

Itinerary for Adventurer

7-Day Kilimanjaro Machame (Whiskey Route) Expedition



Dear Adventurer,

Welcome to Mt Kilimanjaro, the Roof of Africa.
Here's a snapshot of your upcoming trek:

Start & finish: Kilimanjaro Airport/Moshi/Arusha (customizable)

Duration on the mountain: 7 Days/6 Nights

Seasons (as a rough guide):

June–October – excellent

December–March – very good

April–May – more challenging (long rains)

November – more challenging (short rains)

Machame Route is one of the most scenic and rewarding paths to the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro. Besides the views and diverse landscapes, it offers excellent acclimatization, giving climbers one of the highest success rates of all routes to Africa's rooftop.

Warm regards,

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Tour Length

9 Days / 8 Nights

Travelers

1x to 12 mountain lovers (12+ years)

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Summary

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Day by Day

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Start Point: Kilimanjaro Airport / Moshi / Arusha

Day
1

Moshi

Accommodation: Weru Weru River Lodge
Meal Plan: Dinner
Drinking water

Day
2

Mount Kilimanjaro

Accommodation: Machame Camp
Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Drinking water

Day
3

Mount Kilimanjaro

Accommodation: Shira 2 Camp
Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Drinking water

Day
4

Mount Kilimanjaro

Accommodation: Barranco Camp
Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Drinking water

Day
5

Mount Kilimanjaro

Accommodation: Karanga Camp
Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Drinking water

Day
6

Mount Kilimanjaro

Accommodation: Barafu Camp
Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Drinking water

Day
7

Mount Kilimanjaro

Accommodation: Mweka Camp
Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Drinking water

Highlights

- Mount Kilimanjaro
- Tropical Kilimanjaro Rainforest
- Heather–Moorland Zone
- Alpine desert
- Arctic (summit) zone
- Adventurous Camping
- All transfers
- Optional Chemka Hotsprings
- Optional guided Moshi City walk
- Optional wildlife safari after the climb

Summary

Day by Day

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Day
8

Mount Kilimanjaro

Accommodation: Weru Weru River Lodge

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Drinking water

Day
9

Kilimanjaro Airport

Accommodation: No accommodation

Meal Plan: Breakfast

End Point: Kilimanjaro Airport / Moshi / Arusha

Optional: We can arrange additional accommodation before and after the tour.



Day 1

Arrival to Kilimanjaro Airport. Moshi town

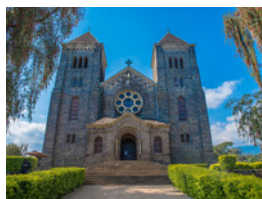
Welcome to the land of adventure! Upon landing at Kilimanjaro Airport, our friendly driver will be there to greet you and whisk you away to your hotel located in the suburbs of Moshi town. As you settle into your room, take a moment to soak in the views of the magnificent Mount Kilimanjaro and take a refreshing dip in the pool.

Our guide will brief you on what to expect during your climb. And if you need any personal mountain gear, we'll help you individually select it at the rental shop.

If you arrive early and have some extra time, don't let it go to waste! Take advantage of this opportunity to explore the cultural village of Marangu on an organic coffee tour, hike to a stunning waterfall, and visit the underground caves and hut of the Chagga tribe, and walk in Moshi town. With so much to see and do, your adventure in Tanzania starts now!



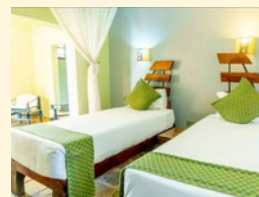
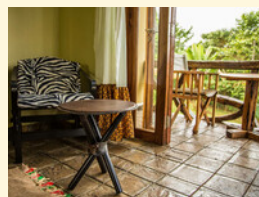
Moshi



Accommodation | Day 1
Weru Weru River Lodge
Lodge

Perfectly situated near Kilimanjaro, this eco-friendly lodge offers a pure African experience with stunning mountain views. Choose from single, twin, or double rooms, each with A/C, balconies, private bathrooms, and a rustic touch of recycled dhow wood for a unique African charm.

Enjoy diverse local and international dishes made with fresh ingredients, paired with fine wines and local beer. The lodge features a swimming pool and a spa for your ultimate relaxation.



Activities Day 1

Time of your arrival

- Meet & greet at the start of your journey.
- You will be transferred from the airport to Moshi.

At your convenience

- Relaxing at the pool in **Weru Weru River Lodge**

Meal Plan – Day 1

- Dinner
- Drinking water



Optional for Day 1

At your convenience

- City Walk in **Moshi**

Afternoon

- Materuni Coffee Tour & Waterfall Hike, Farm lunch in the **Foothills of Mt Kilimanjaro**

Day 2

Mount Kilimanjaro

Moshi – Machame Gate (1800 m) – Machame Camp (2835 m)

- *Walking distance:* 11 km
- *Walking time:* 5–7 hours
- *Altitude gain:* 1035 m

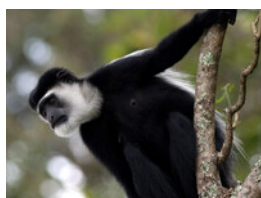
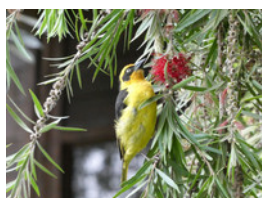
As we enter the park entrance gate, you will be awed by the dense forest of lush tropical vegetation. Black-and-white colobus monkeys are often seen. The trail is relatively easy at this stage, allowing you to fully take in the beauty of nature around you.

After a few hours of trekking, we'll stop for a well-deserved lunch break halfway to our campsite for the night. Continuing our ascent, the landscape transforms into tall grasses and giant heather, with the Semira and Weru streams guiding us along the ridge.

As the day comes to a close, we'll arrive at the serene Machame Camp, set up near some old metal huts that once provided shelter for previous explorers. Don't rush to the campsite, take your time to absorb the breathtaking scenery of the African mountain forest. Our experienced guides will ensure a gradual ascent for your safety and acclimatization.



Mount Kilimanjaro



Accommodation | Day 2

Machame Camp

Mountain hut

Machame Camp (2835 m) lies in the lush montane forest and serves as your first overnight stop. Upon arrival, you'll find your tents already pitched by our dedicated mountain crew, ready for a comfortable night surrounded by nature.



Activities Day 2

Morning

- Sit down and relax this morning while we serve you breakfast.
- Transfer by Road from **Moshi** to **Machame Gate**

Morning & Early afternoon

- Trekking, **Mount Kilimanjaro**

Around Lunchtime

- Lunch in **Machame Camp**

Evening

- Dinner in **Machame Camp**

Meal Plan – Day 2

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Drinking water

Day 3

Mount Kilimanjaro

Machame Camp (2835 m) - Shira-2 Camp (3850 m)

- Walking distance: 9 km
- Walking time: 4-6 hours
- Altitude gain: 1015 m

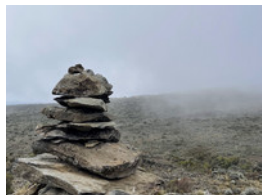
A steaming cup of tea or coffee will be ready to greet you at around 6:00 AM, along with the fabulous sight of Uhuru peak on a clear day.

Today's trek is an exhilarating ascent through a savannah filled with tall grasses, volcanic rock, and bearded heather. You'll encounter the giant groundsels, otherworldly landscape of volcanic lava, caves, and foamy streams. After about 3-4 hours of hiking, you'll stop for a lunch break just below the Shira Plateau.

The hike to the next campsite takes around six hours, and most climbers tend to pace themselves, taking regular breaks and walking slowly. Upon arrival between 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM, you'll have time to relax, unwind, and perhaps take an acclimatization hike with your guides before dinner.



Mount Kilimanjaro



Accommodation | Day 3

Shira 2 Camp

Camping

Shira 2 Camp (3850 m) lies on a vast plateau with sweeping views of Mount Meru and the Shira Ridge. It's a scenic and breezy campsite where trekkers often enjoy stunning sunsets and might begin to feel the effects of altitude.



Shira 2 Camp

Activities Day 3

Morning

- This morning we'll serve you a substantial breakfast.

Morning & Early afternoon

- Trekking, **Mount Kilimanjaro**

Around Lunchtime

- Lunch in **Shira 2 Camp**

Evening

- Dinner in **Shira 2 Camp**

Meal Plan – Day 3

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Drinking water

Day 4

Mount Kilimanjaro

Shira-2 Camp (3850 m) - Lava Tower (4630 m) - Barranco Camp (3960 m)

- *Walking distance:* 15 km
- *Walking time:* 7-9 hours
- *Altitude gain:* 110 m/780 to Lava Tower

Your journey continues with a steady walk towards the pass at Lava Tower, where you'll pause to refuel with a lunch. Then you'll begin a descent towards Barranco Camp. Descending along the Great Barranco canyon, you'll witness a stunning display of nature's power, with numerous waterfalls cascading down the rocky terrain.

Your camp is set at almost the same altitude as the night before. This is a full day trek and you may feel the exhaustion as you finally reach the campsite between 4:30-5:30 PM. Take a moment to catch your breath and reflect on the experiences of the day, after settling into your new temporary home for the night.



Mount Kilimanjaro



On the way to Lava Tower



Accommodation | Day 4

Barranco Camp

Camping

Barranco Camp (3960 m) sits dramatically beneath the Great Barranco Wall, surrounded by towering cliffs and giant groundsels. It's one of the most picturesque camps on the Machame Route, offering a memorable view of Kibo's southern glaciers.



Barranco Camp

Activities Day 4

Morning

- This morning we offer you breakfast.

Morning & Early afternoon

- Trekking, **Mount Kilimanjaro**

Around Lunchtime

- Lunch in **Barranco Camp**

Evening

- Dinner in **Barranco Camp**

Meal Plan - Day 4

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Drinking water

Day 5

Mount Kilimanjaro

Barranco Camp (3960 m) – Karanga Camp (3995 m)

- *Walking distance:* 5.8 km
- *Walking time:* 4–5 hours
- *Altitude gain:* 35 m

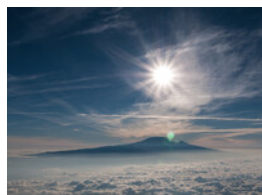
Today marks the start of your hike towards the Karanga Camp, a destination that awaits you almost on the same altitude as Barranco Camp. The day's journey begins with a bit of a climb at the Barranco Wall, after which you'll spend most of your time traversing the slopes of the mountain on your way to the camp.

Today's climb is not considered difficult, and with your determination and stamina, you should arrive at Karanga Camp in good time for lunch. Anticipate trekking for about 4 to 5 hours, as you bask in the beauty of the surrounding landscapes that unfold before your eyes.

The afternoon presents a unique opportunity to explore the majestic Karanga Valley. Here, giant senecios and lobelia grow, providing a glimpse of the abundant plant life that thrives in the region. It is also wise to take some time to rest and recharge, as you prepare yourself for the challenging climb that lies ahead. The Karanga Camp promises to be another special experience that will leave you energized and ready to conquer the mountain.



Mount Kilimanjaro



Accommodation | Day 5

Karanga Camp

Camping

Karanga Camp (3995 m) rests on a ridge above the Karanga Valley, offering spectacular views of Kibo's glaciers. It serves as an important acclimatization stop before the final push toward Barafu and the summit.



View from the camp

Activities Day 5

Morning

- This morning we offer you breakfast.
- Steep ascent to **Barranco Wall**

Morning & Early afternoon

- Trekking, **Mount Kilimanjaro**

Around Lunchtime

- Lunch in **Karanga Camp**

Evening

- Dinner in **Karanga Camp**

Meal Plan – Day 5

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Drinking water

Day 6

Mount Kilimanjaro

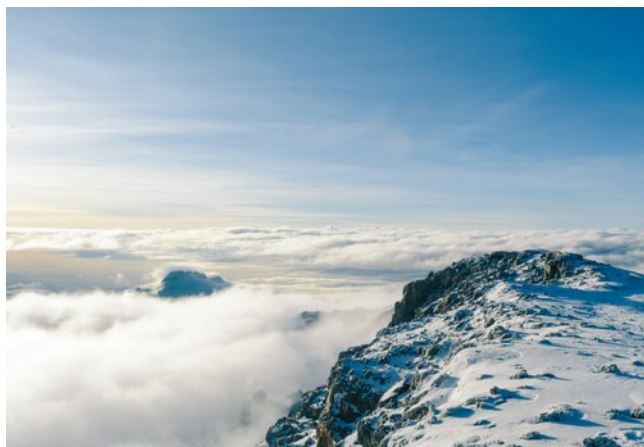
Karanga Camp (3995 m) - Barafu Camp (4673 m)

- *Walking distance:* 4 km
- *Walking time:* 3.5-4.5 hours
- *Altitude gain:* 687 m

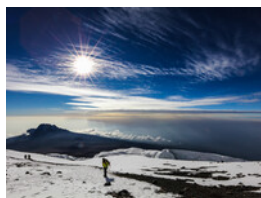
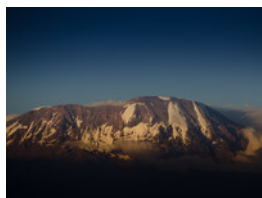
The next phase of your journey is a scenic climb to Barafu Camp. The ascent is primarily on glacial deposits and lava ridges, which provide a unique hiking terrain.

To your right, the Mawenzi peak stands tall, an imposing figure that commands your attention. Meanwhile, the Kibo peak hovers overhead, a constant reminder of the incredible feat that lies ahead. Approach the alpine desert terrain to notice a striking contrast from the lush surroundings of the previous days. Here, the mineral environment dominates, with few lichens and mosses present. The barren landscape has a special beauty of its own.

After arriving at the camp, you'll break for lunch before preparing for the summit gear check in the afternoon. For climbers who are determined to ascend the peak, an early bedtime is in order as the next day is set to be the longest one yet. The summit day will start just after the midnight, and you will push yourself a little beyond your limits in pursuit of a dream.



Mount Kilimanjaro



Accommodation | Day 6

Barafu Camp

Mountain hut

Barafu Camp (4673 m) is the final base before the summit attempt on Uhuru Peak. Perched on a rocky ridge, it offers cold, windy conditions and breathtaking views of Mawenzi and the plains far below.



Surrounding area

Activities Day 6

Morning

- Sit down and relax this morning while we serve you breakfast.

Morning & Early afternoon

- Trekking, **Mount Kilimanjaro**

Around Lunchtime

- Lunch in **Barafu Camp**

Early evening

- Dinner in **Barafu Camp**
- Early Bedtime, **Barafu Camp**

Meal Plan – Day 6

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Drinking water

Day 7

Mount Kilimanjaro. Summit

Barafu Camp (4673 m) – Stella Point (5756 m) – Uhuru Peak (5895 m) – Mweka Camp (3100 m)

- Walking distance: 4.9 km to Uhuru Peak, then 11.5 km descend to Mweka Camp
- Walking time: 13–17 hours
- Altitude gain: 1222 m
- Descend: 2795 m

Tonight is the night when you'll achieve one of the greatest accomplishments of your life. Climbing to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro is no small feat, but with your strength and willpower, you will make it to the top and feel a sense of pride like never before. The journey begins around midnight, after a light breakfast. This stage of the climb is where the true challenge begins, the climb becomes much more tough. Night temperatures can range from -7° to -29°C . Climbers are advised to carry as little as possible at this part of the climb.

You will climb for about 6 hours before reaching the edge of the crater, Stella Point. From there, it will take an additional hour of challenging climbing to reach the summit, Uhuru, which stands at a towering 5895 m above sea level, making it the highest point on the African continent. Wow, you are standing at the Roof of Africa now!

The descent is not really easier than the ascent. So concentrate and do a little more for another 3 hours to get back to Barafu Camp, where you will be given a chance to rest and refresh before continuing on to Mweka Camp for the night. Arriving into camp at around 5:00 PM, you will have trekked a total of 13 to 17 hours today, exhausted but happy and exhilarated by your accomplishment.



Summit achieved!



Accommodation | Day 7

Mweka Camp

Camping

Mweka Camp (3100 m) is the final overnight stop on the descent, nestled in a lush montane forest. It's a peaceful place to rest and celebrate after summiting before heading down to the Mweka Gate.



Activities Day 7

Midnight

- Wake-up call with tea and coffee, **Barafu Camp**

Night

- Trekking to **Stella Point** (5756 m)

Morning

- **Uhuru Peak** Summit (5895 m)
- Descent to **Barafu Camp**

Late morning

- It's time to enjoy some rest and to have a well-deserved breakfast.

Early afternoon

- Descent to **Mweka Camp**

Around Lunchtime

- Lunch at **Mweka Camp**

Evening

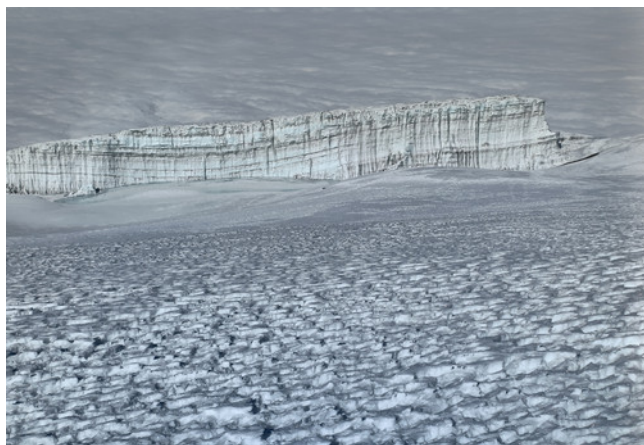
- Dinner at **Mweka Camp**

Meal Plan – Day 7

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Drinking water



Mount Kilimanjaro



Glaciers



Porter crew

Day 8

Mount Kilimanjaro

Mweka Camp (3100 km) – Mweka Gate (1640 km)

- *Walking distance:* 10 km
- *Walking time:* 3–4 hours

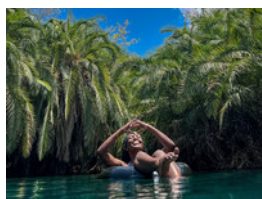
The final day of your Kilimanjaro adventure begins with a descent from Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate, where you'll receive your certificate of achievement – a proud symbol of your endurance and determination.

Afterwards, you can continue the journey with a visit to the Chemka Hot Springs, a tropical oasis surrounded by lush forest. Take a refreshing swim in the warm, crystal-clear waters and experience a rope swing fun.

In the afternoon, transfer to your hotel in Arusha or Moshi – or extend your adventure with an unforgettable safari among elephants, rhinos, and other African wildlife!

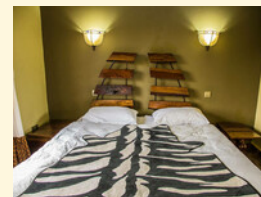


Mount Kilimanjaro



Accommodation | Day 8
Weru Weru River Lodge
Lodge

Welcome back to Weru Weru River Lodge near Moshi.



Activities Day 8

Morning

- Sit down and relax this morning while we serve you breakfast.

Morning & Early afternoon

- Descent to **Mweka Gate**

Around Lunchtime

- Join us for a final picnic lunch in **Mweka Gate**, where you get to eat great food while surrounded by nature.

Early afternoon

- Award of Successful Kilimanjaro Climber certificate at **Mweka Gate**

Afternoon

- Transfer by Road from **Mweka Gate** to **Moshi**

Meal Plan – Day 8

- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Drinking water



Optional for Day 8

Late afternoon

- Visit **Chemka Hot Springs**

Day 9

Departure from Kilimanjaro Airport...

...or explore more of Tanzania on safari!

We're sure you feel proud, inspired, and truly accomplished after this incredible journey. We're also proud of you! We will take you to Kilimanjaro Airport in time for your return flight home.

Alternatively, we invite you to explore Tanzania's animal kingdom on safari! Let the adventure continue ;)



Celebrate your achievement on safari



Explore the beauty of Tanzania's savannas



Reward yourself after Kilimanjaro climb



Activities Day 9

Morning

- Breakfast at the lodge, **Weru Weru River Lodge**

Any time

- Transfer to **Kilimanjaro Airport** or to **Arusha** to start your safari

Meal Plan – Day 9

- Breakfast

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