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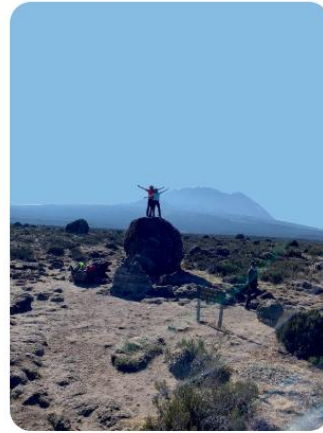


7 Days Machame Route

Often known as the Whiskey Route, since alcohol is banned on Kilimanjaro, we're offering the Machame Route 'Without the Whiskey'! Our most budget friendly option, this is a popular route that can be busy, due to ease of access from Moshi town. Pass through all of Kilimanjaro's varied ecosystems and soak up ever-changing views. The trail is joined by the Lemosho route before reaching the impressive Lava Tower and scrambling the imposing Barranco Wall. These trekking days allow you ample opportunity to acclimatise, as you climb higher during the day but lose height to camp, giving you a strong chance of reaching the summit. We recommend 7 days over 6 as the extra day makes a big difference to the success rate, improving acclimatisation and allowing you two easier days before tackling the long summit climb.



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HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Scenic start through the rainforest
- ✓ Stunning views from Shira Plateau
- ✓ High-altitude acclimatisation at Lava Tower
- ✓ Dramatic scramble up Barranco Wall
- ✓ Summit via crater rim traverse

AT A GLANCE

- 🌙 6 Nights
- 📍 Kilimanjaro
- 🚶 Trekking



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Replanting native trees to restore Kilimanjaro's fragile ecosystem.



Offsetting carbon footprint by funding renewable energy projects.



Creating fair jobs and supporting local mountain communities.



Details Itinerary



DAY & BRIEFING

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) you will be met and transferred to Moshi. Your Kilimanjaro head guide will come to the hotel for a full briefing, equipment checks and to help you hire anything additional you need.



TREK DAY DAY 1 : MACHAME GATE (1,800M/5,900FT) TO MACHAME CAMP (3,000M/9,800FT)

Elevation Gain: 1,200 metres / 3,900 feet

Your head guide will meet you for the drive from Moshi to the Machame Gate (approximately 45min). After registration, begin climbing along a winding trail through beautiful and lush forest. Since this is the zone which experiences the most rainfall on the mountain you should be prepared for afternoon showers. These can make the trail slippery at times! The climb is steady, gradually easing as you approach camp at Machame Hut (9,800ft). The camp is located on the edge of the forest and giant heather zones. Approximately 6-7 hours of walking today.

Overnight : Machame Hut Camp





TREK DAY DAY 2 : MACHAME CAMP (3,000M/9,800FT) TO SHIRA CAMP (3,840M/12,600FT)

Elevation Gain: 840 metres / 2,800 feet

Today is a little shorter, beginning by climbing a steep ridge to reach a small semicircular cliff known as Picnic Rock. There are excellent views of Kibo, the summit cone of Kilimanjaro, and the jagged rim of the Shira Plateau. Shira is the third of Kilimanjaro's volcanic cones. It is filled with the lava flow from Kibo and its rim has eroded and been blasted away by weather and volcanic action. Once on the plateau the trail becomes gentler as you continue your climb to Shira Camp. On a clear day the views from here are spectacular. Approximately 5-6 hours of walking.

Overnight : Shira Camp



TREK DAY DAY 3 : SHIRA CAMP (3,840M/12,600FT) TO BARRANCO CAMP (3,850M/12,650FT) VIA LAVA TOWER (4,550M/14,900FT)

Elevation Gain: 710 metres / 2,300 feet

Elevation Gain: 700 metres / 2,250 feet

Your climb today will take you steadily up and over the expansive ridgelines of high desert to Lava Tower. The trek to the base of Lava Tower is about 4 hours. This tower is a 300 foot high volcanic plug. If time and energy allow, you can scramble to the top of Lava Tower for fabulous panoramic views. From Lava Tower we begin our steep descent into the Barranco Valley, passing large flowering plants which actually look like trees, the scenecios. This is good practice for your descent from the summit in a few days time and will take 1-2 hours. Although you will end your day at almost the same elevation as you started, today is very important for



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acclimatisation and will help your body prepare for summit day. Barranco Camp is in a beautiful, sheltered valley below the imposing Barranco Wall.

Overnight : Barranco Camp



TREK DAY 4 : BARRANCO CAMP (3,850M/12,600FT) TO KARRANGA CAMP (3,950M/13,000FT) VIA THE BARRANCO WALL (4,200M/13,800FT)

Elevation Gain: 350 metres / 1,150 feet

Elevation Loss: 250 metres / 820 feet

After breakfast, we leave Barranco Camp and begin our climb up the Barranco Wall. This is an impressive scramble where you will be rewarded with fantastic views back towards camp. The porters climbing the wall are also an impressive sight. From the top, at 4,200m, you will follow an undulating path around the mountain side. On a clear day there are spectacular views of Kibo to your left and Mount Meru to your right. After descending into the Karranga Valley your climb takes you up a short steep path to Karranga Camp. Walking time approximately 3-4 hours.

Overnight : Karranga Camp



TREK DAY 5 : KARRANGA CAMP (3,950M/13,000FT) TO BARAFU CAMP (4,600M/15,100FT)

Elevation Gain: 650 metres / 2,150 feet

Today you will spend the morning climbing steadily on to Barafu, which is Swahili for ice! This camp is located on the ridge below the summit cone. You have now completed the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. This walk will take around 3 hours meaning that you will arrive at Barafu in time to spend the afternoon resting and enjoy an early dinner in preparation for the summit climb. The two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo can be seen from this position.

Overnight: Barafu Camp

TREK DAY 6 : BARAFU CAMP (4,600M/15,100FT) TO UHURU PEAK (5,895M/19,300FT) THEN DESCENDING TO MWEKA CAMP (3,110M/10,200FT)

Elevation Gain: 1,295 metres / 4,200 feet

Elevation Loss: 2,785 metres / 9,100 feet

In the early hours of the morning you will begin your final ascent to the summit of Uhuru Peak. This part of the climb takes approximately 6-8 hours. It can be very cold at night at these elevations, but it will be quite warm by the end of the hiking day and therefore you will want clothing for both extremes. Just when you think you've had enough of climbing in the dark the sun will rise and you will be rewarded with a rich red sky framing Mawenzi. At Stella Point (5,750m) you join the crater rim. From here, climb gently to Uhuru Peak which is the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa. From the summit the descent will take you straight down to Mweka Hut, with lunch served on the way. This part of the descent takes about 6 hours. Later in the evening enjoy your last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep.



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OVERNIGHT: MWEKA CAMP



TREK DAY 7 : MWEKA CAMP (3,110M/10,200FT) TO MWEKA GATE (1,830M/6,000FT) TO MOSHI

Elevation Loss: 1,280 metres / 4,220 feet

Descend straight to the gate through lush forest (2-3 hours), looking for monkeys along the way. Return to Moshi from Mweka Village.

Overnight: Ameg Lodge (Classic) or Pink Flamingo Boutique Hotel (Premium)



DEPARTURE OR ONWARDS TRAVEL

Today you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for your flight back home.



Included & Excluded



Park Fees

Camping Fees

Rescue Fees

Head Guide

Assistant Guides

Cook, & Porters' Salaries

All Food & Drinking Water

Tents

Emergency Oxygen

Transport To/From Park Entry Gate & 18%
VAT Tax

Accommodation in Moshi including dinner &
breakfast pre-climb and complimentary
celebration dinner from African Scenic
Safaris and breakfast post climb; two airport
transfers.



Hiring of personal equipment including
clothing, sleeping mat, sleeping bag etc.

Tipping to your crew. (The standard
recommendation is USD\$20 per day to the
head guide, \$12 per day per assistant guide,
\$12 per day to the cook and \$5-7 per day
per porter)

Private Toilet upon request

Visas

Vaccinations

spending money

any drinks and lunches in Moshi



Popular Questions Answered

The Machame Route demands effort and reward—start by asking the right questions to prepare properly.

We've listed the most common questions about Mount Kilimanjaro climbing via the 7 Days Machame Route. These answers will help you understand the experience better, make smart decisions, and feel more prepared for the climb.

How does the 7 Days Machame Route compare to other Kilimanjaro routes?

The 7 Days Machame Route is more beautiful, steeper, and exciting than the Marangu Route. For climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, this is one of the best routes.

What's the recommended fitness level for Mount Kilimanjaro climbing via this route?

You should be in good shape and have some basic power and endurance. Walking, hiking, and cardio workouts help you get ready for the challenges of the Machame Route Kilimanjaro climb.

Will I see fewer crowds on this route?

People like the Machame Route, so it can get crowded during busy times. But its beauty, variety of ecosystems, and high success rate at the top make it worth it.



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Is 7 days better than 6 for this route?

Yes, the 7-day version gives you a much better chance of getting used to the altitude. It combines hard work and rest, which increases your chances of successfully climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.



Ready to pack for your dream trek?

We, African Scenic Safaris team, are waiting for you!

