



NORTHERN CIRCUIT

9 Days / 8 Nights

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Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Type: Group Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

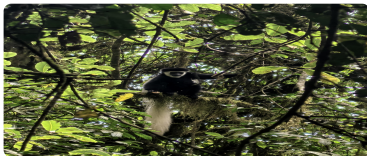
The **9-day Northern Circuit Route** is the longest and one of the most spectacular routes on **Mount Kilimanjaro**. Beginning on the western side of the mountain, it follows the scenic Lemosho Route before circling the remote northern slopes of Kibo, where trekkers experience breathtaking views and far fewer crowds than on other routes.

As the longest route on Kilimanjaro, the Northern Circuit provides the **best acclimatization profile**, giving climbers ample time to adjust to the altitude. This results in one of the **highest summit success rates** of any route. The trail traverses diverse landscapes, including lush rainforest, heath and moorland, alpine desert, and glacial terrain, before ascending to **Uhuru Peak (5,895 m)** via School Hut.

The extended itinerary is ideal for trekkers who want a more relaxed pace, a quieter mountain experience, and the highest chance of reaching the summit. Although it requires more trekking days and a larger budget than shorter routes, the exceptional scenery, reduced crowds, and outstanding acclimatization make it one of the finest ways to climb Africa's highest mountain.

The **Northern Circuit Route** is perfect for adventurers seeking a comprehensive Kilimanjaro experience. With expert guides from **Kilimanjaro Explore**, you'll enjoy professional support, quality camping equipment, nutritious meals, and a safe, well-organized expedition to the Roof of Africa.

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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Moshi Town



ACCOMMODATION

Keys Hotel Mbokomu



Day 2: Londorossi Gate to Shira 1 Camp

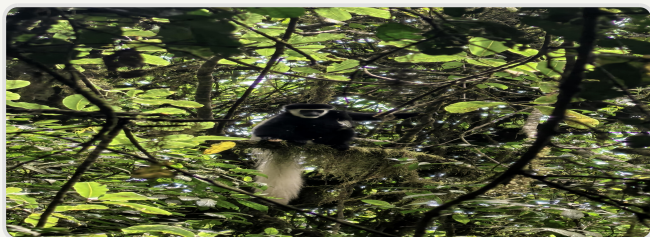
Morning briefing, then drive ~3–4 hours to **Londorossi Gate**, register, and continue by vehicle toward the high drop-off (~3,414 m / 11,200 ft). Short trek to **Shira 1** — gentle start with time to acclimatize.

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

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

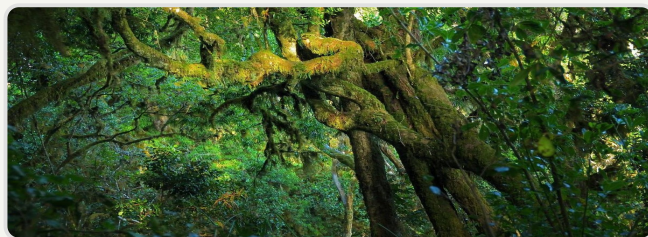
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ACCOMMODATION

Shira 1 Camp



Day 3: Shira 1 to Shira 2 Camp

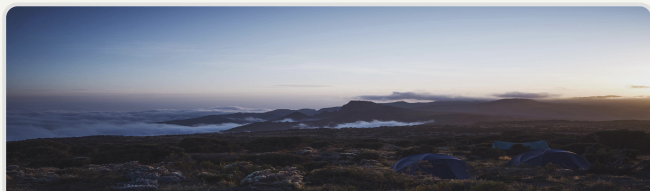
Easy day to **Shira 2** with modest altitude gain; enjoy views and endemic plants. After lunch, optional acclimatization walk toward **Lava Tower** (~260 m extra gain) to sleep lower afterward.

Acclimatization hike: Shira 2 (~3,850 m) toward ~4,110 m — ~2 km, 1–2 hours.

Trekking time (main): 3–4 hours | **Distance:** ~7 km (4.3 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

Shira 2 Camp



Day 4: Shira 2 to Moir Hut via Lava Tower

From Shira 2, hike to **Lava Tower** (~4,600 m) for lunch — a demanding segment for many. After lunch and rest, continue to **Moir Hut** on the quiet northern side of the mountain.

Trekking time: 5–7 hours | **Distance:** ~14 km (8.7 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

Moir Huts



Day 5: Moir Hut to Buffalo Camp

Exit Moir Valley with a short steep pull, then traverse **northern slopes** with views toward Kenya on clear days. Rolling ups and downs without extreme jumps.

Trekking time: 5–7 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

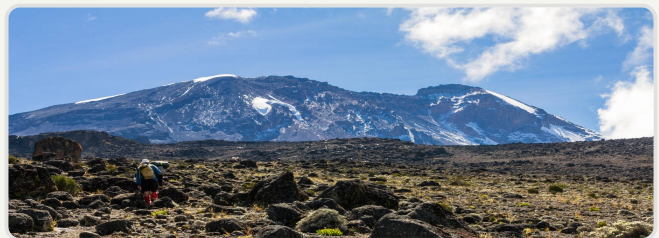
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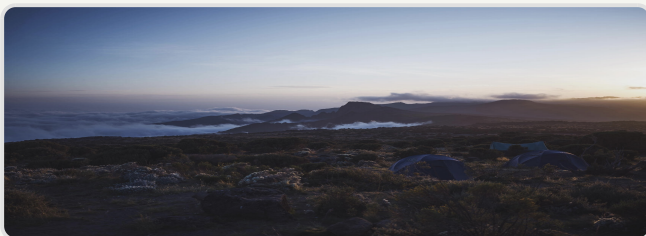
Day 6: Buffalo Camp to Third Cave Camp

Shorter day as the trail approaches the line used by **Rongai**. By now you should feel comfortable near **3,800 m**.

Trekking time: 4–6 hours | **Distance:** ~8 km (4.9 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)



Day 7: Third Cave to School Hut

Trek to **School Hut** summit camp (~4,800 m / 15,744 ft). Sleep early; avoid heavy exertion; drink heavily. Summit night begins around midnight.

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

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ACCOMMODATION

Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)



Day 8: Uhuru Peak and descent to Millennium Camp

From School Hut, night ascent to **Uhuru Peak**. One guide typically supports two climbers. After sunrise at the summit, descend to **Barafu** for lunch and rest, then continue to **Millennium Camp** in the forest.

Please note: Roughly nine in ten mountain injuries happen on descent — watch every step.

Trekking time: 10–13 hours | **Distance:** ~16 km (9.9 mi)

DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro National Park



ACCOMMODATION

Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)



Day 9: Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

Rainforest descent to **Mweka Gate**; certificates; celebratory handshakes with crew; hotel transfer.

Trekking time: 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

DESTINATION

Moshi Town



ACCOMMODATION

Keys Hotel Mbokomu



Day 10: Departure

Hotel rest and airport transfer. **Please note:** Check-out often **11:00 AM**.

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 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
9-day	\$2,640	\$2,464	\$2,319	\$2,274	\$2,219	\$2,166

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
9-day	\$2,640	\$2,464	\$2,319	\$2,274	\$2,219	\$2,166

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
9-day	\$2,640	\$2,464	\$2,319	\$2,274	\$2,219	\$2,166

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