



MOUNT KILIMANJARO

CONGRATULATIONS  
YOU ARE NOW AT

UHURU PEAK TANZANIA 5895M / 19341 FT AMSL

AFRICA'S HIGHEST POINT  
WORLD'S HIGHEST FREE-STANDING MOUNTAIN

NEVER GIVE UP  
THE BEST IS YET TO COME

# LEMOSHO ROUTE

8 Days / 7 Nights

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**Duration:** 8 Days / 7 Nights

**Type:** Private Safari

**Main Focus:** Adventure

**Country:** Tanzania

## Overview of the Lemosho route

**Lemosho** is a classic western approach with excellent scenery and one of the strongest acclimatization profiles on Kilimanjaro. It joins the busy southern circuit at **Lava Tower** and **Barranco**, then continues via **Barafu** to the summit.

It is often offered as **6-, 7-, or 8-day** mountain programmes (plus hotel nights). The **7-day** option (vehicle to high Shira) is the most popular balance of time on the mountain and summit success for many first-time trekkers.

Highlights include time on the **Shira Plateau**, the dramatic **Barranco Wall**, and iconic high-altitude vegetation such as giant groundsels. The route is inside **Kilimanjaro National Park** throughout.

**Safety first:** Expeditions are normally offered to participants aged **12–70 years**. Confirm with your consultant if you are outside this range.

## Expert recommendation

Lemosho is an excellent first Kilimanjaro route if you want **strong acclimatization** and great views. Shorter Lemosho schedules exist but suit trekkers with **prior high-altitude experience**; if you are new to altitude, favour **7 or 8 days on the mountain**.

Regardless of itinerary, plan for **solid general fitness**, hydration, and honest communication with your guides about how you feel.

## Summit success (typical)

Published statistics from major operators show that **longer Lemosho itineraries** often reach the highest reported summit success rates on the mountain, because of extra nights and “climb high, sleep low” opportunities. Exact percentages vary by season, group, and operator.

## This package with Serengeti Nexus

The itinerary below follows the popular **7-day mountain / 9-day tour** pattern (arrival, trekking, departure). Pricing on this page uses published **2026** reference tiers; your final quote may vary. See **What’s included** for the full services list.



## DESTINATIONS



**Kilimanjaro National Park**



**Arusha Town**



**Kilimanjaro International  
Airport JRO**

# DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

## Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), where you will meet a **Serengeti Nexus** representative and transfer to your hotel under the package. The hotel provides comfortable rooms, hot water, helpful staff, a swimming pool, and internet access. In the evening there will be a briefing with your trip coordinator to confirm readiness for the climb.

Private tour packages typically include **shared airport transfers** for your group. Extra charges may apply for separate transfers — coordinate arrival times with your consultant.

**Please note:** Hotel check-in often starts at **2:00 PM**.

### DESTINATION

#### Arusha Town



### ACCOMMODATION

#### Gold Crest Hotel



## Day 2: Londorossi Gate to Shira 2 Camp

Your guide and mountain support crew meet you at the hotel. You then travel by vehicle (roughly **3–4 hours**) to Kilimanjaro National Park's western entrance: **Londorossi Gate**. After permits and registration with the search-and-rescue service, you continue by off-road vehicle toward the high-altitude drop-off (about **3,414 m / 11,200 ft**), with your first wide views of the **Shira Plateau**.

The walk from the drop-off to **Shira 2 Camp** has a **moderate** altitude gain and is not overly strenuous, which helps you begin acclimatizing. At camp, tents and dinner are prepared for you.

**Please note:** From this altitude onward:

- Drink **3–4+ litres** of water daily, little and often.
- Discuss altitude medication with your **doctor** before travel; your coordinator can explain common approaches.
- At night, shallow breathing can mean less oxygen — report headache, nausea, or any illness to your **guide** immediately.

**Trekking time:** 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (6.8 mi)

### DESTINATION

#### Kilimanjaro National Park



### ACCOMMODATION

#### Shira 2 Camp



### Day 3: Shira 2 to Lava Tower and Barranco Camp

acclimatisation After breakfast, leave Shira 2 and hike toward **Lava Tower** – a key acclimatization point. This section has many ups and downs; you may feel the altitude. You should spend **at least 1–2 hours** high at Lava Tower (~4,600 m / 15,091 ft), including **lunch**, to help your body adjust.

Then you **descend** to **Barranco Camp**. Ahead lies the famous **Barranco Wall**, which you climb the next morning. The wall looks dramatic from below but follows a **non-technical** hiking trail.

**Trekking time:** 6–8 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

#### 📍 DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro National Park



#### 🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Barranco Camp



### Day 4: Barranco Wall to Karanga Camp

Early start and breakfast, then ascend the **Barranco Wall**. We recommend leaving camp early to avoid congestion from other groups. The wall usually takes **about an hour**; it is a hike, not a climb. Afterward, rest and photograph **Kibo** across the valley.

Continue over rolling terrain to **Karanga Camp**. After a warm lunch and a short rest, complete an **acclimatization hike** toward Barafu with a modest gain, then return to Karanga.

**Please note:** Acclimatization walks are a core part of summit success — follow your guide's pace.

**Acclimatization hike:** Karanga (~3,995 m) toward a point en route to Barafu (~4,335 m) — about **2.5 km, 1–2 hours**.

**Trekking time (main):** 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~5 km (3.1 mi)

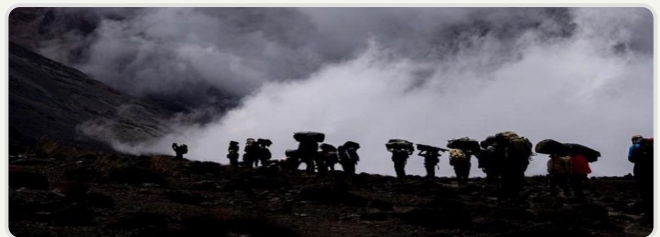
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Kilimanjaro National Park



#### 🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Karanga Camp



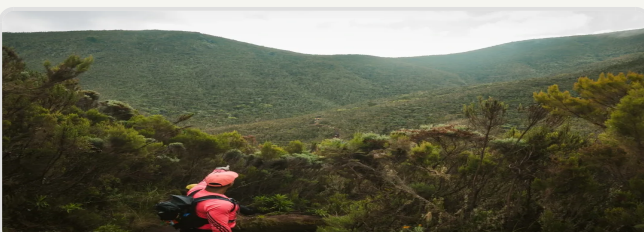
### Day 5: Karanga to Barafu Camp

After a warm breakfast, hike to **Barafu Summit Camp** — the last camp before Uhuru. Your crew prepares tents and sleeping gear so you can rest. Hydrate, eat, and sleep in the afternoon; the summit push normally starts around **midnight**.

**Trekking time:** 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~6 km (3.7 mi)

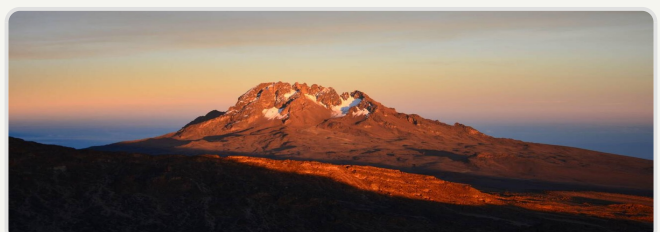
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Kilimanjaro National Park



#### 🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Barafu Camp



## Day 6: Uhuru Peak and descent to Millennium Camp

You leave **Barafu** at night for the final ascent to **Uhuru Peak** (5,895 m / 19,340 ft). The climbing is technically straightforward, but altitude makes every step harder. Typically **two climbers share one guide** on summit night for closer monitoring.

After the summit, you may view nearby ice, then descend to Barafu for a rest, and continue down to **Millennium Camp** in the forest.

**Please note:** The majority of injuries on Kilimanjaro happen on the **descent** — watch your footing and protect your toes.

**Trekking time:** 8–12 hours | **Distance:** ~15 km (9.3 mi)

### DESTINATION

#### Kilimanjaro National Park



### ACCOMMODATION

#### Millennium Camp



## Day 7: Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

Millennium lies in lush **rainforest**. After breakfast, descend to **Mweka Gate**, complete park formalities, and receive your **summit certificate**. Transfer back to your hotel.

**Trekking time:** 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

### DESTINATION

#### Arusha Town



### ACCOMMODATION

#### Gold Crest Hotel



## Day 8: Departure

Rest at the hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight.

**Please note:** Standard hotel check-out is often **11:00 AM**; late checkout may be available for a fee if you have an evening flight.

### DESTINATION

#### Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO



### ACCOMMODATION

#### No Accommodation

# WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

## Included

- ⊙ All transfers in Tanzania as per programme (airport pick-up and drop-off, hotel ? park gate / trailhead)
- ⊙ Hotel accommodation before and after the climb (typically bed & breakfast; shared twin unless single supplement)
- ⊙ Kilimanjaro National Park fees, camping or hut fees, and rescue fee contributions as applicable
- ⊙ Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook(s), and porter crew
- ⊙ All meals on the mountain; mess / kitchen tent and group dining equipment
- ⊙ Four-season mountain tents (shared, two per tent by default), group sleeping mat, group camping furniture
- ⊙ Safety: emergency oxygen, comprehensive group medical kit, daily health monitoring with guides
- ⊙ Summit certificates after a successful climb

## Excluded

- ⊙ International flights to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- ⊙ Tanzania visa fees (confirm current rate before travel)
- ⊙ Travel and high-altitude evacuation insurance (mandatory — confirm coverage for trekking to 6,000 m)
- ⊙ Tips for guides, cooks, and porters (budget per consultant advice)
- ⊙ Personal trekking clothing, boots, and sleeping bag (rental may be available)
- ⊙ Lunch and dinner at the hotel before/after the climb unless stated otherwise
- ⊙ Single room or single tent supplements; optional portable toilet hire; optional private tent surcharge
- ⊙ Personal expenses, drinks, laundry, and phone/data charges

## PRICING INFORMATION

All prices are per person in USD and may vary based on season and group size.

### Low Season

April 1 - May 31

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	\$4,299	\$3,318	\$3,042	\$2,966	\$2,908	\$2,762

### Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	\$4,299	\$3,318	\$3,042	\$2,966	\$2,908	\$2,762

### High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	\$4,417	\$3,443	\$3,170	\$3,099	\$3,042	\$2,897

**Group Discount:** The more travelers, the lower the price per person. Perfect for families and groups!