



SHIRA ROUTE (LUXURY)

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Duration: 7 Days / 6 Nights

Type: Group Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

The **Shira Route with Kosovo Camp** is one of the best options for climbers seeking a higher summit success rate and a more comfortable summit day. This variation follows the classic Lemosho Route through Kilimanjaro's diverse landscapes before spending the final night at **Kosovo Camp (4,870 m / 15,978 ft)** instead of Barafu Camp.

Kosovo Camp is located approximately **130 meters (426 ft) higher** than Barafu Camp, allowing climbers to start summit night later and enjoy a **shorter, less strenuous ascent** to Uhuru Peak. This reduces the time spent climbing in extreme cold and darkness while increasing the chances of reaching the summit successfully.

The route begins on the remote western side of Mount Kilimanjaro, crossing lush rainforest, the Shira Plateau, Lava Tower, Barranco Wall, Karanga Valley, and finally Kosovo Camp before the summit push. Excellent acclimatization and the "climb high, sleep low" approach make this one of Kilimanjaro's highest success-rate itineraries.

Highlights

- Highest summit success rate due to excellent acclimatization
- Overnight at **Kosovo Camp (4,870 m / 15,978 ft)**
- Shorter and easier summit night compared to Barafu Camp
- Later summit departure and more rest before climbing
- Scenic rainforest, moorland, alpine desert, and arctic summit zones
- Less fatigue on summit day
- Ideal for first-time and experienced climbers alike

Best For

- Climbers seeking the highest chance of reaching Uhuru Peak
- Those who want a shorter summit ascent
- Trekkers who prefer better acclimatization and a more comfortable itinerary

Difficulty: Moderate to Challenging

Success Rate: Approximately **92–95%** with proper acclimatization and experienced guides.

DESTINATIONS



Kilimanjaro National Park



**Kilimanjaro International
Airport JRO**



Moshi Town

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at JRO; meet **Kilimanjaro Explore** staff and transfer to your hotel. Evening briefing.

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

Hotel Check-in: From 2:00 PM

Hotel Check-out: By 10:00–11:00 AM (depending on the hotel). Early check-in and late check-out may be available upon request and subject to availability.

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ACCOMMODATION

Keys Hotel Mbokomu



Day 2: Londorossi Gate to Shira 1 Camp

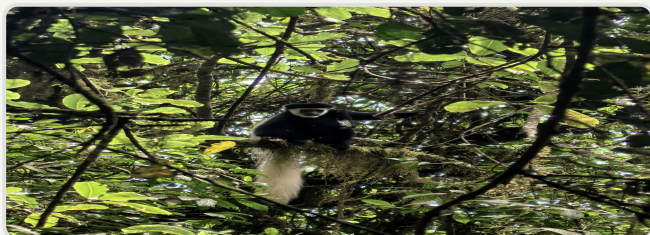
Morning briefing, then drive ~3–4 hours to **Londorossi Gate**, register, and continue by vehicle toward the high drop-off (~3,414 m / 11,200 ft). Short trek to **Shira 1** — gentle start with time to acclimatize.

Please note: Hydrate well from day one; report symptoms early.

Trekking time: ~1 hour | **Distance:** ~4 km (2.4 mi)

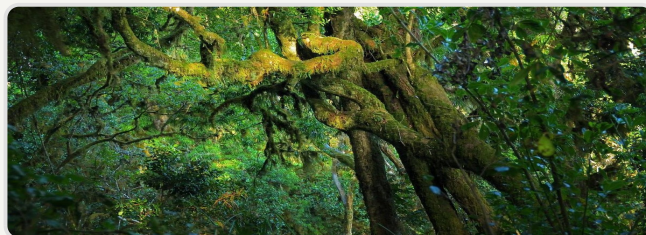
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Shira 1 Camp



Day 3: Shira 1 Camp to Moir Hut

Today, explore the expansive Shira Plateau, trekking eastward toward Kibo's glaciated peak. You have the option to visit the ancient, collapsed Shira Cone, one of Kilimanjaro's three volcanic peaks. The day concludes at Moir Camp, located in a sheltered valley at the end of a dormant lava flow, where you can relax and prepare for the following day's journey.

Altitude: 13,650' (4,155m)

Trekking time: 6–8 hours | **Distance:** ~9.7 km (6 mi)

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Moir Huts



Day 4: Moir Camp to Lava Tower and Barranco Camp

Your day begins with a gradual ascent to Lava Tower at 15,190' (4,630m), an excellent opportunity for acclimatization. After lunch at the tower, descend into the Barranco Valley, passing through the giant Senecio forest before reaching Barranco Camp. Here, you can marvel at the towering Barranco Wall, which looms overhead as the evening mist rolls in.

Altitude: 12,950' (3,950m)

Trekking time: 5–7 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (7 mi)

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Barranco Camp



Day 5: 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)

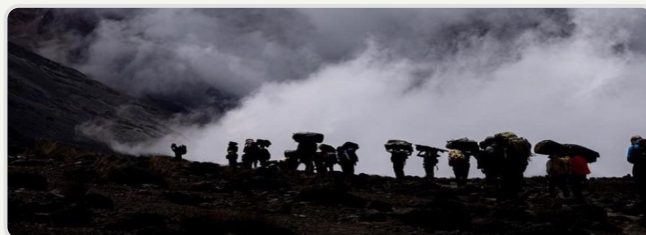
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Karanga Camp



Day 6: Karanga Camp to Kosovo Camp

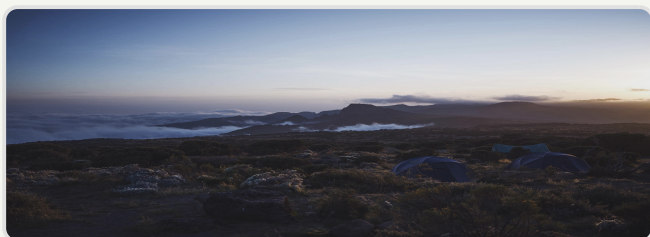
We continue our steady climb to Kosovo Camp, passing by the usually crowded Barafu Camp en route. At this higher altitude, we take a slower pace, allowing for more acclimatization. Kosovo Camp, perched on a rocky ridge, provides stunning views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks. Here, we rest, relax, and prepare for the summit bid tonight. Make sure to familiarize yourself with the terrain as you get ready for the exciting challenge ahead.

Altitude: 16,000' (4,876m)

Trekking time: 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~3.5 km (2.2 mi)

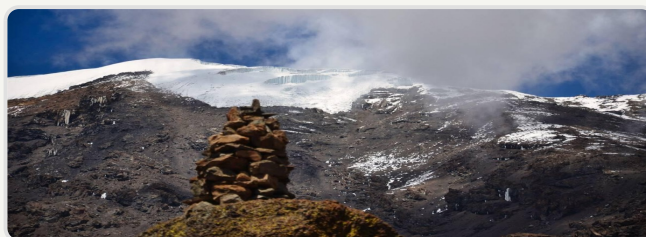
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Kosovo Camp



Day 7: Kosovo Camp to Summit to Mweka Camp

Tonight is the night! Starting at midnight, you'll begin the final push to the summit. The path to Stella Point is challenging, yet rewarding, as it is one of the steepest sections on Kilimanjaro. Reaching Stella Point at sunrise is a moment to remember, with the summit just an hour away. After celebrating at Uhuru Peak, the rooftop of Africa, you'll descend to Mweka Camp for a well-deserved dinner and celebration of your incredible achievement.

Altitude: 19,341' (5,895m)

Trekking time: 12–14 hours | **Distance:** ~21 km (13 mi)

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Mweka Camp



Day 8: Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

A gentle descent through the rainforest takes you to Mweka Gate, where your Climb Kili vehicle awaits to transfer you back to your hotel. Reflect on the week's accomplishments and enjoy a hot shower, a comfortable bed, and the satisfaction of having conquered Africa's highest peak.

Altitude: 5,400' (1,640m)

Trekking time: 3–4 hours | **Distance:** ~9.7 km (6 mi)

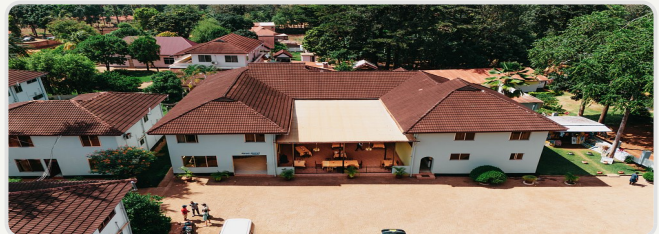
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Moshi Town



Day 9: 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



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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 and may vary based on season and group size.

Low Season

April 1 - May 31

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
7-day	\$2,715	\$2,605	\$2,539	\$2,349	\$2,259	\$2,209

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
7-day	\$2,715	\$2,605	\$2,539	\$2,274	\$2,259	\$2,209

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
7-day	\$2,715	\$2,605	\$2,539	\$2,274	\$2,259	\$2,209

Group Discount: The more travelers, the lower the price per person. Perfect for families and groups!