



Kilimanjaro trekking on Lemosho route

Lemosho route starts with a rough 4X4 drive to the western slopes of Kilimanjaro to the trail head at Londorossi gate. The route is remote and spectacular with dramatic gorges and views of west Kilimanjaro.

The trail joins the south circuit route (Machame) for the summit ascent after a tough hike on Shire Plateau (weather exposed). Taking a minimum of seven climbing days makes Lemosho a good route for acclimatizing for a successful summit. Descent is via Mweka route.

Day 1: Nairobi - Moshi

Depart Nairobi to Moshi for an overnight stay in preparation for the ascent.

Day 2: Moshi - Londrossi gate

Drive from the hotel in Moshi to Londorossi gate 2250m which will take about 3 hrs for transport, and registering. From there we drive back to Lemosho starting point 2100m. From the gate trek through the rain forest 6 km to Mti Mkubwa Camp(BIG TREE CAMP) 2750M which will take 3 - 4 hrs, followed by dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Mti Mkubwa - Shira One Camp 9 Km

After breakfast, we continue hiking through the Moorland Zone to Shira One Camp 3500m which will take 5 - 6hrs. Dinner and overnight at Shira One Camp

Day 4: Shira One - Shira Two Camp 4 Km

After breakfast, we persist with the hike through Heather Moorland to Shira Two Camp 3850m which will take 3 – 4 hrs. Dinner and overnight at Shira Two Camp

Day 5: Shira Two - Barranco Camp 11 Km

After breakfast, we carry on hiking to Barranco across Lava Tower 4600m for acclimatization and then we proceed to Baranco camp 3950m which will take 6 - 7hrs, followed by dinner and overnight stay

Day 6: Barranco - Karanga Camp 5 Km

After breakfast, climb the Barranco Wall 4250m then cross the Karanga Valley to Karanga Camp 4100m which will take 3 - 4 hrs. Dinner and overnight stay at Karanga Camp

Day 7: Karanga - Barafu Camp 4 Km

After breakfast, continue hiking for 3 - 4hrs to Barafu Camp 4600m. Dinner and overnight at Barafu Camp

Day 8: Barafu – Summit (Uhuru Peak) - Mweka 9 Km

We arise around 23h30 and after some tea and biscuits we head off “pole pole” into the night. We will ascend through heavy scree towards Stella point 5750m and further head to

Uhuru summit 5895m and back to Barafu for a rest, lunch then descend to Mweka High Camp 3700m. Dinner and overnight stay at Mweka Camp

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Approximate time taken between Barafu to Uhuru is 6hrs, Uhuru to Barafu 3hrs and Barafu to Mweka high camp 2hrs

Day 9: Mweka High Camp - Mweka Gate 13 Km

After a well deserved breakfast, trek to Mweka Camp 3100m continuing through the rain forest to Mweka Gate 1800m which will take about 5 – 6hrs down. At the gate certificates will be issued to those who successfully completed the challenge.

After lunch, we drive back to Moshi for shower and rest.

Day 10: Moshi – Nairobi

After breakfast at Moshi, drive to Arusha then proceed to Nairobi or take a safari to the Tanzanian Parks

Includes:

- Transfers with pick up and drop off at Arusha or Airport
- Park entrance & rescues fees
- Accommodation and meals with 2 nights in a hotel as indicated in the itinerary
- Accommodation in tents with 2 persons per tent during climb
- Services of a cook to prepare meals during the climb
- Service of a mountain guide (English speaking) and porters
- Government taxes

Excludes:

- Extras at the hotel i.e. drinks, telephone, laundry etc.
- International flight
- Departure tax
- Tips to guides, porters and drivers
- Climbing equipment and sleeping bags

What to bring

- A) Waterproof hiking boots,
- B) Rain suit, sleeping bags,
- C) Flashlights,
- D) Sunglasses balaclava,
- E) Hand gloves,
- F) Night shoes
- G) Large plastic bags -essential for wetness in case of rain.

More difficult than the Marangu Route, and suitable for experienced climbers
Campsite accommodation is in high altitude tents

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