

LEMOSHO ROUTE (PREMIUM)

8 Days / 7 Nights

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Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Type: Group Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

The *Lemosho Route* is widely considered the most scenic route on Mount Kilimanjaro, offering a high summit success rate due to its excellent acclimatization profile.

Here are the key details for the Lemosho trek:

Scenery & Experience: It begins in the lush rainforest on the western side of the mountain and crosses the Shira Plateau before joining the southern circuit near Lava Tower and the Barranco Wall.

* *Success Rate:* The 8-day option has a summit success rate of approximately

?**98%**, as it allows your body to adapt gradually to the altitude.

Itinerary Highlights:

* *Day 2:* Trek through undisturbed forest where you may see Colobus monkeys.

* *Day 3:* Ascent toward the Shira Plateau for stunning western slope views.

* *Day 4:* Hike to Lava Tower (4,600m), a key acclimatization point.

* *Day 5:* Scramble up the famous Barranco Wall.

* *Day 7:* Midnight summit push to Uhuru Peak (5,895m).

* *Difficulty:* It is well-suited for first-time high-altitude trekkers seeking a balance between a scenic challenge and a high success rate.

Note: If you prefer the 7- or 9-day mountain option, ask us for that schedule and pricing band.

DESTINATIONS



Kilimanjaro National Park



Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO



Moshi Town

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), where you will meet a **Kilimanjaro Explore** representative and transfer to your hotel under the package. The hotel provides comfortable rooms, hot water, helpful staff, a swimming pool, and internet access. In the evening there will be a briefing with your trip coordinator to confirm readiness for the climb.

Private tour packages typically include **shared airport transfers** for your group. Extra charges may apply for separate transfers — coordinate arrival times with your consultant.

Please note: Hotel check-in often starts at **2:00 PM**.

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Moshi Town



ACCOMMODATION

Keys Hotel Mbokomu



Day 2: Lemosho Gate to Mti Mkubwa

Your guide and mountain support crew meet you at the hotel. You then travel by vehicle (roughly **3–4 hours**) to Kilimanjaro National Park's western entrance, **Lemosho Gate (2,100 m / 6,890 ft**), where you will complete entry formalities. We will patiently wait for our permits and enjoy lunch before commencing your trek through lush undisturbed forest, where you may be lucky enough to see Colobus monkeys. The path undulates, steeply in places. At these lower elevations, the trail can be muddy and quite slippery. We highly recommend gaiters and trekking poles here. At camp, we prepare tents and dinner for you.

Please note: From this altitude onward:

- Drink **3–4+ liters** of water daily, little and often.
- Discuss altitude medication with your **doctor** before travel; your coordinator can explain common approaches.
- At night, shallow breathing can mean less oxygen—report headache, nausea, or any illness to your **guide** immediately.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~7 km (4 miles)

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ACCOMMODATION

Big Tree Camp



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Day 3: Mti Mkubwa to Shira 1 Camp

Along the challenging but rewarding Shira Route that scales Mt Kilimanjaro, Shira Camp 1 is above the tree line, sitting on high-altitude, treeless plains at 3810m above sea level. From the camp you can see both the Kibo volcanic cone (to the north-east) and Mount Meru (west). It's not as busy as some of the camps along other climbing routes, so it can be nice and quiet.

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ACCOMMODATION

Shira 1 Camp



Day 4: Shira 1 Camp to Shira 2 camp

The trail crosses open moorland and offers stunning views of Kilimanjaro's western slopes. This moderate trek provides an excellent opportunity for acclimatization, with plenty of time to enjoy the scenic surroundings before reaching Shira II for overnight rest.

Acclimatization hike: Shira 1 (3,610 m/11,843 ft) toward a point en route to Shira II Hut (3,850 m/12,631 ft)

Trekking time: 6–7 hours | **Distance:** ~10 km (6 mi)

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Shira 2 Camp



Day 5: Shira 2 to Lava Tower and Barranco Camp

After breakfast, leave Shira 2 and hike toward **Lava Tower** — a key acclimatization point. This section has many ups and downs; you may feel the altitude. You should spend **at least 1–2 hours** high at Lava Tower (~4,600 m / 15,091 ft), including **lunch**, to help your body adjust.

Then you **descend** to **Barranco Camp**. Ahead lies the famous **Barranco Wall**, which you climb the next morning. The wall looks dramatic from below but follows a **non-technical** hiking trail.

Trekking time: 6–8 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

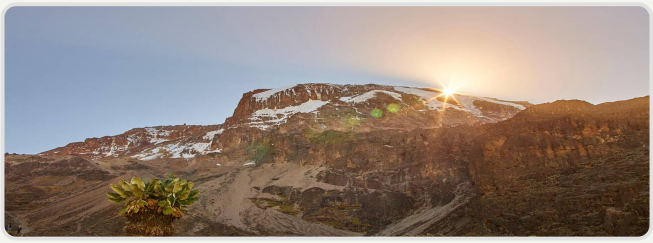
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Barranco Camp



Day 6: Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

Early start and breakfast, then ascend the **Barranco Wall**. We recommend leaving camp early to avoid congestion from other groups. The wall usually takes **about an hour**; it is a hike, not a climb. Afterward, rest and photograph **Kibo** across the valley.

Continue over rolling terrain to **Karanga Camp**. After a warm lunch and a short rest, complete an **acclimatization hike** toward Barafu with a modest gain, then return to Karanga.

Please note: Acclimatization walks are a core part of summit success — follow your guide's pace.

Acclimatization hike: Karanga (~3,995 m) toward a point en route to Barafu (~4,335 m) — about **2.5 km**, **1–2 hours**.

Trekking time (main): 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~5 km (3.1 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

Karanga Camp



Day 7: Karanga to Barafu Camp

After a warm breakfast, hike to **Barafu Summit Camp** — the last camp before Uhuru. Your crew prepares tents and sleeping gear so you can rest. Hydrate, eat, and sleep in the afternoon; the summit push normally starts around **midnight**.

Trekking time: 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~6 km (3.7 mi)

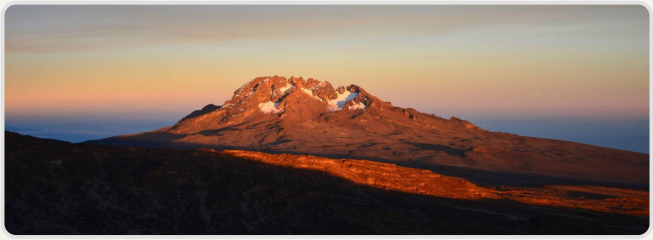
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Barafu Camp



Day 8: Uhuru Peak and descent to Mweka Camp

You will leave **Barafu Camp** around midnight for the challenging ascent to **Uhuru Peak (5,895 m / 19,336 ft)**. The climb is slow and steady, with our guides supporting you throughout the ascent.

After reaching the summit, enjoy the views and take photos before beginning the descent. You will return to **Barafu Camp** for a short rest, then continue down to **Mweka Camp (3,100 m / 10,170 ft)**.

Please note: Most accidents occur during the **descent**, so watch your footing and use your trekking poles carefully.

Trekking Time: 12–15 hours | **Distance:** ~17.5 km (11 mi)

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Mweka Camp



Day 9: Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

After breakfast, descend through the beautiful rainforest to Mweka Gate. Upon arrival, sign the register and receive your summit certificate. You will then be transferred back to your hotel in Moshi/Arusha for relaxation or onward travel.

Trekking time: 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~10 km (6.2 mi)

DESTINATION

Moshi Town



ACCOMMODATION

Keys Hotel Mbokomu



Day 10: Departure

Rest at the hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight.

Please note: Standard hotel check-out is often **11:00 AM**; late checkout may be available for a fee if you have an evening flight.

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Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO



ACCOMMODATION

No Accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

Included

- All transfers in Tanzania as per programme (airport pick-up and drop-off, hotel ? park gate / trailhead)
- Hotel accommodation before and after the climb (typically bed & breakfast; shared twin unless single supplement)
- Kilimanjaro National Park fees, camping or hut fees, and rescue fee contributions as applicable
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- All meals on the mountain; mess / kitchen tent and group dining equipment
- Four-season mountain tents (shared, two per tent by default), group sleeping mat, group camping furniture
- Safety: emergency oxygen, comprehensive group medical kit, daily health monitoring with guides
- Summit certificates after a successful climb

Excluded

- International flights to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- Tanzania visa fees (confirm current rate before travel)
- Travel and high-altitude evacuation insurance (mandatory — confirm coverage for trekking to 6,000 m)
- Tips for guides, cooks, and porters (budget per consultant advice)
- Personal trekking clothing, boots, and sleeping bag (rental may be available)
- Lunch and dinner at the hotel before/after the climb unless stated otherwise
- Single room or single tent supplements; optional portable toilet hire; optional private tent surcharge
- Personal expenses, drinks, laundry, and phone/data charges

PRICING INFORMATION

All prices are per person in USD.

	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX
8-day	$2,320	**$2,230**	$2,190

Group rates: Prices shown for 1–3 travelers. Contact us for groups of 4 or more.

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