



GLACIERS OF KILIMANJARO – MACHAME ROUTE

The Machame route approaches Kilimanjaro through forest and moorland from the south-west, and joins the Shira route before traversing beneath the southern ice fields of Kibo. The rainforest is extremely beautiful and there is a tangible sense of wilderness once the higher elevations are reached. The views of Mt. Meru floating on the clouds are simply unforgettable. We make our final ascent by the Barafu route. The seven day itinerary gives maximum possible acclimatization and also gives us plenty of time to enjoy the magnificent scenery.

Day 1

Met upon arrival, and transfer you to the lodge for overnight at *Outpost lodge or similar*

Day 2

The climb starts from Machame Gate (1,800 m.) after a short walk through the attractive banana and coffee farms of Machame village. The path follows a ridge through dense mountain forest. This is the richest forested area on the mountain, and also the zone from where 96 % of the water on Kilimanjaro originates. We have lunch at 'Halfway Clearing', a small opening in the trees, and continue climbing steadily. The gradient becomes gentler as the forest slowly merges into giant heather close to the next camp near the ruins of Machame Hut (3,000 m.). We may get our first closer look at the glacial dome of Kibo if the evening clouds permit. [6-8 hours walking]

Day 3

A shorter day that begins by climbing up a steep ridge to reach a small semicircular cliff known as Picnic Rock, there are excellent views of Kibo and the jagged rim of Shira Plateau from here, and it is a good rest point too! The trail continues less steeply to reach the Shira Plateau. We camp near Shira Cave Camp (3,720 m.) which has some of the most stunning views on Kilimanjaro; close to the huge volcanic cone of Kibo, the spectacular rock formations of Shira Plateau, and looking across to Mt. Meru floating on the clouds [4-6 hours walking]

Day 4

A morning of gentle ascent and panoramic views, leaving the moorland plateau behind to walk on lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. After lunch near the Lava Tower junction (4,500 m.) we descend to the bottom of the Great Barranco valley (3,900 m.), sheltered by towering cliffs and with extensive views of the plains far below. Barranco Camp [5-7 hours walking]

Day 5

A steep climb up the Barranco Wall leads us to an undulating trail on the south eastern flank of Kibo, with superb vistas of the Southern Ice fields. Lunch is usually taken at Karanga, the last water point, in a steep valley.

Day 6

After breakfast, the terrain changes to scree and we climb steeply to reach the Barafu Camp (4,600 m.) by mid-afternoon. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent before a very early night. [6-8 hours walking]

Day 7

We will start our ascent by torchlight at about 1 a.m. so that we can be up on the Crater rim by sunrise. The steep climb over loose volcanic scree has some well-graded zigzag and a slow but steady pace will take us to Stella Point (5,735 m.), in about five or six hours. We will rest there for a short time to enjoy the sunrise over Mawenzi. Those

who are still feeling strong can make the two hour round trip from here along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,896 m.), passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that still occupy most of the summit area. The descent to Barafu is surprisingly fast, and after some refreshment, we continue to descend to reach our final campsite (3,800 m.) at the edge of Mweka Forest. Mweka Camp [11- 15 hours walking]

Day 8

The day spent descending through open moor-lands and the glades of forest and straight down through the rain forest down to the Park Gate. A sustained descent through lovely forest with lush undergrowth takes us to the National Park gate at Mweka (1,650 m.) [4-6hours walking] transfer to Arusha for overnight at *Outpost lodge* of similar

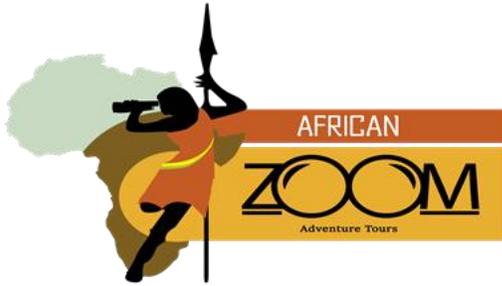
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Day 1

Met upon arrival, and transfer you to the lodge for overnight at *Outpost lodge or similar*

Day 2

After breakfast transferred to Marangu gate with your mountain guides, after gate formalities, start hiking from Marangu Gate (1800 m). Hike 3 to 5 hours through a fascinating rain forest to Mandara Hut (2700 m). Blue monkeys are sometimes seen. Look for a tiny flower called Impatiens Kilimanjaris; endemic to Kilimanjaro. Picnic lunch en route, Hike to Maundi Crater (45 min) or rest upon arrival at Mandara Hut. Afternoon tea, dinner and overnight at **Mandara Hut**

Weather: warm and humid. Wear T-shirt, shorts and lighter shoes.

Water: available the whole time from a river along the route.

Day 3

After breakfast start hiking to Horombo Hut (3700 m). Leave the last glade of forest and follow the gently ascending path through the open alpine moorland. Today's hike takes 5 to 7 hours, picnic lunch en route. The altitude begins to make itself felt cautioning you to walk slowly. "Pole pole" (slowly slowly in Swahili) is the order of the day while enjoying the flora and long view. Giant Senecios stands tall along the path. Kibo and Mawenzi Peak can be seen on a clear day. Afternoon tea, dinner and overnight at Horombo Hut

Weather: warm in the morning but cooler in the afternoon when clouds gather. Wear shorts, T-shirt and hiking boots. Carry a long sleeved shirt in the day path for the cool winds.

Water: fill water bottles at Mandara Hut. There is a stream half way to **Horombo Hut**.

Day 4

An extra day at Horombo to acclimatize to the higher altitude, a day walk to "Zebra Rock", rocks striped by weather. If energy is there, walk to the foot of one of the three peaks on Kilimanjaro, Mawenzi. Return to Horombo in the afternoon. Pack lunch en route, dinner and overnight at **Horombo Hut**.

Day 5

Hike slowly (6 hours) to Kibo Hut, Today leave moorland and enter the alpine desert past giant lobelia and walk on the saddle between Kibo and Mawenzi Peak. Pack lunch along the way. Afternoon tea, dinner and overnight at **Kibo Hut**

Weather: It is cooler as the altitude has increased. Wear trousers and long sleeved shirt. Thick jacket or jumper in the day pack

Water: fill up bottles at Horombo Hut. 2 hours from Horombo Hut is the last water sign. The porters will bring water for tea and the hike in the early morning.

Day 6

Start around 2 a.m., reaching Gillman's Point (5685 m) at sunrise. The path from Kibo to Gillman's is the most demanding 4 hours on the whole climb. Continue another 2 hours to the roof of Africa, Uhuru Peak (5895 m).

Descend to Kibo and Horombo Hut. Meals and overnight at **Horombo Hut**

Weather: cold; Effects of high altitude is felt. Wear everything you brought.

Water: the porters have carried extra water to Kibo. Ask them and they will fill your bottles.

Day 7

Descend to Marangu Gate. It is easier to go down than up. Packed lunch on way down, transfer to Arusha for overnight at *Outpost lodge* or similar on bed & breakfast

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GLACIARS OF KILIMANJARO – LEMOSHO ROUTE

Day 1

Arrive you are met and transferred to the lodge for overnight – *Outpost lodge* or similar on bed & breakfast

Day 2

(The briefing will be done the morning before departure) an early breakfast, after completing the necessary registration formalities at Londorossi National Park gate, it is an easy day of walking from the Lemosho road head up a small path through beautiful and lush forest. We have our lunch in the glades before continuing to Lemosho Forest camp (Mti Mkubwa) (2,650 in.). This area is home to a variety of game including buffalo, and so we are accompanied by an armed park ranger. [2-3 hours walking]

Day 3

We soon leave the forest behind and enter the moorland zone of giant heather. The trail climbs steadily with wide views to reach the rim of the Shira Plateau. There is a tangible sense of wilderness, especially when the afternoon mists come in! We might walk to the summit of Shira Cathedral, a huge buttress of rock flanked by steep pinnacles, before reaching the next camp (3,720 m.). This campsite has some of the most stunning views on Kilimanjaro, close to the glaciated dome of Kibo and the jagged rim of Shira Plateau. [6 - 8 hours walking] Shira 1 Camp

Day 4

After breakfast, we walk steadily to the next camp having the views of Mt. Meru floating on the clouds are simply unforgettable. 3850 m [4-5 hours walking] Shira 2 Camp

Day 5

A morning of gentle ascent and panoramic views, leaving the moorland plateau behind and starting the Alpine desert to walk on lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. After lunch near the Lava Tower junction (4,500 m.) we descend to the bottom of the Great Barranco valley (3,940 m.), sheltered by towering cliffs and with extensive views of the plains far below. [6-8 hours walking] Barranco Camp

Day 6

A steep climb up the Barranco Wall leads us to an undulating trail on the southeastern flank of Kibo, with superb vistas of the Southern Ice fields. Lunch is usually taken at Karanga, the last water point, in a steep valley. Karanga Camp 4100m [3 - 5 hours walking] then the terrain changes to scree and we climb steeply to reach the Barafu campsite (4,600 m) by mid-day. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent before a very early night. There are often spectacular views to the plains far below from Barafu. [3 - 5 hours walking] Barafu Camp.

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