

Kilimanjaro Itinerary

<p>Day 1</p>	<p>Arrival in Tanzania, transfer & briefing</p> <p>Upon arrival into Kilimanjaro Airport you will be transferred to our hotel in Moshi to freshen up after your flight. After a comprehensive briefing about the trip from your Expedition Leader, we will be served dinner in the hotel where you can get to know the other members of your group and relax in the beautiful grounds of our hotel.</p>
<p>Day 2</p>	<p>Preparation day</p> <p>Today you will have the chance to change money, meet our local guides and ensure that you have everything you need for the trek. We will also have the opportunity to explore the local town of Moshi and rest before the trek begins the following day.</p>
<p>Day 3</p>	<p>Machame Gate (1800m) – Machame Camp (3030m)</p> <p>After breakfast the we are transferred to Machame Gate (1800m), our entrance to Kilimanjaro National Park. From here we trek through montane forest (keep your eyes peeled for monkeys and an array of beautiful birds) to Machame Camp (3000m) and our first overnight stay on the mountain at Machame Camp.</p> <p>Trekking time 5-7 hours Distance: 5.5km Campsite altitude gain: 1200m.</p>
<p>Day 4</p>	<p>Machame Camp (3030m) – Shira 2 Camp (3850m)</p> <p>The next morning we leave the rainforest behind and trek across heath and moorland onto the Shira Plateau to Shira Camp 2 (3850m), where we spend our second night camping on the mountain.</p> <p>Trekking time 4-6 hours Distance: 5.5km Campsite altitude gain: 820m.</p>
<p>Day 5</p>	<p>Shira 2 Camp (3850m) – Barranco Camp (3985m)</p> <p>The landscape begins to get far more rugged today as we continue through rolling semi-desert valleys passing the impressive Lava Tower, a volcanic plug that towers over the trail at 4642m.</p> <p>Trekking time 5-7 hours Distance: 10km Campsite altitude gain: 135m.</p>
<p>Day 6</p>	<p>Barranco Camp (3985m) – Karanga Camp (4040m)</p> <p>Today is the perfect opportunity for you to continue acclimatising, with a relatively easy trek and very little height gain. After a morning walking along the Kibo South Circuit, we enter the Karanga Valley and to our riverside campsite. There may be the opportunity for a further acclimatisation trek in the afternoon if you're feeling up to it.</p> <p>Trekking time 4-5 hours Distance: 5.5km Campsite altitude gain: 55m.</p>

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<p>Day 7</p>	<p>Karangu Camp (4040m) – Kosovo High Camp (4800m)</p> <p>A climb over rocky slabs leads to Kosovo High Campsite (5800m) where we get an early night for our summit attempt the following day.</p> <p>If the conditions allow, we may get views of the spectacular Heim, Kersten and Rebmann glaciers above. Tonight will be cold, so after some food and hot drinks, we retire to our tents early to get as much sleep as possible before the long day ahead.</p> <p>Your leader will deliver a detailed summit brief with top tips and handy hints. It is essential to have your daypack and water ready before bed.</p> <p>Trekking time 4-5 hours Distance: 7km Campsite altitude gain: 760m.</p>
<p>Day 8</p>	<p>Kosovo High Camp (4800m) – Uhuru Peak (5895m) – Millennium Camp (3820m)</p> <p>Summit day has arrived! We begin with a very early start for our final push, passing the Rebmann Glacier then on to Stella Point as the sun rises over this dramatic landscape. A short while after this, we reach Uhuru Peak – the highest point of Kilimanjaro and of the African continent. What an achievement – you’ve made it to the summit! Providing it is clear, the summit offers magnificent views of the sun rising over the secondary cone of Mawenzi (5149m) and west over the vast plains to Mount Meru (4566m). After a brief photo stop and a rest, we begin a descent back down the way we came up to Barafu Campsite for lunch then onto Millennium Camp where we camp for the final time.</p> <p>Trekking time 10 hours minimum Distance: 15km Ascent: 1072m Descent: 2075m.</p>
<p>Day 9</p>	<p>Millennium Camp (3820m) – Machame Gate (1830m)</p> <p>During our last day trekking, we descend from Millennium Camp all the way down to Machame Gate where we’ll say our goodbyes to some of our local team before being transferred back to our hotel for showers and a celebratory meal.</p> <p>Trekking time 5 hours Distance: 20km Descent: 1990m.</p>
<p>Day 10</p>	<p>Transfer to airport & trip ends</p> <p>Today we say our goodbyes and you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight.</p>

Please Note: Every effort will be made to adhere to the above itinerary, but as this is adventure travel in a high altitude mountain region, we cannot always guarantee it. Weather conditions and the health of trekkers can all affect the plan. Your Expedition Leader and our local team will do their best to ensure that the trip runs according to plan, and cheerfulness in the face of adversity is an asset in the mountains!