

MOUNT KILIMANJARO
CONGRATULATIONS
YOU ARE NOW AT
UHURU PEAK, TANZANIA, 5895M/19341ft AMSL
AFRICA'S HIGHEST POINT
WORLD'S HIGHEST FREE-STANDING MOUNTAIN
ONE OF WORLD'S LARGEST VOLCANOES
WORLD HERITAGE AND WONDER OF AFRICA



MT. KILIMANJARO ITINERARY

8 DAYS | WESTERN BREACH ROUTE



CLIMB OVERVIEW

With fewer than 10 percent of climbers on this trail and the potential to see a variety of wildlife through dense jungle, Lemosho is our favorite way to enter the mountain. At 72 km (almost 45 miles), the longer route allows for more thorough acclimatization and a higher success rate to the summit.

The trail passes through five ecosystems, from dense forest and heather up through alpine desert and the glorious summit. Explore the many variations in landscape and climate on the way up the mountain and spend time capturing breath-taking photos of your surroundings as you move from jungle, to high desert, to snowy terrain on one of the more exciting routes on the mountain, but still manageable by the average adventurer



SCHEDULE

KILIMANJARO | 8-DAYS WESTERN BREACH ROUTE

DAY 1

ARRIVE MOSHI

Welcome to Moshi- the more quaint, laid-back of the small towns sitting at the base of the famed Mount Kilimanjaro! Upon arrival in Kilimanjaro International airport you will be met by our Real Life Adventure Travel representatives, who will provide transportation to your hotel. No activities are planned for the day. You are free to explore picturesque downtown Moshi.

DAY 2

FREE IN MOSHI OVERNIGHT IN HOTEL

Group briefing and pre-trip discussion. You will be introduced to your trekking guide, have a comprehensive gear check. You are free to explore some more, take part in informal group tour around town; visit the market or a local coffee shop for lunch. Moshi is a relatively small, comfortable city that has a reputation for being somewhat laidback compared to it's sister city of Arusha so fee free to wander. There will also be time to do last-minute shopping for the trek if needed.

DAY 3

LEMOSHO GATE TO MTI MKUBWA

Elevation gain: 9,500ft / 2,270m

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Distance: 4 mi / 6 km

Habitat: Rain Forest

Depart Moshi for Londorossi / Lemosho Gate, which takes about 4 hours, where you will complete entry formalities. With flora and fauna heavier and richer here than on any other route through the thick rainforest, the Lemosho Route cuts through underbrush that is so untouched it at times grows right across the narrow trail. After 3 to 4 hours, we'll reach our camp, Mti Mkubwa, which means "Big Tree" in Kiswahili.

DAY 4

MTI MKUBWA TO SHIRA CAMP 1

Elevation gain: 11,500ft / 3,600m

Hiking Time: 5-6 hours

Distance: 5 mi / 8 km

Habitat: Moorland

We continue on the trail leading out of the forest and into a savannah of tall grasses, heather, volcanic rock draped with lichen beards. Ascending through the lush rolling hills and cross several streams, we reach the Shira Ridge before dropping gently down to Shira 1 camp. The view of Kibo from across the plateau is amazing.



DAY 5

SHIRA CAMP 1 TO SHIRA CAMP 2

Elevation gain: 12,630 ft / 3,950m

Hiking Time: 4-5 hours

Distance: 4 mi / 6 km

Habitat: Moorland

After breakfast we head east across the Shira Plateau and past the Shira Cathedral to Shira Camp. Shira is one of the highest plateaus on earth. It is about a four-hour hike to camp. On the way we pass the first of many Giant Senecios, some of Kilimanjaro's otherworldly massive plants.

DAY 6

SHIRA CAMP 2 TO LAVA TOWER

Elevation gain: 15,000ft / 4,573m

Hiking Time: 4-6 hours

Distance: 4 mi / 11 km

Habitat: Semi Desert

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, as we continue trekking we come up to the second junction, which brings us up to the Lava Tower at an altitude of 15,000ft / 4,600m. We now have lunch at the camp in lava tower as here we rest, enjoy dinner, and overnight at 15,000ft. This is a very important night for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit night.

DAY 7

LAVA TOWER (FULL ACCLIMATIZATION DAY)

Elevation gain: 15,000ft / 4,573m

Habitat: Alpine Desert

Distance: 1.5 mi / 2 km

This is another important acclimatization day, you have to take things slow and steady so as to allow your body adjust to the altitude, a crucial pause before climbing on the rim at 18,500ft, you're going to hike upwards the Arrow Glacier Camp 4630m/15,300ft and then return to the lower elevation of Lava Tower Camp for lunch. Hiking time is about 3 hours round trip. Dinner and overnight at lava tower camp

DAY 8

ARROW GLACIER CAMP

Elevation gain: 15,300ft / 4,630m

Hiking Time: 2 hours (round trip)

Distance: 1.5 mi / 2 km

Habitat: Alpine Desert

Today you will continue the climb toward the Western Breach ascent route. Rather than traversing farther around the southern slopes of the mountain we ascend up and slightly westward, climbing easy terrain through scree and rocky ridges.

The ascent gives us stunning views of the Western Breach wall and the Breach Icicle. As we get near the Arrow Glacier and our campsite, the views will open towards the west and the entire Shira Plateau lies below us. Hiking time is about 2 hours round trip.



DAY 9

ARROW GLACIER CAMP TO SUMMIT TO MWEKA CAMP

Elevation gain: 19,341ft - 10,200ft / 5,895m - 3,108m

Hiking Time: 8 hrs ascent / 7 hrs decent

Distance: 7 mi / 12 km

Habitat: Alpine Desert

All the preparation, acclimatization, and hiking we've done to prepare for the Kilimanjaro climb will be put to the test today as we ascend the Great Western Breach, an imposing, steep wall of rock leading to the edge of Kibo's crater. The high altitude of Crater Camp makes it a physically demanding experience, but the reward of the glaciers makes it all worthwhile. Hiking time is 6-7 hours to Crater Camp (5580m/18,300ft')

From crater camp we make the final 1,000 ft (1 hour and 40 minute) hike to Uhuru Peak. You will reach Uhuru Peak, the summit of Kilimanjaro at 19,340 feet, around 8 a.m. At this early hour, before the clouds close in, we have spectacular views of Africa in all directions. The hiking time is 8 to 9 hours. You then head back down, via the Mweka route, where your tents will be pitched for the last time. The section from Uhuru down to Barafu (3 to 4 hours) is scree (as on the way up), then you head down through the various vegetation zones, on a continual downhill, into Mweka which is located on the edge of the rainforest area (3-4 hours). At an altitude of approx 3100meters, it's nice to have some 'air' to 'breathe! It is a long descent and trekking poles are recommended. Congratulations, you made it to the Roof of Africa!

DAY 10

MWEKA CAMP TO GATE

Elevation drop: 5,400ft / 1,645m

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Distance: 6 mi / 10 km

Habitat :Rain Forest

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).

DAY 11

DEPARTURE

For those returning home, will be tranfered to the airport to catch your flight. For those going on a safari or Zanzibar will be picked up at your hotel on the next day for your trip.

Note: The Western Breach is the most difficult of all the routes due to the ascent up the Western Breach wall on Day 8. Depending on the weather, time of year and other factors such as rock fall the Western Breach route may be deemed too dangerous and closed at the discretion of the Tanzania National Park Service (TANAPA).



PRICING

STANDARD / JOINING GROUP



\$2,750 USD

per person - per trip



ABOVE COST INCLUDES

- ✓ All international & domestic airport transfers as per the program by private vehicle.
- ✓ Vehicle transfer from Moshi to the starting point of your trek (private vehicle).
- ✓ Vehicle transfer at the end of the trek back to your hotel in Moshi (private vehicle).
- ✓ 3 nights Accomodation in Moshi & breakfasts while at the hotel.
- ✓ All park fees.
- ✓ All meals and accommodations while on climb.
- ✓ All camping equipment.
- ✓ Allowances for guide(s), chef(s) and porter(s).
- ✓ All applicable government taxes
- ✓ Oxygen cylinder and Pulse Oximeter
- ✓ Filter pumps to treat water everyday
- ✓ Private chemical toilet
- ✓ Sleeping pad / mattress
- ✓ Power Banks to charge your phones
- ✓ First Aid and injury prevention kits

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- ✗ Lunch & dinner in Moshi prior and post-climb.
- ✗ Any sightseeing tours in Moshi
- ✗ International and domestic airfare
- ✗ Bottled drinks (mineral water, any cold drinks, and alcoholic drinks).
- ✗ Travel insurance & overseas medical insurance coverage.
- ✗ Expenses of personal nature (tips for guide, porter and driver, laundry, bar bill, telephone calls etc.)
- ✗ Liability for expenses against sickness, flight cancellation, road blockage, accidents and other occurrence beyond our control.
- ✗ Tanzanian visa fee.
- ✗ Any other expenses not mentioned above



PRICING

PREMIUM LUXURY TOUR



\$3,640 USD

per person - per trip

ABOVE COST INCLUDES

- ✓ Sleeping cots / Bed on the mountain
- ✓ Transport to / from the mountain gates
- ✓ All park entry fees
- ✓ 3 nights at a five star hotel
- ✓ Private chemical toilet
- ✓ Sleeping bag -10c
- ✓ Hot shower Tent at camp.
- ✓ Sleeping pad or Mattress
- ✓ Filter pumps to treat water everyday
- ✓ Powerbanks to charge your Phones
- ✓ Wi-Fi on camps
- ✓ Transport to and from the airport.
- ✓ All camping and hut fees
- ✓ All camping gears
- ✓ A private chef to cook all your meals
- ✓ Rescue fees
- ✓ Oxygen cylinder & Oxmiter machine
- ✓ Guide, chef and porters salaries
- ✓ Meals(3 times per day)
- ✓ Cook and kitchen utensils
- ✓ Daily briefing
- ✓ Boiled/Purified drinking water
- ✓ English speaking guide (certified as a Wilderness First Responder & Emergency Medicine Adult and Child CPR)
- ✓ Special Language Guide (for \$20 per guide,per day)
- ✓ Mobile Communications (for emergency only)
- ✓ First Aid & Injury prevention kits
- ✓ 10% discount on gear rental (the discount applies for online shopping only)
- ✓ Personal Summit Certificate stamped and signed by the National Park and your Guide

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- ✓ International or Local Flights
- ✓ Optional activities
- ✓ Alcoholic and soft drinks
- ✓ Visa fees
- ✓ Tips
- ✓ Personal spending money for souvenirs etc
- ✓ Travel insurance





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