

# Majestic Kilimanjaro Treks & Safaris



## Climb Kilimanjaro - Lemosho Route - 7 Day Itinerary

### **DAY 1: Elevation (m): 2360m to 2895m, Distance: 6 km, Time: 3-4 hours, Habitat: Montane forest. LONDOROSI GATE TO MTI MKUBWA**

You will be picked up from your hotel and driven to Londorossi Park Gate for registration. After final preparations are made, we start our ascent along the forest trail to Mti Mkubwa (big tree) campsite at 2895m. We will stay here overnight. You will stop for your HOT LUNCH along the way each day.

### **DAY 2: Elevation (m): 2895m to 3500m, Distance: 8 km, Time: 5-6 hours, Habitat: Moorland. MT MKUBWA TO SHIRA I**

After breakfast we continue trekking eastwards across Shira Plateau and Shira Cathedral. We will cross moorland meadow to reach Shira I camp for dinner and overnight camping at 3810m. From here you will see, weather permitting, the Western Breach with its magnificent glaciers. Temperatures at night can be sub-zero.

### **DAY 3: Elevation (m): 3500m to 4200m, Distance: 14 km, Time: 5-7 hours, Habitat: Moorland. SHIRA I TO MOIR HUT**

This morning the trail gets steeper but at a gentle grade. The trail takes you across the high altitude Shira Caldera to Shira Cave with stunning views of Arrow glacier. We will camp at Moir Hut for the night at 4200m.

### **DAY 4: Elevation (m): 4200m to 4600m to 3950m, Distance: 12 km, Time: 6-7 hours, Habitat: Semi desert. MOIR HUT VIA LAVA TOWER TO BARRANCO CAMP**

Our trek on Kilimanjaro continues eastward as we ascend to the base of the Lava Tower at 4600m for lunch and acclimatisation. This part of the trail is rocky and rugged and is the toughest day so far. Some people may experience some effects of the altitude. After a rest and lunch we descend again by almost 650m to the Barranco camp (3950m) where we will stay for the night. This 'walking high, sleeping low' helps with acclimatisation.

### **DAY 5: Elevation (m): 3950m to 4600m, Distance: 9 km, Hiking Time: 6-7 hours, Habitat: Alpine Desert. BARRANCO CAMP TO BARAFU CAMP**

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We start this day with a short scramble to the top of the Great Barranco Wall. Most people actually find this scramble quite fun. We then cross over scree ridges to the Karanga Valley (3930m) beneath the icefalls of the Heim, Kersten and Decken Glaciers. We will stay overnight at Barafu campsite, altitude 4600m.

### **DAY 6: Elevation (m): 4600m to 5895m (and down to 3100m) , Distance: 7km ascent / 23km descent, Time: 6- 8 hours ascent / 7-8 hours descent, Habitat: Stone screed and ice-capped summit. BARAFU CAMP TO SUMMIT TO MWEKA HUT**

At midnight we start our trek to the summit and trek through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. This is the most mentally and physically challenging part of the trek. We take a zig-zag path in order to ease the degree of the slope and to ensure our feet don't slide backward on the scree. At Stella Point (5732m), we will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with a magnificent sunrise (weather permitting). From Stella Point there is a final 30 - 45 minute walk to Uhuru Peak (5895m) which is easier than the trek up to Stella Point. Along this last walk you will see spectacular glaciers and the view can be something you will always remember.

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At Uhuru Peak you will have reached the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa. It can be very cold at night at these elevations, but it will be quite warm by the end of the hiking day.

After taking photos from the summit, we start our descent down to the Mweka Hut camp site 3,100m, via Barafu for lunch and our last dinner and sleep on the mountain.

**DAY 7: Elevation (m): 3100m to 1800m, Distance: 10 km, Hiking Time: 3-4 hours, Habitat: Forest.**

## **MWEKA CAMP TO MWEKA GATE**

We depart after breakfast descending the final 8kms to Mweka Park Gate. Once we leave the park we will stop for lunch and you will receive your summit certificates.