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8 Days Lemosho Route

'Quest from the West' tackles the Lemosho route over 8 days, leading you through spectacular and unspoilt scenery and giving you an excellent chance of reaching the summit. The trail rises from the forest, opening out onto the Shira Plateau. From here you'll be rewarded with your first up-close view of Kibo, the daunting but surmountable summit cone. Track around the south of the mountain, climbing over ridges, passing the impressive Lava Tower and scrambling the imposing Barranco Wall. These trekking days give you ample opportunity to acclimatise, as you climb higher during the day but lose height to camp. Arriving in the smaller high camp Kosovo, in time for lunch and a rest before the summit, will stand you in excellent stead for the climb ahead and give you a head start on those staying at the larger camp below. One of our favourite routes!



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HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Remote western trailhead
- ✓ Expansive Shira Plateau views
- ✓ High-altitude Lava Tower climb
- ✓ Scramble the Barranco Wall
- ✓ Smaller summit camp advantage

AT A GLANCE

- 🌙 7 Nights
- 📍 Kilimanjaro
- 🚶 Trekking



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Offsetting carbon footprint by funding renewable energy projects.



Creating fair jobs and supporting local mountain communities.



Details Itinerary



ARRIVAL & BRIEFING

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) you will be met and transferred to your hotel in 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 1: MOSHI TO LEMOSHO TRAILHEAD (2,400M/7,900FT) TO BIG TREE CAMP (2,800M/9,100FT)

Elevation Gain: 400m/1,500ft

This morning you will drive from Moshi to the Londorossi gate, taking approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Here you will complete entry formalities. From Londorossi your drive continues for around 1 hour to the Lemosho trailhead along a 4WD track. Upon arrival at the trailhead you will eat lunch and then commence trekking through lush undisturbed forest where you may be lucky enough to see Colobus monkeys. The path undulates, steeply in places, to arrive at the first camp after 2-3 hours of trekking.

Overnight: First Camp



TREK DAY 2: BIG TREE CAMP (2,800M/9,100FT) TO SHIRA 1 CAMP (3,500M/11,500FT)

Elevation Gain: 700m/2,400ft

Today your trek will begin in the forest; however, you will soon leave this ecosystem behind taking a steep track into a zone of giant heather and volcanic rock. This is a full day ascending through the lush rolling hills below 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. Finally, the trail begins to ease as you reach the edge of the plateau. You will camp at Shira One after 5-6 hours of trekking. The view of Kibo from across the plateau is incredible.

Overnight: Shira 1 Camp

TREK DAY 3: SHIRA 1 CAMP (3,500M/11,500FT) TO SHIRA 2 CAMP (3,800M/12,500FT)

Elevation Gain: 300m/1,000ft

Your third day on the mountain consists of a trek across the Shira Plateau with an optional climb to Shira Cathedral (3,880m). Shira is one of the highest plateaus on earth. The day finishes with a gradual climb to Shira 2 Camp. Trekking time without the optional excursion is approximately 3 hours. Including the optional acclimatisation to the peak of Shira Cathedral will add approximately 1 hour.

Overnight: Shira 2 Camp



TREK DAY 4: SHIRA 2 CAMP (3,800M/12,500FT) TO BARRANCO CAMP (3,850M/12,650FT) VIA LAVA TOWER (4,550M/14,900FT)

Elevation Gain: 750m/2,400ft

Elevation Loss: 700m/2,250ft

This morning you will descend into the Ngorongoro Crater, a wonderful Your climb today will take you steadily up and over the expansive ridge lines of high desert to Lava Tower. The trek to the base of Lava Tower is about 4-5 hours. This tower is a 300-foot-high volcanic plug. If time and energy allow, scramble to the top of the tower for fabulous panoramic views. From Lava Tower begin a steep descent into the Barranco Valley, passing large flowering plants, the scenecios. This is good practice for your descent from the summit 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 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 5: BARRANCO CAMP (3,850M/12,600FT) TO KARANGA CAMP (3,950M/13,000FT) VIA BARRANCO WALL (4,200M/13,800FT)

Elevation Gain: 350m/1,150ft

Elevation Loss: 250m/820ft

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 Karanga Valley your climb takes you up a short steep path to Karanga Camp. Walking time approximately 3-4 hours.

Overnight: Karanga Camp

TREK DAY 6: 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 7: 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



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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.

Overnight: Mweka Hut Camp

TREK DAY 8: MWEKA CAMP (3,110M/10,200FT) TO MWEKA GATE (1,830M/6,000FT) TO MOSHI

Elevation Loss: 1,280m/4,220ft

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

Overnight: Mweka Camp

Departure or Onwards Travel

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



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 climb begins long before the trail—planning, clarity, and preparation are the first steps to the summit.

We'll walk you through the most common questions about Mount Kilimanjaro Climbing, so you feel confident and prepared. From route difficulty to packing tips, summit strategy, and travel support—we cover it all, clearly and honestly.

Why choose the 8 Days Lemosho Route for Mount Kilimanjaro Climbing?

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How difficult is the Lemosho Route Kilimanjaro trek?

It's not unbearably hard. You don't need to know how to climb, but you will need to be physically fit, have a lot of stamina, and be mentally ready to finish the trip.



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Can this trek be combined with a Tanzania Safari Tour?

Yes, a lot of people book trips to climb Mount Kilimanjaro first, then go on Tanzania safaris or cultural events in northern Tanzania.



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