



Itinerary 9 Days Mt. Kilimanjaro Lemosho Route

Lemosho Route Overview

This route approaches Mount Kilimanjaro from the west. It offers a chance to visit Shira Plateau (Cathedral peak) and Shira Caldera. Lemosho Route crosses from Shira Ridge to Shira 2 Camp, in a pleasant hike. Climbers encounter low traffic until the route joins the Machame route. Afterwards, Lemosho follows the same route as Machame Route through Lava Tower, Barranco and Barafu, known as the southern circuit. Like Machame, this is a scenically spectacular and varied route. Lemosho is highly recommended and it has an abundance of wildlife such as elephant, buffalo, eland and lion which come over to forage during dry season from Longido game controlled area.

Day 1: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) to Moshi.

Elevation: 1,000m to 1,200m.

Distance: 36 km

Driving Time: 45Min

Habitat: Town

Our ground crew staff will meet and pick you up from Kilimanjaro International Airport and transfer you to lodge in Moshi for overnight F/B.

Day 2: Moshi to Londorosi gate to Big tree campsite.

Elevation: 1,200 m to 1,950 m to 2,850 m

Distance: 9 km

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Habitat: Montane Forest

We will pick you up from your hotel your hotel and transport you to Londorosi gate for registration. After this formality, you board the vehicle and drive again to Lemosho glade. From this point you will start the trek across undisturbed Montane forest decorated with Black and White Colobus Monkey to the camp where dinner and overnight will take place.

Day 3: Big tree campsite to Shira one campsite

Elevation(m): 2850m to 3500m

Distance: 13km

Hiking time: 8 hours

Habitat: Moorland and heather land

This is an acclimatization trek because you will gain over 650m by starting walking across a beautiful valley outside Shira caldera rim (3600m). After few hours you will reach into Shira caldera. A high altitude desert, Shira is the one among the three peaks which erupted in Kilimanjaro ecosystem. The peak Itaer collapsed and formed a crater which eventually became filled with the lava flow from Kibo peak. Its rim is eroded and blasted away by weather and volcanic action. Camp and overnight at 3500m elevation at the Shira one campsite.

Day 4: Shira one campsite to Shira two campsite

Elevation: 3500m to 3800m

Distance: 7km

Hiking time: 5-6 hours

Habitat: Moorland and rocky

This day you will trek to east across Shira plateau visiting (Cathedral peak 3850m) for acclimatization. Reaching at this peak you will find spectacular views of Mt. Meru and Kibo Peak. We then continue trekking to Shira two camp where we will stay for dinner and overnight place.

Day 5: Shira two campsite to Barranco campsite

Elevation: 3800m to 3950m

Distance: 13km

Hiking time: 7-8 hours

Habitat: Moorland

This is long acclimatization day. You will have an early breakfast then trek east to a junction leading to Lava tower rock 4600m for acclimatization. Afterwards, you will descend down to Barranco campsite for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Barranco campsite full day.

Today you will have a full day at Barranco camp, dinner and overnight at Barranco campsite.

Day 7 Barranco campsite to Karanga campsite.

Elevation: 3950m to 3900m

Distance: 6 km

Hiking time: 4-5 hours.

Habitat: Moorland

Today is short day walk. In the morning you will start climbing Barranco wall and reach 4200m for acclimatization and continue crossing ridges and valleys to Karanga campsite for hot lunch. After lunch you will have a bit of rest and get another acclimatization of trekking up the scree slopes towards the southern ice field. You will then return to the camp for supper and overnight.

On the 6 day itinerary, after lunch on Day 4 the itinerary omits the afternoon acclimatization trek and continues to include the Day 5 trek, with dinner and overnight at Barafu Camp.x

Day 8: Karanga Campsite to Barafu Campsite

Elevation: 3900m to 4620m.

Distance: 8 km.

Hiking time: 3-4 hours.

Habitat: Alpine Desert.

On this day, the trek up to the Barafu ridge campsite is tough because of altitude. The walk take few hours because of the short distance but is steep needing a slow pace to avoid fatigue. You will trek across an alpine desert. Chances are that a strong, cold wind will be blowing from Kibo peak and its ice. You will have an early dinner at 1700hrs then rest until midnight when we you will attack the summit.

Day 9: Barafu Camp/ Uhuru Peak/ Millennium Camp

Elevation: 4620m to 5895m to 3100m

Distance: 15km

Hiking time: 10 - 12 hours

Habitat: Desert and ice.

Wake at midnight to a light breakfast and then prepare for your summit ascent. The goal is to climb before dawn so that you can reach Uhuru Peak shortly before or after sunrise. The trails is a series of switchbacks up steep scree or possibly snow, and reach Stella Point on the crater rim at 5,861 m/18,640 ft between 4 and 5 AM. At this point you will be having the views of the fabled crater and its glaciers facing you. Then after 1 hour of hiking along the Kibo crater rim near the celebrated snows takes you to Kilimanjaro true summit, Uhuru Peak. Here you will spend some times for taking photo's but it will depend on how you feel. After your summit activities done, you will descend back to the Barafu campsite, for lunch, rest, collect your equipment, and continue down through moorland and heath zone to Millennium campsite. Dinner and overnight at Millennium campsite.

Day 10: Millennium campsite to Mweka gate.

Elevation: 3100m to 1700m

Distance: 9km

Descending time: 3-4 hours

Habitat: Mountain forest.

Today is your last day on the mountain. After breakfast you will descend down to Mweka park gate walking across Mountain forest. This descent will take 3-4 hours. Here at the gate you will sign out and get ready to board the vehicle ready for the transfer back to the hotel for your certificate presentation and a well deserved celebration F/B.

Day 11: Moshi to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)

Elevation: 1,200m to 1,000m.

Distance: 36 km

Driving Time: 45Min

Habitat: Town

Our staff will meet and pick you up from Moshi and transfer you back to Kilimanjaro International Airport.

The price for the Normal mountain climbs includes:

- Accommodation (two nights) at Panama hotel in Moshi.
- 9 Days park Entrance fees
- 8 night camping fees
- 9 Days rescue fees
- 9 Days Tanzania Government VAT tax.
- Food 3 meals everyday on the mountain.
- Camping equipment such as normal tents, tables, chairs.
- Chemical toilet.
- Salaries to all porters, Cook, Assistant Guide and Chief guide
- Transfer to Lemosho gate and return to Moshi after the climb.
- Transfer from JRO to Hotel and return
- Small company first aid kit.
- Oxygen tank supply in case of emergence.
- Oxymeter.

Price for the mountain will not for include:

- Tip for the supporting crew.
- Personal things.
- Drinks at your hotel.
- Any flight.