

Earthbound Expeditions

Kilimanjaro Climb

10 days, from US$2,032 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
10 days	**Unlimited**	**Tanzania**

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There are seven official trekking routes up Kilimanjaro. The Machame route is widely considered the most scenic, and the Lemosho route is now considered equally beautiful. As one of the newer routes, Lemosho offers fine scenery, fewer crowds and a high summit success rate.

The route approaches Kilimanjaro from the west, with a long drive from Moshi to Londorossi Gate. The climb begins at Lemosho Glades (2,100 m) in the forest zone and continues steeply into the heather and moorland zone. For the first two days, the trek passes through the rainforest to the Shira Ridge. The trail then crosses the entire Shira Plateau from west to east on a gentle path and joins the Machame route at Lava Tower. From there, the route descends towards the Barranco Valley through the alpine desert zone and crosses the Barranco Wall. The summit attempt starts from Barafu early in the morning and continues to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) for the sunrise view. After the summit, the descent follows the Mweka route.

The climb of Kilimanjaro should not be underestimated. You need to be both physically and mentally prepared to reach the summit safely.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and transfer to Moshi. Pre-climb briefing on the trek.

Altitude: 890 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Moshi Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Start the climb at Lemosho Glades

Start the climb at Lemosho Glades (2100m) and walk through the forest zone.

Altitude: 2,780 m On foot: 7 km, 3–4 hrs Night: Tented camp, Mti Mkubwa Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Trek to the Shira Plateau

Continue through the forest, climbing steeply into the heather and moorland zone, crossing the Shira Ridge and descending onto the Shira Plateau.

Altitude: 3,500 m On foot: 7–8 km, 4–5 hrs Night: Tented camp, Shira One Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Trek across the Shira Plateau

A slow-paced hike across the Shira Plateau through the heather and moorland.

Altitude: 3,900 m On foot: 6 km, 3–5 hrs Night: Tented camp, Shira Two Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

Trek through the heather and moorland

Continue through the heather and moorland, crossing scree slopes and a river valley.

Altitude: 3,960 m On foot: 10 km, 7–8 hrs Night: Tented camp, Barranco Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Climb the Barranco Wall

This is an additional day for acclimatisation. You enter the alpine desert zone and climb the steep Barranco Wall.

Altitude: 4,035 m On foot: 6 km, 3–5 hrs Night: Tented camp, Karanga Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Trek through the alpine desert

A short trek over compacted scree and steep sections of rocky slabs through the alpine desert.

Altitude: 4,650 m On foot: 4 km, 3–4 hrs Night: Tented camp, Barafu Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

Summit Uhuru Peak via Stella Point

Start for the summit at around midnight, climbing to Stella Point (5740m) and then continuing to Uhuru Peak (5895m). Descend via Barafu Campsite and then into the heather and moorland.

Altitude: 5,895 m at Uhuru Peak On foot: 19 km, 13–15 hrs Night: Tented camp, Mweka Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

Descend to Mweka Gate and transfer to Moshi

Continue the descent through the forest zone of the mountain to Mweka Gate (1680m). Transfer to Moshi.

Altitude: 890 m On foot: 10 km, 3–4 hrs Night: Hotel, Moshi Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10

Departure

Check out. Our services end here. Optional: continue on a safari or transfer to the airport.

Altitude: 890 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- 2 nights' accommodation in Moshi on a half-board, shared basis
- Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA) conservation fees (entry fees)
- Kilimanjaro National Park compulsory rescue fees
- Kilimanjaro National Park camping fees
- KINAPA-trained and certified English-speaking guide(s)
- KINAPA-trained and certified porters (1 porter per person for personal mountain luggage of 15kg max.)
- KINAPA-trained and certified cook, with utensils, cutlery, crockery and so on
- All meals on the mountain on a full-board basis
- Additional day for acclimatisation
- Camping chairs, tables and dining tent
- Three- or four-season light dome tent, shared between two travellers
- 1 transfer from Moshi to the park gates per group
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- Safe and luggage storage at the lodge in Moshi while you are on the trek
- Boiled drinking water on the trek, plus 1.5 litres of bottled water per person per day at Mountain Inn

- Basic first aid kit per group
- 1 group transfer from JRO to Moshi
- Personal mountain equipment: sleeping bag, sleeping mattress and duffel bag

Not included

- Tips and gratuities
- Additional transfers from the park gates to Moshi
- Extra nights' accommodation at Mountain Inn
- Personal mountain equipment such as sleeping bags, walking poles, mattresses, duffel bags and so on (please ask for prices)
- Specialised trekking equipment such as oxygen cylinders (please ask for prices)
- Flying Doctors emergency evacuation membership
- Drinks such as soft drinks and alcohol
- Metal water bottles, water bladders and so on (please note: soft plastics are not permitted on the mountain)
- Personal expenses

Photos, videos and reviews of this trip: earthbound.rajansimkhada.com/kilimanjaro-climb