extra acclimatization day can – and usually is – taken in the Karanga Valley. The Machame Route also gives you the option of taking the Western Breach / Arrow Glacier Route to the summit.

- **Itinerary:**

- **Day 1: Moshi to Machame Gate**

The drive from Moshi to the Mount Kilimanjaro National Park Gate takes about 50 minutes. The journey passes through the village of Machame which is located on the lower slopes of the mountain. We now leave the park gate and walk through the rain forest on a winding trail up a ridge. Lower down, the trail can be muddy and slippery. Gaiters and trekking poles are a good idea here. We continue a short distance until we reach the Machame Camp. •Machame Gate to Machame Camp •Elevation (ft): 5,400ft to 9,400ft •Distance: 11 km •Hiking Time: 5-7 hours •Habitat: Rain Forest

- **Day 2: Machame Camp to Shira Camp;**

After breakfast, we leave the glades of the rain forest and continue on an ascending path, crossing the little valley walking along a steep rocky ridge, covered with heather, until the ridge ends. The route now turns west onto a river gorge. Time for rest, dinner, and overnight at the Shira campsite. Machame Camp to Shira Camp; •Elevation (ft): 9,400ft to 12,500ft •Distance: 5 km •Hiking Time: 4-6 hours •Habitat: Moorland

- **Day 3: Shira Camp to Lava Tower to Barranco Camp;**

From the Shira Plateau, we continue to the east up a ridge, passing the junction towards

the peak of Kibo. As we continue, our direction changes to the South East towards the Lava Tower, called the "Shark's Tooth." Shortly after the tower, we come to the second junction which brings us up to the Arrow Glacier at an altitude of 16,000ft. We now continue down to the Barranco Hut at an altitude of 13,000ft. Here we rest, enjoy dinner, and overnight. Although you end the day at the same elevation as when you started, this day is very important for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit day. Shira Camp to Lava Tower to Barranco Camp; •Elevation (ft): 12,500ft to 13,000ft •Distance: 10km •Hiking Time: 6-8 hours •Habitat: Semi Desert

◦ Day 4: **Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp;**

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. Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp; •Elevation (ft): 13,000ft to 15,000ft •Distance: 9km •Hiking Time: 8-10 hours •Habitat: Alpine Desert

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

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, stopping at Barafu for lunch. You will want gaiters and trekking poles for the loose gravel going down. 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. Barafu Camp to Summit to Mweka Hut •Elevation (ft): 15,300ft to 19,345ft (and down to 10,000ft) •Distance: 5 km ascent / 12 km descent •Hiking Time: 7-8 hours ascent / 4-6 hours descent •Habitat: Arctic

◦ Day 6: **Mweka Camp to Moshi;**

After breakfast, we continue the descent down to the Mweka Park Gate to receive your summit certificates. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. Gaiters and trekking poles will help. Shorts and t-shirts will probably be plenty to wear (keep rain gear and warmer clothing handy). From the gate, you continue another hour to Mweka Village. A vehicle will meet you at Mweka village to drive you back to hotel in Moshi. Mweka Camp to Moshi; •Elevation (ft): 10,000ft to 5,400ft •Distance: 10 km •Hiking Time: 3-4 hours •Habitat: Rain Fores

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Location	Nights	Type	Property Name	Rating	Occupancy
Moshi	2	Hostel	The Better Inn	Unrated	Private

- **Pickup & Drop-Off**

- Airport Transfer
- Hotel

Airport transfer 2 ways Complimentary

- **Guide**

English speaking guide

- **Meals**

- Halal
- Meat
- Vegan
- Vegetarian

3 meals per day

- Vegetarian
- Halal
- Meat

- **Transport**

- Van

Airport transfer 2 ways Complimentary

## WHAT'S EXCLUDED

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

## Covid Safety

Covid measures

## **Tour Cancellation Policy**

Free cancellation up to 7 day(s) prior departure, Or traveler will pay 20 % of the tour amount

Vaccine

## **Good To Know**

## **FAQs**