

Machame Kili Climb 8 Days



Reach for the skies, and climb to the summit of the world's tallest free-standing mountain and the highest point on the African Continent! Are you ready for the challenge?

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Kilimanjaro / Ends in: Kilimanjaro
- Departs: Any day of the year
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:8, Lunch: 7, Dinner: 6
- Hotel Rating: Hotel and tented camping on the mountain
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
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TOUR MAP:



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Day 1: Welcome to Tanzania!

Upon arrival into Kilimanjaro Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight - [Moshi](#)

Day 2: Machame Camp - 3000m

After breakfast, you will leave the hotel at approximately 8.00am for the village of Machame, where the trek begins. From the park entrance gate (Machame) you will walk for about 2 to 3 hours through a dense mixed forest of fig and rubber trees, begonia flowers and other tropical vegetation.

A stop for lunch will be made halfway to the evening's campsite. As you continue your ascent, you will find that the tropical forest gives way to tall grasses and large heather bushes. You will be walking on a ridge to the left of which is the Semira stream, and on the right, the Weru. Depending on your individual pace arrival at Machame Camp is usually between 5 and 6pm. Your camp is set up near some old metal huts, which were once used for shelter.

This initial stage of the climb is tranquil and relatively easy. There is no point in rushing to get to the camp and the guides will recommend a slow ascent, even at this point for gradual acclimatisation.

Do not try to keep up with the porters, who will usually bound ahead. Instead just take time to admire the beauty of the rainforest. If you are interested in botany we recommend bringing a small reference book as you will not always be walking right beside the guides. Overnight - [Machame Camp](#)



Day 3: Shira Camp - 3840m

On this and subsequent mornings, the wake-up call is at around 6:00am. You will be greeted with a steaming cup of tea or coffee, and weather permitting, a fabulous view of Uhuru peak. Today's trek takes you up a steep track through a savannah of tall grasses, volcanic rock, and bearded heather. You will encounter giant groundels as you hike through a ghostly landscape of volcanic lava, caves, and foamy streams.

Lunch will be taken just below the Shira Plateau, about three to four hours from Shira Camp. The hike to the next campsite takes approximately six hours and you should arrive between 2 and 3:00pm. Most climbers tend to pace themselves, walking slowly and resting about every half-hour. Many will feel lethargic by the time they reach camp.

Guides advise those trying to adapt to the thin air to drink hot tea and sleep - and there is no better advice to follow at this stage.

Overnight - Shira Camp



Day 4: Barranco Camp (3950m)

Wake up and see the entire Shira Plateau greeting you this morning with sweeping vistas across to Meru and the Shira Needles. A steady walk takes you up to the pass at Lava Tower (15,000 ft), where you stop to have lunch. Crossing the Bastains Stream, you will begin to descend towards Barranco Camp.

The descent takes you along an immense canyon called Grand Barranco. Along the way, you will see numerous waterfalls which are fed by streams coming from the mountain, converging here to form the Umbwe River. Your camp is set at almost the same altitude as the night before.

Today's trek lasts for about six hours and arrival at camp is between 4:30 and 5:30pm. Overnight - Barranco Camp



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Day 5: Karanga Camp (3950m)

This morning you begin your hike to Karanga Camp, which is on the same altitude as the Barranco Camp. You will encounter a bit of a climb at Barranco Cliff and spend the rest of the day climbing up and down the slopes of the mountain most of the way to camp. The climbing is not considered difficult and you should arrive in time for lunch (around 1:00pm) having trekked for about four hours.

This afternoon you can explore the surrounding areas of the Karanga Valley where giant senecios and lobelia grow - you'll get some amazing photographs! Overnight - Karanga Camp

Day 6:

This morning you will begin your scenic climb to Barafu, which is situated for the greater part on a moraine with a view of Mawenzi peak towering majestically above - and Kibo peak seemingly just out of reach. The Alpine desert terrain encountered at this point is mostly a rocky mineral-rich ground with a few lichens and mosses growing. Climbers who choose to ascend the peak should go to bed very early this evening, as the next day is the longest one. Overnight - Barafu Camp



Day 7: Uhuru Peak (5895m)

You will be awoken at midnight and after a light 'breakfast', start climbing at around 1:00am. It is at this stage that the climb becomes more difficult. Now, very few will not be feeling the effects of the thin air in some form or another, and climbers should carry as little as possible on this portion of the climb. Temperatures will be as low as -20 Celcius - so that means cold. As we ascend, the full moon will hang above us in the night sky (assuming it is clear weather), illuminating our path.

Making your way up a path that is flanked by the Ratzel and Rebman glaciers, you will climb for about six hours before reaching the edge of the crater, between Stella and Hans Meyer points.

Another hour of climbing brings you to the summit. Uhuru stands

at 19,340 feet and is the highest point on the continent of Africa. The track around the edge of the crater is rocky and icy. Concentrate on your feet, and follow your guide very closely for this portion of the journey. At the summit you'll have time to savour your triumph and pose for pictures as the sun rises, flooding the plains of Africa with golden sunlight.

The descent is no easier than the ascent. You will reach Kibo Hut after about three hours (around 11:30am). Climbers will be given the opportunity to rest and have some refreshments before continuing on to Mweka Camp for the night. Arriving at camp at around 5:00PM, you will have been on the move for a total of sixteen hours today. Overnight - Mweka Camp



Day 8: Arusha

On the final day of the journey, climbers descend from Mweka camp to the base. The descent to the gate will take approximately 5 hours and climbers usually arrive before noon. Upon arrival at the gate climbers will be rewarded with certificates attesting their success at climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. You will then be driven to your hotel for a day room, allowing you to take a well earned shower and change of clothes. There will be a transfer available for your departure flight.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Moshi, gateway to Mt Kilimanjaro
- Mount Kilimanjaro mountain and summit
- Diverse scenery on the climb
- Rainforest of Mandara
- Moorland
- Alpine desert
- Glacial fields

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- Spectacular views of Kenya & Tanzania from the summit

What's Included

- 1 night hotel, 6 nights camping. Day room on day 8.
- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
- Airport transfers on days 1 and 8.
- Return transfers from hotel to park gate
- Park entrance fees.
- Trek briefing. Services of English speaking mountain guide and cook.
- Porterage of 1 bag (18kg max).
- Use of an Oximeter
- All camping equipment (apart from sleeping bag and sleeping mat).

What's Not Included

- Sleeping bag and mat - please bring your own
- International flights and visas
- Tips for the porters and guides on your trek are not included in your trip price. While these are completely at your own discretion, the crew do rely upon tips. As a guideline it is recommended that you budget approx -
 1 pax USD275 to USD325
 2 pax USD225 to USD275
 4 pax USD185 to USD225
 7 or more USD150 to USD185

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$3,499

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of at least 2 adults. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if single rooms/tents are required. If travelling solo, an additional '1-person' supplement will apply. Prices are indicative and will vary depending on time of travel.

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
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