

MACHAME ROUTE (BEST SELLER)

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Duration: 7 Days / 6 Nights

Type: Group Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

Overview of the Machame Route

Machame is one of the most popular and scenic routes on Kilimanjaro's southern side. It begins in the rainforest and ascends through moorland and alpine desert before joining the southern circuit near Lava Tower and Barranco. The route follows a well-designed path with varied terrain and dramatic views throughout.

The trek is typically offered as a 6- or 7-day experience, with the 7-day option providing better acclimatization. It is well suited for trekkers with a reasonable level of fitness who can maintain a steady pace and follow guide instructions.

Expert recommendation

This is an excellent choice for first-time high-altitude trekkers seeking a balance between challenge, scenery, and success rate. For even more gradual acclimatization, consider the Lemosho 7- or 8-day route.

Note: If you prefer the 6-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. Evening briefing with your coordinator.

Private packages include shared group airport transfers; individual transfers may incur extra costs. **Please note:** Check-in often from **2:00 PM**.

DESTINATION

Moshi Town



ACCOMMODATION

Keys Hotel Mbokomu



Day 2: Machame Gate to Machame Camp

A guide and mountain crew meet you at the hotel, then you drive to **Machame Gate** for permits and registration. The trail climbs through **rainforest** to Machame Camp — rain is common, so pack waterproofs.

Please note: First day on the mountain at altitude:

- Drink **3–4+ litres** of water daily, little and often.
- Discuss preventive altitude strategies with your doctor; your coordinator can outline common options.
- Report headaches, nausea, or other symptoms to your guide early.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~5 km (3.1 mi)

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Day 3: Machame Camp to Shira Camp

After breakfast, trek toward **Shira Camp**, leaving the forest for open views of the **Shira Plateau**. Pace yourself as the altitude increases. At camp, lunch and rest, then an **acclimatization hike** toward Lava Tower before returning to Shira for dinner.

Please note: Acclimatization hikes are intentional and improve summit chances.

Acclimatization hike: Shira (~3,750 m) toward a point en route to Lava Tower (~4,120 m) — about **2 km**, **1–2 hours**.

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

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ACCOMMODATION

Shira Cave Camp



Day 4: Shira to Lava Tower and Barranco Camp

Leave Shira and trek to **Lava Tower** (~4,600 m / 15,088 ft) for acclimatization and lunch. The trail is undulating; you may feel the altitude. After sufficient time high, descend to **Barranco Camp** below the **Barranco Wall**.

Trekking time: 6–8 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (6.8 mi)

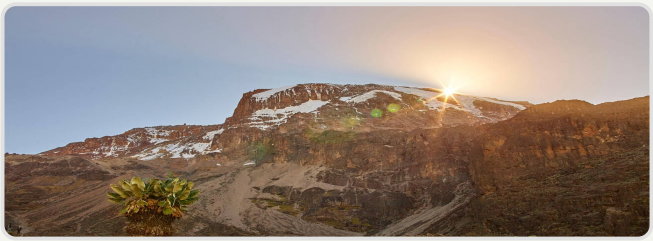
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ACCOMMODATION

Barranco Camp



Day 5: Barranco to Karanga Camp

This day is primarily focused on acclimatization, with a shorter distance and a moderate elevation gain. The route is renowned for the challenging **Barranco Wall**, a steep rock face that hikers must climb.

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

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ACCOMMODATION

Karanga Camp



Day 6: Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

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ACCOMMODATION

Barafu Camp



Day 7: 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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ACCOMMODATION

Mweka Camp



Day 8: 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)

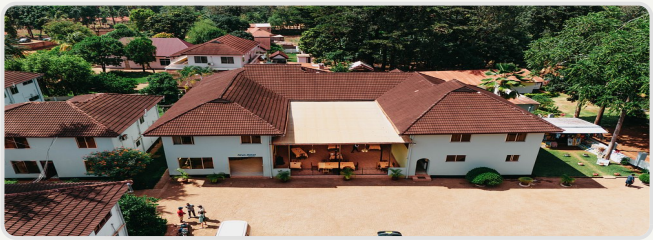
DESTINATION

Moshi Town



ACCOMMODATION

Keys Hotel Mbokomu



Day 9: Departure

Hotel rest and airport transfer. **Please note:** Check-out often **11:00 AM**; late checkout may be available for a fee.

DESTINATION

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
- Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook(s), and porter crew
- 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
7-day	$2,225	**$2,125**	$1,975

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