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## Original Tanzania 14 Day / 13 Night Itinerary Kilimanjaro 8 days Lemosho route and "Northern Highlights" 6 days Safari

Lemosho route is one of the longest and most scenic routes of Mount Kilimanjaro. It is considered one of the most beautiful. It is also one of the best routes for acclimatization due to the length of the climb and it has a high success rate of climbers making it to the "Roof of Africa" as you take more days at a slower pace. It is a well favoured route due to a great balance of low traffic and scenic views.

The route approaches Mount Kilimanjaro from the west, beginning with a long drive from Moshi to Londorossi Gate. From there, the first two days are spent trekking through rainforest to Shira Ridge. This route offers variety as it meets up with 2 of the other routes on the mountain. The first is Shira route where the Lemosho route passes part of this route and crosses the Shira Plateau on the way to the summit. There may even be opportunities to spot some wildlife in the forest zone and Shira Plateau, if we are lucky! On the fourth day we join the Machame route around Lava Tower. The hike goes down to Barranco valley and we ascend to the Great Barranco wall. The descent is made via the Mweka route.

### **Day 1: Welcome on arrival and transfer to Arusha town**

Our Original Tanzania Guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel in Moshi; taking approximately 45 minutes. **Overnight stay at Honey Badger Lodge, B&B, Moshi.**

### **Day 2: Starting point (2,300m) to Mti Mkubwa (2,750m)**

*Trekking Time: 3 hours | Distance: 7 km | Altitude Gain: 450m*

After driving 3 hours from Moshi you will reach Londorossi Gate (1,800m) where we will complete National Park registration formalities. After registration you will be driven to the starting point of your trek at 2,350m. The first day is a shorter walk through stretches of untamed, dense, ever-changing Rain forest, trekking to your first camp Mti Mkubwa Camp (2750m) where you will enjoy your first mountain supper!





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### **Day 3: Mti Mkubwa (2,750m) to Shira Camp 2 (3,840m)**

*Trekking Time: 7-8 hours | Distance: 12 km | Altitude Gain: 1090m*

The trail continues and heads towards Shira camp1, bringing you out of the forest to giant heather moorland zone and up steep ridges leading to the Shira Plateau.

From here you will be able to take in the stunning views Kilimanjaro has to offer, including Mount Meru in the west with its breath-taking sunsets. After several streams are crossed we continue over the Shira Ridge (3,600m) then gently downwards to Shira camp1. The trail continues to Shira Camp2 (3,810m) passing across the Shira Plateau on the moorland zone and more open area, you will have the best scenic views of the landscape of the mountain.

### **Day 4: Shira camp2 (3,840m) to Barranco camp (3,950m) via lava tower**

*Trekking Time: 6-7 hours / Distance: 11km / Altitude Gain: 110m*

Today Lemosho route meets the Machame route before approaching Lava Tower. The trail to Barranco Camp, taking 6 – 7 hours, is truly beautiful and starts with a gentle incline towards Kibo. You will reach a ridge marked by a rock named the Shark's Tooth (4,400m) and go south, crossing shallow valleys to Lava Tower (4,600m). We will gradually descend to Barranco Camp with its great views of the icy Western Breach and the Barranco Wall, better known as the 'Breakfast Wall'. This is an acclimatisation day following the 'walking high, sleeping low' rule of mountaineering.

### **Day 5: Barranco Camp (3,950m) to Karanga Camp (3,930m)**

*Trekking Time: 4 – 5 hours / Distance: 5km / Altitude Gain: 200m, Altitude loss: 220m*

The day starts with a not too technical trek up Barranco Wall (200m High) which, although steep, only requires hand-and-feet climbing for a few stretches. The top of the 'Breakfast Wall' has attractive vistas of Kibo and the surrounding landscape. We will then follow the trail with many up and down sections across small streams and then cross the Karanga River to the Karanga campsite (3,930m). This is another short day of trekking to assist with acclimatization.





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### **Day 6: Karanga Camp (3,930m) to Barafu Camp (4,600m)**

*Trekking Time: 2- 4 hours / Distance: 4km / Altitude Gain: 770m*

The sixth day starts by following the path up and across a rocky zone with views of the mountains' Southern Glaciers. Continuing our eastward traverse to Barafu Camp we meet the crossroads with the Mweka route. A further hour's climb up a steep and rocky Lava Ridge will bring us to Barafu Camp (4,681m). You have completed the South Circuit of the mountain and from here you will be able to view the summit from a number of different angles.

The terrain at Barafu Camp is inhospitable and has very little vegetation; it often snows at this point and in the rainy season can be blanketed. We will set up camp, rest and enjoy a hearty meal before heading to bed – the summit is just a further 1,295m, which we will start to attempt at midnight.

### **Day 7: Barafu Camp (4,600m) to Summit (5,895m) (midnight start) descent to Mweka Camp (3,100m)**

*Trekking Time: 6 – 7 hours / Distance: 5km / Altitude Gain: 1295m*

Waking up at 23.00hrs you will have a light snack and hot drink before starting your 5km trek to the summit. This is the most exhausting day of your climb with an overall trekking time of approximately 16 hours. This section of your climb is the coldest with temperatures ranging from -5°C to -10°C. We will head North West; following the trail up an increasingly steep valley on the edge of scree fields you will pass the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers towards Stella Point (5,672m). You are now on the southern rim of Kibo, where you will have spectacular views as the sun rises. Just a further hour's climb will bring you to Uhuru Peak (5,895m). Congratulations! You have reached the highest point of Mount Kilimanjaro, the 'Roof of Africa'. You will be surrounded by awe-inspiring ice cliffs and magnificent views of Mawenzi peak and beyond.

### **Summit (5,895m) to Mweka Camp (3,100m)**

*Trekking Time: 5 – 6 hours / Distance 9km / Altitude loss: 2795*

We will start our descent to Stella Point and then get back on the trail to Barafu Camp where you will have a short rest before heading to Mweka Camp (3,100m), it is a 9km trek and en-route you will be able to take in the spectacular views of the plains of Kilimanjaro. This is not a difficult route, taking just 4 – 5 hours, the trail takes you down a rocky scree path (remember to go 'Pole Pole') through moorland and then into beautiful forest habitat. We will share our last meal on Mount Kilimanjaro and you will have a very well-deserved sleep.





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### **Day 8: Mweka Camp (3,100m) to Mweka Gate (1,800m)**

*Trekking Time: 4 – 5 hours / Distance: 10km / Altitude Loss: 1300m*

You will start your day with breakfast and then singing and celebrations with your porters before descending 1,300m to Mweka Gate, considered an easy day's climb with it taking just a few hours to get to the gate.

On arrival at Mweka Gate you will receive your Summit Certificate for you to take home and remember one of the biggest adventures you can experience. From here you will be transferred back to your hotel for a refreshing hot shower, dinner and perhaps a Kilimanjaro beer! Overnight accommodation at **Out post lodge B&B, Arusha.**

### **Day 9: Arusha – Lake Manyara National park**

Setting off early after breakfast, we will make our way to Lake Manyara, taking in the vast landscapes, Maasai Villages and cultural mix of people along the way. Journey time is approximately 3 hours. After registration at the gate, we shall start our first Game Drive of your Safari adventure before relaxing in the great outdoors for lunch within the Park. Lake Manyara supports a wide variety of wildlife due to its diverse habitats. If you are lucky you may see the Manyara lions, well known for their tree climbing habits. The Park is also home to sizable populations of elephant, hippo, giraffe, and buffalo. East of the park is the Great Rift Valley escarpment which looms on the horizon, it forms an impressive backdrop to the lake. After lunch we will head out for a further Game Drive, taking our time to see animals in their natural habitat before we arrive at **Tloma Lodge. Overnight / Full Board**

### **Day 10: Lake Manyara – Serengeti National Park**

Waking early and after breakfast, we will drive through Ngorongoro Conservation area towards the Serengeti plains, taking approximately 4/5 hours. As we transit through the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, the opportunity for game viewing is endless as well as enjoying scenes of the Maasai tribe living in an area known for maintaining the balance between humans and wildlife. On our way, you will also have the opportunity to visit at traditional Maasai Boma (village) and learn about their culture. We will enjoy a prepared picnic lunch in Serengeti before heading out for an afternoon game drive on route to your overnight accommodation. **Overnight at Ndutu under canvas / full board**





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**Serengeti National Park:** The Serengeti is one of Tanzania's oldest and largest national parks, covering an area of 14,763-square-kilometers. The park is a world heritage site, with the earth's largest concentration of plains' Game (mainly wildebeest and zebra) which are in abundance, especially during the annual migration. The population of plains' game also includes buffalo, giraffe and warthog, as well as a wide range of antelopes. Apart from Ngorongoro, the Serengeti is one of the best places to see predators in action. Predators include large clans of hyenas, lion prides, cheetahs and, the hardest to spot; leopards.

#### **Day 11: Full Day Game Drive exploring Serengeti National Park**

Today is for exploring and experiencing the plains as far as the eye can see. Time will be taken to show you the uniqueness of this world heritage site. Aiming for a Sunrise game drive, we will set out early to get the best observation time of the animals as they wake and head out into the day. Returning for brunch and time to relax at your lodge, we will set off again for an afternoon game drive, continuing into the evening; another great time for spotting the animals as the temperature cools. **Overnight full board at Ndutu Under Canvas.**

#### **Day 12: Serengeti National Park - Ngorongoro Crater**

On this day, you will have a half day game drive in Serengeti before driving to Ngorongoro where plenty of wildlife can still be spotted as we head through Ngorongoro Conservation Area. On our way, you will also have the opportunity to visit at traditional Maasai Boma (village) and learn about their culture. **Overnight full board at Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge**

#### **Day 13: Ngorongoro Crater - Arusha**

After breakfast, we will descend into the 600-meter deep Crater, which has a 19-kilometre diameter, making it one of the world's largest unbroken and unflooded caldera. The park covers approximately of 300-square-kilometres, where the landscapes are breathtaking ranges from lush rain forest on the rim, to the bush savannas' and the acacia woodland. Ngorongoro is home to predators and the highly endangered black Rhino. We will enjoy lunch in a natural beauty spot before further afternoon game viewing driving back to Arusha. **Overnight at Outpost Lodge. B&B**

#### **Day 14: Arusha - Kilimanjaro Airport**

This day will be spent on your leisure at the hotel or exploring Arusha town. Later in the evening you will be picked and transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport for your flight home.

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**End of your Original Tanzania Experience**

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## **Kilimanjaro cost includes the following:**

### **Price Includes:**

- Park Fees for Mount Kilimanjaro
- Camping fees
- Park Rescue Fees
- Airport welcome and transfer on arrival
- Lead Guide, assistant guide, cook and porters
- Full briefing to set you up for your challenge, including full kit / equipment / clothing check
- Food & Water during entire Kilimanjaro trek
- Tent accommodation, mattresses and all camping equipment, mobile mountain toilet
- Accommodation before and after trek
- Transport to and from the starting gate
- First Aid Supplies
- Pulse Oximeter
- Oxygen Tank
- A Welcoming and Supportive Original Tanzania Team!

### **Safari cost includes the following:**

- All transfers as specified in the itinerary
- All activities as specified in the itinerary
- All accommodation and meals as specified when staying in hotels / lodges
- Transport - 4x4 luxury land cruiser, with pop-up roof for optimal viewing experience
- All National Park entry fees including vehicle fees for Ngorongoro Crater
- Professional English speaking Driver / Guide
- Mineral Water, soft drinks and tea / coffee
- Airport drop off

### **Exclusive of:**

- Tip for your driver guide - made entirely at your discretion
- Any additional meals / drinks / alcohol outside of specified itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Entry visa for Tanzania
- International Flight

