

TAKE THE SCENIC MACHAME ROUTE TO KILIMANJARO

7 Days Machame Route Kilimanjaro Climb

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FROM USD 2,150 Per person	DURATION 7 Days / 6 Nights	TRIP STYLE Guided, camping- based, scenic Kilimanjaro climb	KEY DESTINATIONS Moshi, Machame Gate, Machame Camp, Shira Camp, Barranco Camp, Karanga Camp, Barafu Camp, Uhuru Peak	BEST FOR Active travellers, first-time high-altitude trekkers, adventure groups, couples and climbers seeking a scenic route
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Overview

Embark on an adventurous 7 days Machame Route Kilimanjaro climb, where you will experience the stunning diversity of Kilimanjaro's landscapes. Starting from the lush rainforest trails, the itinerary includes the picturesque Shira Plateau and the dramatic Barranco landscapes, all while ensuring a gradual acclimatization profile crucial for summit success. This physically demanding trekking journey features an immersive camping experience guided by experienced professionals, enhancing your chance for a rewarding summit attempt at Uhuru Peak while considering individual altitude response and prevailing conditions.

Highlights

• Scenic and varied Kilimanjaro landscapes • Gradual acclimatization through varied elevations • Shira Plateau and Barranco Valley scenery • Camping accommodation throughout the climb	• Guided summit attempt toward Uhuru Peak • Professional mountain crew support • Seven-day schedule with improved acclimatization time
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Inclusions & Exclusions

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• Professional mountain guides • Camping gear and equipment • All meals during the trek • Park entrance fees • Acclimatization support • Emergency oxygen and first aid kit	• International flights • Travel insurance • Personal expenses • Tips for the mountain crew • Additional nights in Moshi

Itinerary

Day 1	Machame Gate to Machame Camp Meals: Lunch, Dinner
Upon arrival in Moshi, you will register at the Machame Gate and begin your exciting trek. The trail leads through the lush rainforest where you can enjoy the vibrant flora and fauna. Your first night will be spent camping at Machame Camp, surrounded by nature, preparing for the days ahead.	
Day 2	Trek to Shira Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
The trek from Machame Camp to Shira Camp begins with a gradual ascent through diverse terrain and spectacular views. This day is important for acclimatization as you traverse the stunning Shira Plateau, characterized by unique landscapes. You will set up camp at Shira Camp, nestled in a striking location, under the expansive sky.	
Day 3	Lava Tower and Barranco Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Today, you will trek towards Lava Tower, gaining altitude before descending to Barranco Camp, which is essential for acclimatization. Ascending to higher elevations helps stimulate acclimatization while offering breathtaking views of the surrounding peaks. Overnight at Barranco Camp allows you to rest and prepare for the summit challenges ahead.	

Day 4

Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The journey from Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp presents diverse landscapes, highlighted by the famous Barranco Wall, which requires some scrambling but is rewarding as you gain elevation. This is an essential day for acclimatization, allowing your body to adjust before tackling higher altitudes. Tonight, you will camp at Karanga Camp, benefiting from spectacular views.

Day 5

Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Leaving Karanga Camp, you will proceed to Barafu Camp, where the landscape transitions to rocky terrain as you approach the summit. This day focuses on preparing you for the upcoming summit attempt, allowing for rest and mental preparation. The setting at Barafu Camp is stark and beautiful, ideal for reflection before the final push.

Day 6

Summit Attempt to Uhuru Peak

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The summit night is here, beginning with a pre-dawn departure from Barafu Camp as you make your way toward Uhuru Peak. This grueling ascent tests your determination and focuses on gradual pacing for acclimatization under challenging conditions. After reaching the summit, you will descend to Mweka Camp to recover and reflect on your achievement.

Day 7

Final Descent to Mweka Gate

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

On your final day, you will descend from Mweka Camp back to Mweka Gate, marking the end of your trek. The descent allows for final reflections on the incredible journey through Kilimanjaro's landscapes and a well-deserved sense of accomplishment. Once at the gate, you will return to Moshi to celebrate your adventure and achievements.

FAQs

Is the Machame Route difficult?

Yes, the Machame Route is considered one of the more challenging routes on Kilimanjaro, requiring good physical condition and stamina.

What fitness level do I need for this trek?

Participants should have a reasonable fitness level and experience with hiking or trekking, but no technical climbing skills are required.

What camping equipment is provided?

All necessary camping gear is provided, including tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping mats. You should bring personal items for comfort.

Are there toilets on the route?

Yes, there are basic toilet facilities at camps, but they are not private and may be considered basic by some trekkers.

What meals are provided during the trek?

All meals are included from the first camp to the last, with a variety to accommodate different dietary needs if notified in advance.

How does altitude affect the trek?

Altitude can affect individuals differently; it's essential to follow guide instructions regarding pace, hydration, and rest to mitigate symptoms.

What is the Barranco Wall?

The Barranco Wall is a notable feature of the trek, requiring some climbing but rewarding trekkers with stunning views and experiences.

What should I pack for the summit night?

Pack warm clothing, a headlamp, snacks, and water; these items are crucial for your safety and comfort on the summit night.

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