

This is probably the most beautiful route up Kilimanjaro. All your equipment and supplies will be carried by the porters and a cook prepares all your meals. The Machame route offers strictly tents only. This makes Machame better suited to the slightly more adventurous hiker, however rewarding him with a scenic splendor such as not seen on the other routes.

From late afternoon sunsets at Shira, to the misty revelations of Kibo at the great Barranco Wall, the Machame route offers the adventurous hiker a stunning scenic "slide show" over 6 days. The Machame route is normally completed in a minimum of 6 days. There is an added benefit to this, as you are afforded the most valuable commodity on the mountain - acclimatization. It takes you high to Lava Tower (4630m) on the day 3 and brings you down by nearly 700m for an overnight at Barranco camp (3950m).

**ITINERARY**

**Day 01:**

Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport & Upon arrival you will be met and greeted by our safari representative, who will introduce you to your safari guides as well as shown you to your safari vehicle. He will welcome you on board and given a short road transfer to Aishi Machame or similar for dinner and overnight.

**Day 02:**  
At 0700hrs, breakfast, 0730hrs, pre climbing briefing will be conducted by our professional mountain guide so as to know what to expect during the climb. He will too inspect your mountain climbing gears / equipments to ensure you have carried the appropriate one.

At approximately 0800hrs, in the morning, we depart from our hotel for the Machame gate, where you will be assisted to complete the check in formalities. From the park entrance gate (Machame), you will walk for about two to three hours through a dense forest of fig and rubber trees, begonia flowers, and other tropical vegetation. A stop for picnic lunch will be made halfway to this evening's campsite. As you continue your ascent, you will find that the tropical forest has given way to tall grasses and giant heather. You will be walking on a ridge, to the left of which is the Semira stream, and on the right, the Weru Weru. Depending on the pace of the climbers, arrival at Machame Camp is usually between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Your camp is set up near some old metal huts, which were once used for shelter.

**Overnight at Machame Camp (10, 000 ft)**

**Day 03:**

On this and subsequent mornings, wake-up call is at around 6:00 AM. You will be greeted with a steaming cup of tea or coffee, and weather permitting, by 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 groundsels 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 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Most climbers tend to pace themselves, walking slowly and resting about every half-hour.

**Overnight at Shira Camp (12,500 ft)**

**Day 04:**

The entire Shira Plateau greets 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 4:30PM and 5:30PM.

**Overnight at Barranco Camp (13,000 ft)**

**Day 05:**

This morning you begin your hike to Barafu Camp via Karanga Camp, which is on the same altitude as Barranco Camp. You will encounter a bit of a climb at Barranco Cliff and spend the rest of the trek 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 (approximately 1:00PM) having trekked for about four hours. In the afternoon you have hike in the Karanga Valley where giant senecios and lobelia grow; then continue with the scenic climb to Barafu which is mostly on a moraine with a view of Mawenzi peak towering majestically to the right, and overhead, Kibo peak seemingly just out of reach. The alpine desert terrain encountered at this point is mostly a mineral environment with few lichens and mosses. Climbers arrive at Barafu Camp at around 3:30PM. Climbers who choose to ascend the peak will go to bed very early this night, as the next day is the longest one.

**Overnight at Barafu Camp (15,200 ft)**

**Day 06:**

You will be awakened at midnight and after a light breakfast, start climbing at around 1:00 AM. It is at this stage that the climb becomes much more difficult. Here, very few will not be suffering from altitude sickness in some form or another; and climbers should carry as little as possible on this portion of the climb. Temperatures will range from -4 to 5 Fahrenheit. 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. The descent is no easier than the ascent. You will reach Kibo Hut after about three hours (around 11:30 AM). You will have the opportunity to rest and have some refreshments before continuing on to Mweka Camp for the night. Arriving into camp at around 5:00PM, you will have trekked a total of thirteen hours today.

**Overnight at Mweka Camp (10,200ft)**

**Day 07:**

On the final day of the journey, you will descend from Mweka camp to the base. The descent to the gate will take approximately 4 hours and climbers usually arrive before noon. Upon arrival at the gate you will be rewarded with certificates attesting your success at climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Then met and served with a delicious picnic lunch boxes prior to a road transfer to Arusha for dinner and overnight at SG RESORT or similar (HB)

**Kilimanjaro climb costs**

Includes:

- ◆ Full board accommodation i.e. 3 meals a day during the climb,
- ◆ Pre & Post climb accommodation in Arusha / Moshi as shown in the itinerary
- ◆ Park & Hut / Camping fees
- ◆ Rescue fees
- ◆ Transfers as per itinerary
- ◆ Professional (NOLS) Mountain guides & porters
- ◆ Cook
- ◆ Tents and Mattresses for the camping routes
- ◆ Cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery
- ◆ Government Taxes and Levies

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