



## KILIMANJARO CLIMBING - LEMOSHO ROUTE 7 DAYS

### OVERVIEW

**Lemosho Kilimanjaro climbing route** approaches Mount Kilimanjaro from the west. It is the most Kilimanjaro Scenic Route. By crossing from Shira Ridge to Shira 2 camp, the route offers a chance to visit the Shira Plateau and caldera. It is a pleasant hike and the hikers experience the low traffic with vast vistas of scenic views till it joins the Machame route.

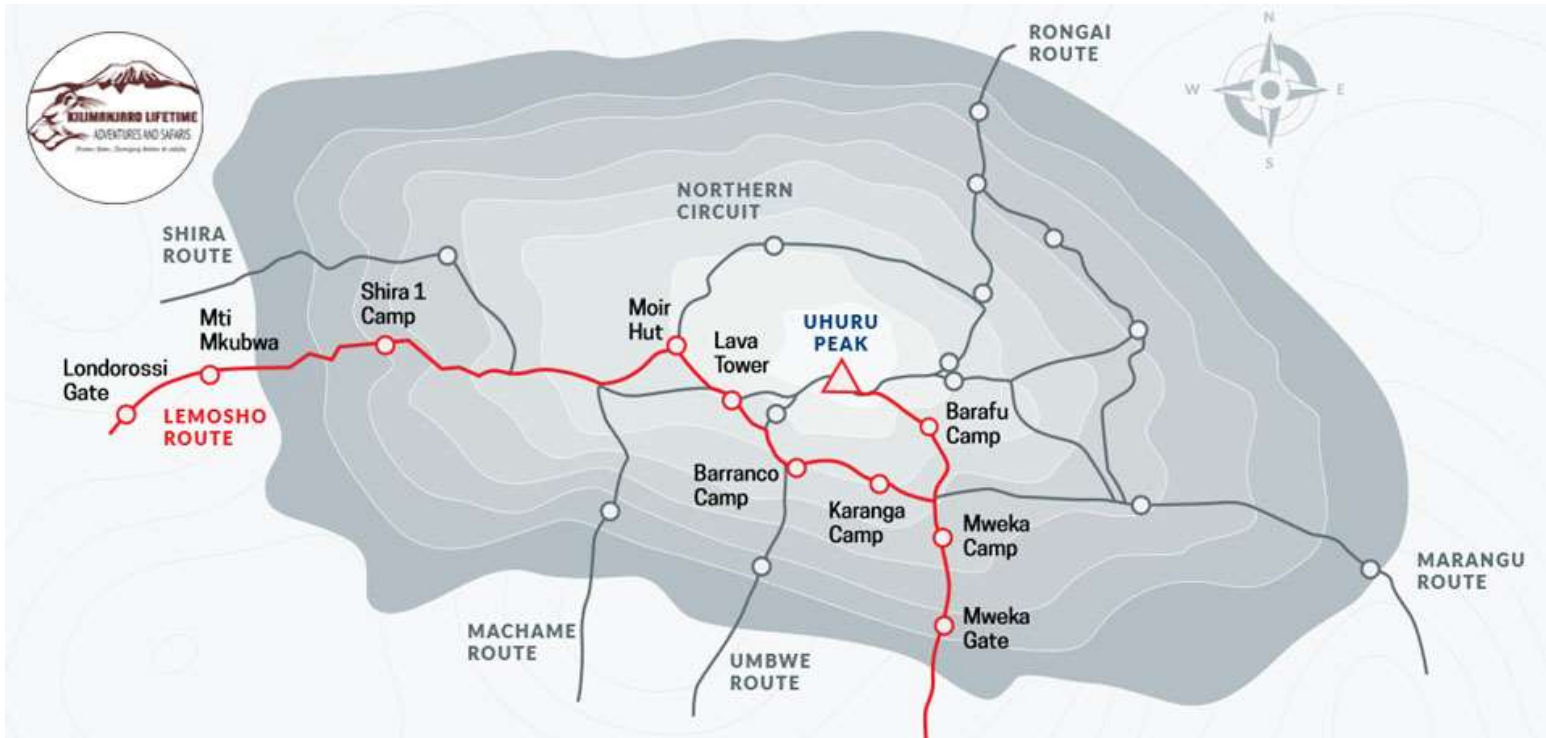
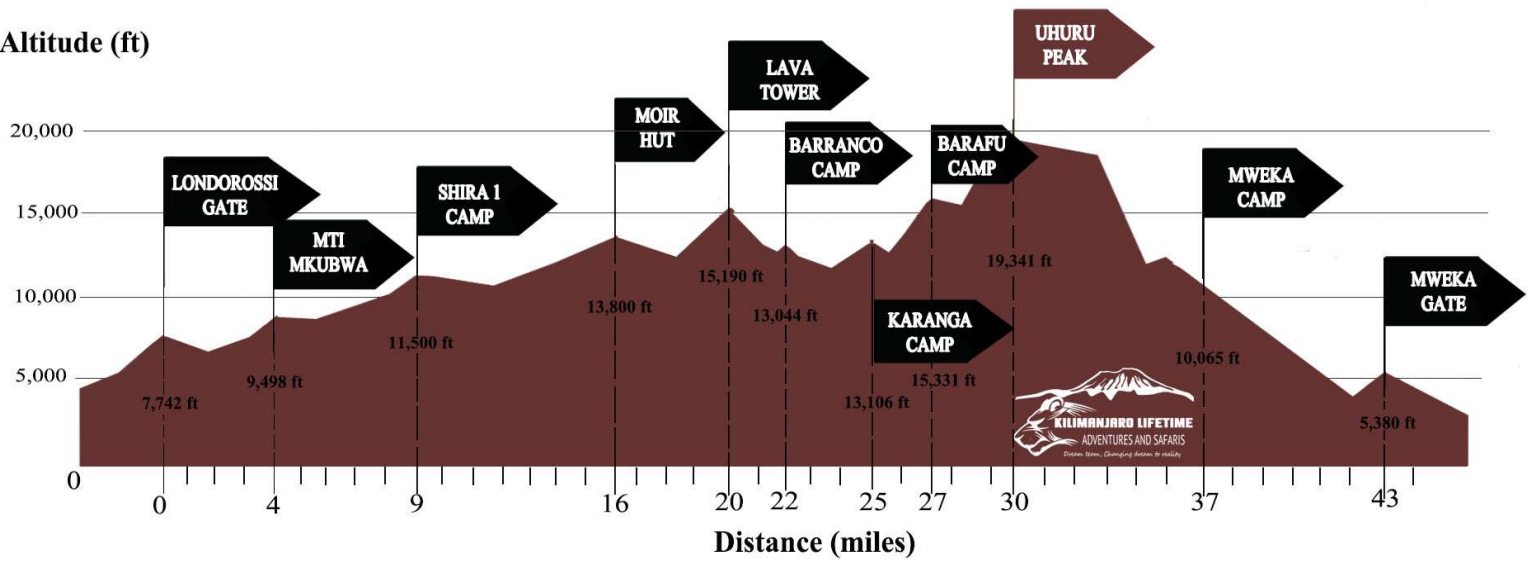
After that both the Lemosho and the Machame together proceed further with the same track that passes through the Lava Tower, Barranco and Barafu, known as the southern circuit. The minimum days required to summit by the Lemosho route is the 7, but 8 days is recommended as it will give more chance to acclimatize and achieve the summit. Secondly the variations of landscapes Lemosho pass through makes it one of the most beautiful routes to the summit.

The rainforest in the beginning, the spectacular Shira plateau and then all those viewpoints it shares with the Machame route around the southern circuit make it one of the best routes to proceed. Lemosho has low crowds until it combines with Machame. Lemosho is highly recommended, and it has an abundance of wildlife such as elephant, buffalo, eland and lion which come over to forage during dry season from Longido game-controlled area.

Because the starting point is far from Moshi, it is more expensive to climb this route due to the added transportation cost of getting hikers to the gate. A vehicle is used to bring hikers to the gate, where the trail begins in the montane rainforest. Lemosho trekkers have a longer distance to shield in the tropical rain forest ecosystem than other routes, and as a result hikers do not exit the rainforest until the end of day two.

This plan means that the Lemosho route is a longer route, usually taking 7 to 8 days to complete. It rarely takes 6 days!

Altitude (ft)



## TOUR ITINERARY

### ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to Parkview Inn hotel/ in Moshi town; you will meet your guide who will brief you on your upcoming trek and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gear. Gear which is missing can be rented on this day.

- ✓ Hotel accommodation (Bed & Breakfast).

## Day 1: Lemosho Glades (2385m) to Big Tree Camp (2780m)

### Lemosho Glades

You will be picked up at your hotel at around 08:00am and transferred to the Lemosho gate located on the western side of Kilimanjaro. After the registration process you will still start our climb steadily through the forests of the Lemosho glades to reach Big Tree camp where you will be spending the night.

- ✓ Distance covered: 7km / 4.3mi
  - ✓ Approx. time taken: 4 hours
  - ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included
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## Day 2: Big Tree Camp (2780m) to Shira 2 Camp (3900m)

### Shira 2 Camp

Today you will cover a lot of ground as you trek across a plateau of grassy moorland and heather scattered with volcanic rock formations. We will trek through Shira 1 Camp from where there are often views of Kibo Peak floating on the clouds as we head towards our destination which is Shira 2. We gain a reasonable amount of altitude as we head towards Shira 1 and parts of the route are fairly steep. As you proceed towards Shira 2 you will get the chance to view the Northern Ice fields from the western side of the mountain with some unusual views of Kibo. Our steady climb across the moorland of the Shira Plateau will help with acclimatization and we enjoy great panoramic views.

- ✓ Distance covered: 16.5km / 10.3mi
  - ✓ Approx. time taken: 9 – 11 hours.
  - ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included
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## Day 3: Shira 2 Camp (3900m) to Barranco Camp (3960m)

### Barranco Camp

Your trek starts with an ascent with far-reaching panoramic views, walking in to the climatic zone of the upland desert and on the lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. You will reach the distinct pinnacle of the Lava Tower (4640 m), our high point for the day and a great place to enjoy your lunch. In the afternoon we make a steep descent to our camp for the night, located in the base of the Great Barranco Valley (3960 m), sheltered by towering cliffs but with extensive views of the plains below.

- ✓ Distance covered: 10km / 6.2mi
  - ✓ Approx. time taken: 7 hours
  - ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included
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## Day 4: Barranco Camp (3960m) to Karanga Camp (3963m)

### Karanga Camp

Our day starts by descending into the start of the Great Barranco, a huge ravine. We then exit steeply, up the Great Barranco Wall, which divides us from the southeastern slopes of Kibo. It's a climb over rock, not technical but long and tiring. Passing underneath the Heim and Kersten glaciers, we head towards the Karanga valley. From here we have a

steep climb up from Karanga valley to our night's camp at Karanga camp, set at 3963m. For those feeling strong we will go for a mid-afternoon acclimatization trek up to around 4200m before descending back to camp for the night.

- ✓ Distance covered: 5.5km / 3.4mi
  - ✓ Approx. time taken: 5 hours
  - ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included
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## **Day 5: Karanga Camp (3963) to Barafu Camp (4640m)**

### **Karanga Camp**

After a good night's rest and breakfast, we set off on our walk to Barafu camp at 4640m. The climb will take us across desolate scree slopes with no vegetation around us at all. It's a tough steep walk made more difficult by the altitude. On arriving at camp we eat and spend the afternoon resting as we prepare for a long night and day ahead. It is important to keep hydrated and warm. We have an early dinner and then try to get some sleep as we will be getting up at between 11pm and 12pm to start the climb to the summit.

- ✓ Distance covered: 3km / 1.9mi
  - ✓ Approx. time taken: 3 hours
  - ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included
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## **Day 7: Barafu Camp (4640m) to UHURU PEAK (5895m) & down to Mweka Camp (3100m)**

### **Barafu Camp**

We start off at around midnight and walk steeply upwards to the summit glaciers. We will be climbing scree for 4 to 5 hours but gain incredible height over a short distance. The views are spectacular. We should be on the crater rim at Stella Point (5739m) as the first rays of the sun hit us. Spectacular ice cliffs within the crater surround us and the views to jagged Mawenzi peak and beyond are breathtaking. Another hour's walking takes us to the summit, Uhuru Peak (5895m). We begin our descent by returning to Stella Point and then descending on scree slope and track back to Barafu Camp for breakfast, before finally heading down to Mweka Camp for a long well-earned rest.

- ✓ Distance covered: 16.4km / 9.6mi
  - ✓ Approx. time taken: 13 – 15 hours
  - ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included
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## **Day 8: Trek Mweka Camp (3100m) to Mweka Gate (1630m)**

### **Mweka Camp**

A gentle trek takes us down through the rainforest to Mweka Gate, where we complete park formalities and receive certificates, which you can hang up with pride! We are then met by our vehicles and return to the hotel in Moshi, where you can treat yourself to a welcome shower then celebrate with cold drinks. Overnight at your arranged Hotel

- ✓ Distance covered: 9.1km / 7.5 miles
  - ✓ Approx. time taken: 3 hours
  - ✓ Hotel: Bed & Breakfast
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**Moshi**

This day left for your next destination. If you have safari, then might be used to beginning your safari or fly to Zanzibar or fly back home. Our vehicle will be ready to take you to the airport at your time.

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**PRICE INCLUDES**

- ✓ Kilimanjaro Airport Pickup and Drop – Off
- ✓ 2 Nights' hotel accommodation in Moshi is included.
- ✓ All transfers to the mountain and back to your hotel in Moshi
- ✓ Professional, experienced, mountain guides
- ✓ Guides, Porters, cook salaries and park fees.
- ✓ Oxygen Cylinder
- ✓ Quality, waterproof, four seasons private mountain sleeping tents.
- ✓ Sleeping Mattress
- ✓ All meals while on the mountain
- ✓ Quality mess tents with table and chairs
- ✓ Large portions of fresh, healthy, nutritious food
- ✓ Clean purified drinking water
- ✓ Kilimanjaro National Park Entrance fees
- ✓ All Government taxes and levies include 18% VAT.
- ✓ Community Development Fund & Conservation Fund

**PRICE EXCLUDES**

- International or Local Flights
  - Optional activities
  - Alcoholic and soft drinks
  - Passport and Visa fees
  - Personal spending money for souvenirs etc.
  - Travel insurance.
  - Travel Documents (Yellow Fever Certificate etc.)
  - Tip for your crew.
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