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Original Tanzania 14 Day / 13 Night Itinerary Kilimanjaro 8 days Lemosho route and "Northern Highlights" 6 days Wildebeest Migration 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 Arusha; taking approximately 1 hour. **Overnight stay at Onsea House, B&B, Arusha**

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

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

After driving 3.5 hours from Arusha 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: 16th January 2018: 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-foot 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.





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 **Machweo, Honeymoon Suite, B&B, Arusha.**

Day 9: 21st January 2018: Relaxation Day after Kilimanjaro

This is a day to spend at your leisure following the challenge of Kilimanjaro; 'The Roof of Africa'. Later in the day we will arrange your Safari briefing at your accommodation and then, depending on how you feel, you have the opportunity to explore Arusha town, enjoy a local meal whilst absorbing the environment or just spend your time in the comfort at the hotel. **Overnight at Onsea House, B&B, Arusha.**

Day 10: Arusha - Coastal Aviation flight to Serengeti National Park

You will be transferred to Arusha airport for your 10:15am flight to Ndutu Serengeti. On arrival at 11:45am you will step out to the magical Serengeti endless plains. Your driver guide will be there to welcome you and start your 5 days adventure. After registration formalities, you will start your afternoon game drive. Packed lunch will be provided in one of the park picnic sites and we will head out for a further Game Drive, taking our time to see animals in their natural habitat before we arrive at **your chosen accommodation. Overnight at Ndutu Under Canvas - Suite Tent / Full Board**

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.





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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 - Suite Tent**

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 Crater Lodge.**

Day 13: Ngorongoro Crater to Tarangire National Park

After an early morning 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 and is home to predators and the endangered black Rhino. The landscapes are breathtaking. We will enjoy lunch in a natural beauty spot before further afternoon game viewing on route to Tarangire National Park. Overnight full board accommodation at **Tarangire Sopa Lodge**

Day 14: Tarangire National Park to Kilimanjaro Airport for International Flight home

Early morning sunrise game drive; returning to the lodge at around 8:30a.m for breakfast. We will then head back out for a midmorning game drive in the National Park known for Elephants and Baobab Trees. A packed lunch will be provided at one of the picnic sites on the way back to Arusha. After lunch, you will be transferred straight to **Kilimanjaro International Airport** for your flight home after what will hopefully be a once in a lifetime experience of a truly diverse, unique and welcoming country.

End of your Original Tanzania Experience

Please see next page for full details of what is and what is not included





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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
- Internal Flight – Arusha to Serengeti National Park

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

