

NORTHERN CIRCUIT

9 Days / 8 Nights

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Duration: 9 Days / 8 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

Overview of the Northern Circuit

The **Northern Circuit** is the **longest and least known route for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.** It shares the **Lemosho** high start, then traverses remote **northern slopes** with very low traffic before joining the summit path via **School Hut**.

It offers excellent **acclimatization** and a full traverse around **Kibo (Kilimanjaro),** which significantly increases the chances of reaching the summit. It is recommended for climbers with ample time, as it typically takes 9 days to complete. at the cost of more days trekking and a higher budget.

DESTINATIONS



Kilimanjaro National Park



Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO



Moshi Town

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at JRO; hotel transfer; briefing with **Serengeti Nexus**. **Please note:** Check-in often from **2:00 PM**.

DESTINATION

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

Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)



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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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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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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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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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)

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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.

	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX
9-day	$2,640	**$2,464**	$2,319

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