

Lemosho Route



Lemosho is a beautiful route with gentle ascents approaching the mountain from the west. We check-in at the Londorossi Gate and ascend for the first two days from the Lemosho Glades through a gorgeous rain forest. We come out onto the Shira Plateau, providing stunning views of Kibo, Kilimanjaro's main peak. Crossing the plateau and proceeding in a counter-clockwise direction below the southern face of the mountain, the route takes you to Lava Tower for magnificent 360 degree vistas; the Great Barranco Wall, a challenging and exhilarating rock scramble; and approaches Uhuru Peak from Barafu and the ridge that abuts the Southeast Valley. The climb from Barafu offers incredible views of Mawenzi Peak, Kilimanjaro's remnant volcanic cone.

- Price
- Duration
- Best months
- Why this route?
- Route Map
- Climb Calendar

2024/2025: US \$4,190

per person, double occupancy (single supplement US \$450)

11 days / 10 nights (8 days on the mountain)

Route climbable year-round. January through March and mid-June through October are driest months.

Perfect combination of extra acclimatization, less trampled trail on the lower sections, and views of Kibo peak from three sides.



The calendar below lists all confirmed Kilimanjaro climbs. **Join a confirmed group** or **start a new climb group on your dates** (two people minimum required to start a new group unless paying for a solo supplement). Private climbs can also be scheduled. Contact us to discuss dates and route you would like.

Highlights

- Beautiful route with gentle ascents approaching from the west.
- Stunning views of Kibo, Kilimanjaro's main peak.
- Overnight in the remote Lava Tower camp with views of the Western Breach.
- A challenging and exhilarating rock scramble up the Great Barranco Wall.

Daily Distance, Time, Elevation...

Day	Activity Location	Hiking Distance	Hiking Time	Elevation Start	Elevation Finish	Elevation Gain
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1	Arrival. Mbahe Farm Cottages.			6,000' 1830m		
2	Village cultural walk, rest, climb preparation. Mbahe Farm Cottages.			6,000' 1830m		
3	Hiking day 1. Lemosho to Big Tree Camp.	3.0mi 4,9km	3 hours	7,840' 2390m	9,140' 2790m	1,300' 400m
4	Hiking day 2. Big Tree Camp to Shira 1 Camp.	4.7mi 7,6km	6 hours	9,140' 2790m	11,420' 3480m	2,280' 690m
5	Hiking day 3. Shira 1 Camp to Shira 2 Camp.	5.3mi 8,5km	4 hours	11,420' 3480m	12,750' 3885m	1,330' 405m
6	Hiking day 4. Shira 2 Camp to Lava Tower Camp.	4.3mi 6,9km	5 hours	12,750' 3885m	15,230' 4640m	2,480' 755m
7	Hiking day 5. Lava Tower Camp to Karanga Camp.	5.9mi 9,5km	6 hours	15,230' 4640m	13,250' 4040m	-1,980' -600m

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8	Hiking day 6. Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp.	2.4mi 3,9km	4 hours	13,250' 4040m	15,360' 4680m	2,110' 640m
9	Hiking day 7. Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak to Millennium Camp.	3.0mi 4,9km	6-7 hours to Uhuru	15,360' 4680m	19,340' 5895m	3,980' 1215m
		- 5.3mi 8,5km	- 4 hours to Millennium	- 19,340' 5895m	- 12,530' 3820m	- -6,810' -2075m
10	Hiking day 8. Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate. Ameg Lodge or Pink Flamingo Hotel, Moshi Town.	8.5mi 13,7km	4 hours	12,530' 3820m	5,380' 1640m	-7,150' -2180m
11	Moshi Town tour. Departure.					

Daily Itinerary

Day 1: Mbahe Village, Kilimanjaro

We pick you up upon arrival at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and bring you to Mbahe Village, located in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, approximately 2 hours from the airport. Accommodations are in SENE's private cottages at Simon Mtuy's Mbahe Village farm.

Overnight: Mbahe Farm Cottages.

Meals: D.

Day 2: Mbahe Village, Kilimanjaro

You have the morning to rest and relax. Enjoy delicious "homebrew" coffee, grown and roasted on the farm, and meals made with fruits and vegetables from the garden. Your trip leader provides a climb orientation and equipment check.

This is also a day to take a guided tour around Mbahe Village, the Mtuy family farm, and to swim in the river and waterfall running through Simon's land.

Overnight: Mbahe Farm Cottages.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 3: Lemosho to Big Tree Camp

After breakfast, we drive to the Londorossi Gate for check in, where you will meet your other guides and mountain crew. We enter the Kilimanjaro National Park from the Lemosho trailhead and walk for a few hours uphill through the thick and undisturbed montane forest to our camp for the night. Many beautiful flowers are seen en route and with luck we will observe colobus monkeys at play. In the evening you may hear the unforgettable shrieking call of the tree hyrax.

Overnight: Big Tree Camp.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 4: Big Tree Camp to Shira 1 Camp

Today we reach the west side of the Shira Plateau in a hiking time of 6 hours. Taking our time walking through the forest allows us to observe its animal and bird life. The day's hike takes us from the montane forest, through a transition zone, and into the heather zone, where old lava flows are visible. Your guides will point out unique environmental differences that characterize each zone. After a picnic lunch we reach the edge of the Plateau and eventually our camp that offers a dramatic view of Kilimanjaro and its permanent glaciers.

Overnight: Shira 1 Camp.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 5: Shira 1 Camp to Shira 2 Camp

Today is an easy paced acclimatization day of 4 to 5 hours hiking. Camp is set higher on the Shira Plateau with more expansive views of Kilimanjaro. There is a conditioning hike in the afternoon where you can examine the clusters of giant lobelias and senecios that grow at this elevation.

Overnight: Shira 2 Camp.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 6: Shira 2 Camp to Lava Tower Camp

Today is another important day for acclimatization as we hike for 5 hours to an elevation above 15,000 feet. We will pass through the alpine moorland zone where plants are extremely hardy and consist of lichens, grasses, and heather, to

reach Kilimanjaro's alpine desert zone. You will have a spectacular view of the Western Breach.

Overnight: Lava Tower Camp.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 7: Lava Tower Camp to Karanga Camp

After an initial descent from Lava Tower camp we climb the Great Barranco Wall - not too steep but still an exhilarating challenge - which our guides make safe and accessible for everyone by ascending pole pole (meaning "slowly" in Kiswahili). You will be able to see the breathtaking Heim Glacier from the top of the Wall. Descend into the Karanga Valley and then climb again to our camp on a ridge above the Valley, where you will enjoy a well-deserved rest and your daily afternoon tea and snacks.

Overnight: Karanga Camp.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 8: Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

As we begin hiking today the trail turns steadily uphill. Temperatures are noticeably colder and the landscape more sparse as we work our way to Barafu camp. Barafu means "ice" in Kiswahili. Hiking time is 4 to 5 hours. The camp is set on an exposed ridge and is the staging point for our push to the summit. After an early dinner, we have a summit briefing and prepare our equipment before resting.

Overnight: Barafu Camp.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 9: Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak to Millennium Camp

Rise at midnight for a warm and hearty early breakfast in preparation for the long day ahead. We ascend pole pole under the stars on the steep switchback trail, drinking plenty of water and refueling with small snacks, and enjoying the trek to Uhuru, the summit of Kilimanjaro, which we expect to reach shortly after daybreak. At this early hour, before the clouds close in, you will have spectacular views of Africa in all directions. After a brief stay for photos, hugs, and high fives, we descend 2 to 3 hours to Barafu Camp for lunch, rest, and to pick up belongings. Continuing downhill 3 to 4 hours to the edge of the Mweka Forest, we reach the final night's camp - 7,000 feet below the summit! Eat, share your experiences of the climb, and sleep soundly. Congratulations, you touched the Roof of Africa!

Overnight: Millennium Camp.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 10: Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate; Moshi Town

Our last day is another descent of 7,000 feet with 4 to 5 hours of hiking to the exit at Mweka Gate. The trail is steep in places and within the forest may be slippery if wet. After a hearty celebration lunch with the whole team on private SENE land near the exit gate to say goodbye to the mountain crew, the trip leaders bring you to your hotel in Moshi Town to relax, have dinner, and enjoy its spacious garden and swimming pool. (Those going on safari tomorrow will overnight at a hotel in Arusha, closer to the wildlife parks.)

Overnight: Chanya Lodge.

Meals: B,L,D.

Day 11: Moshi Town

Those heading out on safari or to Zanzibar will depart after breakfast to continue your African adventure. For those returning home, we offer you a guided tour of Moshi Town with its colorful market and curio shops. You may eat lunch in town or back at the lodge (lunch not included). Transfer by SENE to the Kilimanjaro Airport.

Meals: B.

Inclusions

- All accommodations for **11 days / 10 nights**.
- All meals as indicated (B,L,D).
- On climb, filtered water (by Katadyn Expedition® filter) and coffee, teas, cocoa.
- Services of trip leader, climbing guides, and mountain crew.
- Kilimanjaro National Park entrance, camping, and rescue fees.
- All camping and dining equipment (**excluding sleeping bag and pad**).
- Portable private toilet with bio-degradable waste system (Cleanwaste®) at all camps.
- Gamow bag (portable hyperbaric chamber) and supplemental oxygen for emergency descents.
- Transfers to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport and to/from park entrance/exit gates.
- Guided Mbahe Village walking tour.

- Guided Moshi Town walking tour.

Exclusions

Tips and gratuities to leaders, guides, crew, or other staff; cold drinks and alcohol; additional accommodations and meals made necessary by airline schedule changes, inability to complete the climb, finishing the climb before the scheduled completion date, or other factors; pre-trip expenses such as immunizations, travel insurance, passports, and visas; international airfare; airport departure taxes; and any expenses of a personal nature such as souvenirs and laundry.

Disclaimer

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