



8 Days Lemosho Route.

Lemosho route is one of our preferred routes due to its less traffic, beautiful scenery and a high summit success rate. This route starts off from the west, beginning with a long drive from Moshi to Londorossi Gate and from there, the first two days are spent trekking through the lush rainforest to Shira Plateau. We recommend a minimum of 7 days to attempt this route but 8 days is preferable for better acclimatization and summit success. The Lemosho route joins the Machame route at Shira 2 Camp and then follows the same route through the southern circuit and descending at Mweka Gate.

Day 1: Arrival

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your hotel in Arusha, you will meet the guide who will brief you about your expedition and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gears. In case of any missing climbing equipment don't you worry as they can be rented. Stay at the selected lodge.

Day 2: Lemosho Glades;

2385m to Big Tree Camp 2780m.

Distance 7km

About 4 hours.

After breakfast you will be picked up at your lodge and transferred to the Lemosho gate located on the western side of Kilimanjaro. After the registration process you will still start our climb slowly through the forests of the Lemosho glades to reach Big Tree camp where we will stay overnight.

Day 3: Big Tree Camp

2780m to Shira 2 Camp 3900m



Distance 17 km

About 10 hours.

Today you will cover a big distance as you trek across a plateau of grassy moorland and heather scattered with volcanic rock formations. We will trek through Shira 1 Camp from where there are often views of Kibo Peak floating on the clouds as we head towards our destination which is Shira 2.. We gain a reasonable amount of altitude as we head towards Shira 1 and parts of the route are fairly steep. As you proceed towards Shira 2 you will get the chance to view the Northern Ice fields from the western side of the mountain with some unusual views of Kibo. Our steady climb across the moorland of the Shira Plateau will help with acclimatization and we enjoy great panoramic views. Stay overnight at Shira 2 Camp.

Day 4:

Shira 2 Camp 3900m to Barranco Camp 3960m

Distance 10 km

About 7 hours.

Your trek starts with an ascent with far-reaching panoramic views, walking in to the climatic zone of the upland desert and on the lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. You will reach the distinct pinnacle of the Lava Tower (4640 m), our high point for the day and a great place to enjoy your lunch. In the afternoon we make a steep descent to our camp for the night, located in the base of the Great Barranco Valley (3960 m), sheltered by towering cliffs but with extensive views of the plains below. Stay overnight at Baranco Camp.

Day 5:

Barranco Camp 3960m to Karanga Camp 3963m

Distance 6 km

About 5 hours.

Our day starts by descending into the start of the Great Barranco, a huge ravine. We then exit steeply, up the Great Barranco Wall, which divides us from the southeastern slopes of Kibo. It's a climb over rock, not technical but long and tiring. Passing underneath the Heim and Kersten glaciers, we head towards the Karanga valley. From here we have a steep climb up from Karanga valley to our night's camp at Karanga camp, set at 3963m. For those feeling strong we will go for a mid-afternoon acclimatization trek up to around 4200m before descending back to Stay overnight at Karanga Camp.

Day 6:

Karanga Camp 3963 to Barafu Camp 4640m

Distance 3 km

About 3 hours.

After a good night's rest and breakfast, we set off on our walk to Barafu camp at 4640m. The climb will take us across desolate scree slopes with no vegetation around us at all. It's a tough steep walk made more difficult by the altitude. On arriving at camp we eat and spend the afternoon resting as we prepare for a long night and day ahead. It is important to keep hydrated and warm. We have an early dinner and then try to get some sleep as we will be getting up at between 11pm and 12pm to start the climb to the summit.

Day 7:

Barafu Camp 4640m to Uhuru Peak 5895m - down to Millennium Camp 3790m

Distance 13 km

About 13 hours.

We start off at around midnight, and walk steeply upwards to the summit glaciers. We will be climbing scree for 4 to 5 hours but gain incredible height over a short distance.



The views are spectacular. We should be on the crater rim at Stella Point (5739m) as the first rays of the sun hit us. Spectacular ice cliffs within the crater surround us and the views to jagged Mawenzi peak and beyond are breathtaking. Another hour's walking takes us to the summit, Uhuru Peak (5895m). We begin our descent by returning to Stella Point and then descending on scree slope and track back to Barafu Camp for breakfast, before finally heading down to Millennium Camp for a long well-earned rest.

Day 8:

Trek Millennium Camp 3790m to Mweka Gate 1630m

Distance 12 km

About 6 hours.

A gentle trek takes us down through the rainforest to Mweka Gate, where we complete park signing out and receive certificates, which you can hang up with pride! We then get on board and return to the hotel in Arusha, where you can treat yourself to a welcome shower before our big celebration. Overnight at the selected lodge.

Day 9: Depart Tanzania

Today is the relaxing day while parking your things slowly, go down town to buy the souvenirs for the family and friends.

Drive to the airport in the evening to fly back home.

End of the expedition in Tanzania.