



CRA-T 07: 7 Nights 8 Days Machame Route

You get to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro via the scenic Machame Route. This is the route favored by experienced climbers, as it is more technical and challenging. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa and is the highest walk able summit in the world. The peaks of Mawenzi (5132 m) and Kibo (5895 m) have permanent snow and ice. On the climb, you move from a tropical to an arctic environment in a just a few days. You first pass through lush rainforests, before reaching heather and open moorland. Further upwards you reach the almost lunar landscape of an alpine desert between the two peaks.

Day 1: ARUSHA - MOSHI

Pick up from Arusha and drive to Moshi, at the foot of Kilimanjaro. Dinner and overnight at Spring Land Hotel or similar

Day 2: MACHAME

Transfer to Machame Gate. After registration, the climb starts at the end of the tarmac road. Walk through the Shamba and passing the forest you end up at Machame Hut (3,000 m) in about 5-6hrs. Dinner and overnight at Machame Hut

Day 3: MACHAME - SHIRA

After breakfast, you leave the glades of the rain forest, continue on an ascending path, cross the little valley and walk along steep rock ridge, and in about 5-7 hours will be at Shira Hut (3800 m). Dinner and overnight at Shira Hut

Day 4: SHIRA - BARRANCO

After a good nights rest continue to the East passing Junction towards the peak of Kibo and Lava Tower (4876 m). This takes 5 - 6Hours. Then, you walk through a sandy region to reach Barranco Hut (3860 m) in about 6 hours. Dinner at Barranco Hut

Day 5: BARRANCO - BARAFU

From Barranco Hut, continue a steep rocky climb up the Barranco wall, then down until you come to Karanga valley. Then climbing through semi glaciers you end up at Barafu Hut (4600 m). This takes you 7-8 hrs of trekking. Dinner and overnight at Barafu Hut

Day 6: BARAFU - UHURU PEAK – MWEKA

Very early around around 2330 hrs, after a light breakfast, start for the summit. You first reach Stella Point (5745 m) before the final ascent to the summit at Uhuru Peak (5,895 m). This stage takes you 4-5 hrs. Take pictures at the highest point in Africa and rest for a short while before descending to Mweka Hut (3100 m). The descent from the summit to Mweka Hut will take about 6hrs. The route is steep but picturesque. This is your hardest day and you will have walked for about 11 hours. Dinner and overnight at Mweka camp.

Day 7: MWEKA - MWEKA GATE

After breakfast, trek from Mweka Hut to Mweka Gate in about 3hrs. Drive to hotel in Moshi for well deserved hot shower, dinner and warm bed. At this point nobody can begrudge you a little self-congratulation. Dinner and overnight at Springland Hotel or similar

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Day 8: MOSHI - ARUSHA

After breakfast, drive back to Arusha.

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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