

CLIMBING SAFARIS

Mount Kilimanjaro

Machame Route

Once championed as the discerning wilderness route for climbers, Machame is gaining on Marangu in terms of popularity. It is also the second-most accessible trailhead of the non-steep routes making it attractive to clients. Its reputation as one of the most scenic routes is entirely justified, with the sweeping views across the Masai Steppe to Meru and the impressive Barranco Valley praised by all who climb it. Gains in popularity, however, are inevitably at the expense of total exclusivity but as the descent route is different from the ascent, climbers are only aware of the popularity when they reach camp; it is still infinitely quieter than the Marangu Route.



Tour code:	KMC8A
Duration:	8 days/7 nights
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation at base hotel before and after climb • All transfers e.g. to/from the mountain trail heads • All food for the duration of the climb, quality food specially considered for maximum nutrition needs (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) • Kilimanjaro park entrance fees, hut fees, rescue fees • Kilimanjaro briefing and de-briefing • Services of trained English speaking mountain guide, cooks and porters • Guides wages, cooks and porters • Complimentary fruits and juice • Portage of 1 bag (maximum 15 kgs) per person
Excludes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips to the guides, cook and porters • Dinner, Lunch and day room at Keys Hotel • Climbing equipment such as clothes, sleeping bags etc. • Mineral water • Visas • Laundry • Traveller insurance • Telephone calls • All other expenses resulting from early descend before the completion of the climb such as transfer, extra nights etc.
Notes: Our services start/end up with a pick up/drop off Kilimanjaro airport or Arusha.	

Dates	Cost in US\$ per person						Single Room Supplement
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
15DEC15-14DEC16	3545	2870	2748	2641	2605	2532	88
Extra night on climb for acclimatization USD 404 per person							
Public Shuttle Nairobi-Moshi USD55 per person							
Concession and park fees in Tanzania subject to change at any time							

Machame Route Climbing Schedule

Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport you will be met by our representative. After checking that you have all your luggage and belongings he will take you to one of our vehicles and transfer you to your hotel for a briefing on the following day's climb. Overnight at Sal Salinero Hotel in Moshi.

Day 2: Machame Camp

Pick up from your lodge after breakfast and transfer to Machame gate where you will register before you start your climb. From the park entrance gate (Machame), you will trek for about two to three hours through a dense forest of fig and rubber trees, begonia flowers, and other tropical vegetation. A stop for a hot lunch will be made halfway to the campsite. As you continue your ascent, you will find that the tropical forest has given way to tall grasses and giant heather. You will be walking on a ridge, to the left of which is the Semira stream, and on the right, the Weru Weru. Depending on the pace of the climbers, arrival at Machame Camp is usually between 5pm and 6pm. This initial stage of the climb is tranquil and relatively easy. There is no point in rushing to get to the camp, as there is little to do there. Guides tend to recommend a slow ascent, even at this point, for gradual acclimatization.

Do not try to keep up with your porters, who will usually bound ahead. Instead, take time to admire the beauty of the rainforest. If you are interested in botany, you should carry a small reference book.

Day 3: Shira Camp

On this and subsequent mornings, wake-up call is at around 6am and is accompanied by hot tea or coffee and typically a fabulous view of Uhuru peak.

Today's trek takes you up a steep track through a savannah of tall grasses, volcanic rock, and bearded heather. You will encounter giant groundsels as you hike through a ghostly landscape of volcanic lava, caves, and foamy streams.

Lunch will be taken just below the Shira Plateau, about three to four hours from Shira Camp. The hike to the next campsite takes approximately six hours and you should arrive between 2pm and 3pm. Most climbers tend to pace themselves, walking slowly and resting about every half-hour. Many will feel lethargic and have headaches by the time they reach camp. Guides advise those with symptoms of altitude sickness to drink tea and sleep a lot. Dinner and overnight at Shira Camp.

Day 4: Barranco

After breakfast you will start crossing the Bastains stream and commence the descent to Barranco Camp along the immense Grand Barranco canyon. Along the way, you will see numerous waterfalls, which are fed, by streams coming from the mountain, converging here to form the Umbwe River. Your camp is set at almost the same altitude as the night before. Today's trek lasts for about six hours and arrival at camp is between 4.30 and 5.30pm. Dinner and overnight at Barranco Camp.

Day 5: Barafu

The scenic climb to Barafu is mostly on a moraine with a view of Mawenzi Peak towering majestically to the right, and overhead, Kibo Peak seemingly just out of reach. The alpine desert terrain encountered at this point is mostly a mineral environment with few lichens and mosses. Lunch will be taken half way. All climbers are advised to go to bed very early this night, as the next day is the longest one. Dinner and overnight at Barafu Camp

Day 6: Summit

You will be awakened at midnight and after a light breakfast, start climbing at around 3am. At this stage, the climb becomes much more difficult. Here, very few will not be suffering from altitude sickness in some form or another; and climbers should carry as little as possible on this portion of the climb. Temperatures will range from -4° to 5° Fahrenheit. Making your way up a path that is flanked by the Ratzel and Rebman glaciers, you will climb for about six hours before reaching the edge of the crater, between Stella and Hans Meyer points. Another hour of climbing brings you to the summit. Uhuru stands at 19,340 feet and is the highest point on the continent of Africa. The track around the edge of the crater is rocky and icy. Concentrate on your feet, and follow your guide very closely for this portion of the journey.

The descent is now easier than the ascent. You will reach Barafu Camp after about three hours at around 11.30am. Arriving into camp at around 5pm you will have trekked a total of thirteen hours today. Dinner and overnight at Mweka Camp.

Day 7: Descent

After breakfast continue down to Mweka gate where you sign your name and details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. Those climbers who reached Stella Point are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak receive gold certificates. Met by a driver guide and drive to your hotel in Moshi.

Day 8: Depart

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your home bound flights.

Optional Extra day at Karanga Camp:

An extra day is offered at Karanga to acclimatize to the higher altitude. Karanga Camp. It will be spent hiking to Karanga Camp, which is on the same altitude as Barranco Camp. You will encounter a bit of a climb at Barranco Cliff and spend the rest of the trek climbing up and down the slopes of the mountain most of the way to camp. The climbing is not considered difficult and you should arrive in time for lunch (approximately 1pm) having trekked for about four hours. In the afternoon you have the opportunity to hike in the Karanga Valley where giant senecios and lobelia grow; however, you are well advised to rest as much as you possibly can to prepare you for the climb ahead. Dinner and overnight at Karanga Camp.

Marangu Route

Reputed to be the easiest of the available routes, this is without doubt the most comfortable in terms of facilities and the most convenient in terms of access. Also known as the “Coca Cola Route” because of its practicality, the Marangu Route is by far the most popular route for many climbers. This popularity has led to some operators preferring to avoid it due to its non-exclusivity in the National Park Huts; also to the overcrowding of the path. However, because of the lack of camping equipment required and therefore lower porter-age costs, it remains popular with budget travelers.



Tour code:	KMC7
Duration:	7days/ 6 nights
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation at base hotel before and after climb • All transfers eg. to/from the mountain trail heads • All food for the duration of the climb, quality food specially considered for maximum nutrition needs (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) • Kilimanjaro park entrance fees, hut fees, rescue fees • Kilimanjaro briefing and de-briefing • Services of trained English speaking mountain guide, cooks and porters • Guides wages, cooks and porters • Complimentary fruits and juice • Portage of 1 bag (maximum 15 kgs) per person
Excludes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips to the guides, cook and porters • Dinner, Lunch and day room at Keys Hotel • Climbing equipment such as clothes, sleeping bags etc. • Mineral water • Visas • Laundry • Traveller insurance • Telephone calls • All other expenses resulting from early descend before the completion of the climb such as transfer, extra nights etc.
Notes: Our services start/end up with a pick up/drop off Kilimanjaro airport or Arusha.	

Dates	Cost in US\$ per person						Single Room Supplement
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
15DEC15-14DEC16	3398	2694	2562	2439	2399	2335	88
Extra night on climb for acclimatization USD 404 per person							
Public Shuttle Nairobi-Moshi USD55 per person							
Concession and park fees in Tanzania subject to change at any time							

Marangu Route Climbing Schedule

Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport you will be met by our representative. After checking that you have all your luggage and belongings he will take you to one of our vehicles and transfer you to your hotel for a briefing on the following day's climb. Overnight at Sal Salinero Hotel in Moshi

Day 2: Mandara Hut

After breakfast you will be collected from the lodge and transferred to Marangu gate. The actual hike begins at the 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. Hot lunch en-route. If you wish you can hike up 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: Horombo Hut

After breakfast start hiking slowly 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. Hot 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 pack for the cool winds.

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

Day 4: Kibo Hut

Today leave moorland and enter the alpine desert past giant lobelia and walk on the saddle between Kibo and Mawenzi Peak. Hot 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. Thin 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 5: Summit

Start around 1 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 Hut for hot lunch then to Horombo Hut. Meals and overnight at Horombo Hut

Day 6: Descent

Hike back to the Marangu gate and park's headquarters. At Marangu gate you sign your name and details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. Those climbers who reached Gillman's Point are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak receive gold certificates. Meet by a driver guide with packed lunch and drive back to your hotel in Moshi.

Day 7: Depart

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your home bound flights.

Optional Extra day at Horombo:

An extra day is offered at Horombo to acclimatize to the higher altitude. Spend a day walk to "Zebra Rock", rocks striped by weather. If you are feeling very fatigued, it can be spent resting or exploring the nearby region. Birdlife is abundant at Horombo. The rains come upon us almost every afternoon. So plan your day hike to be back inside the hut with a cup of tea and good book by 4 p.m. Most climbers begin to feel the altitude at this level. After the rain clears, Horombo typically has beautiful sunsets and a night sky full of stars. All meals and overnight at Horombo Hut

Rongai Route

This climbing safari avoids the crowded Marangu Route on Kilimanjaro, preferring to approach the mountain from the north by the lightly-used Rongai route. Experienced guides consider this ascent route both the easier and more beautiful than the main Marangu trail. The Rongai route begins in delightful forest, with the possibility of wildlife viewing, and each day of walking progresses through a different climate zone, adding considerably to the interest of the trek.



Tour code:	KMC6
Duration:	8 days/ 7 nights
Includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two nights’ accommodation at Keys Hotel or similar hotel on a Bed & Breakfast basis. • All food during the climb on the mountain (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) • Kilimanjaro park entrance fees, camp/hut fees, standard KINAPA rescue fees. • Kilimanjaro briefing and de-briefing. • Services of trained English speaking mountain guide, cooks and porters (porters are Swahili speaking mostly) • Guides wages, cooks and porters standard to the norm of Mountain Society of Kilimanjaro. • Portage of 1 bag (maximum 18 kgs) per person. • Oximeter Safety equipment to check blood oxygen levels of clients daily.
Excludes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tips to the guides, cook and porters • Lunch and day room on the last day • Shuttle bus from Nairobi – Arusha – Nairobi • Climbing equipment such as clothes, sleeping bags, sleeping mat etc. • Mineral water • Visas • Laundry • Traveller insurance • Telephone calls • All other expenses resulting from early descend before the completion of the climb such as transfer, extra nights etc. • Gamow Bag • Oxygen Cylinder
Notes: Our services start/end up with a pick up/drop off Kilimanjaro airport or Arusha.	

Dates	Cost in US\$ per person						Single Room Supplement
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
15DEC15-14DEC16	3758	3010	2863	2724	2680	2605	88
Extra night on climb for acclimatization USD 404 per person							
Public Shuttle Nairobi-Moshi USD55 per person							
Concession and park fees in Tanzania subject to change at any time							

Rongai Route Climbing Schedule

Day 1: Arrival
 Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport you will be met by our representative. After checking that you have all your luggage and belongings he will take you to one of our vehicles and transfer you to your hotel for a briefing on the following day’s climb. Overnight at Sal Salinero Hotel in **Moshi** on BB

Day 2: First Cave Camp

After breakfast you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred to Marangu gate with packed lunch. After completing the necessary registration formalities at Marangu gate, you will be transferred to Rongai.

The climb begins from the attractive wooden village of Nale Moru (1,950 m.) on a small path that winds through fields of maize and potatoes before entering the forest. The track then starts to climb consistently, but gently, through attractive forest that shelters a variety of wildlife, including the beautiful Kilimanjaro Colobus monkeys. These monkeys are black with long ‘capes’ of white hair and a flowing white tail. The forest begins to thin out and the first camp is at the edge of the moorland zone (2,600 m.) with extensive views over the Kenyan plains of Tsavo and Amboseli.

Approx: 3-4 hours walking. Dinner and overnight at **First Cave Camp**

Day 3: Kikelewa Caves

After breakfast, begin the morning walk which is a steady ascent up to the ‘Second Cave’ (3,450 m.) with superb views of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim. After lunch, we leave the main trail and strike out across the moorland on a smaller path towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi. Our campsite nestles in a sheltered valley of giant Senecios near Kikelewa Caves (3,600 m.)

Approx: 6-7 hours walking with dinner and overnight at **Kikelewa Caves**

Day 4: Mawenzi Tarn Camp

After breakfast, a short but steep climb up grassy slopes is rewarded by superb sweeping vistas and a tangible sense of wilderness. The trail leaves vegetation behind shortly before reaching the next camp at Mawenzi Tarn (4,330 m.), spectacularly situated on a cirque directly beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi. The afternoon will be free to rest or explore the surrounding area as an aid to acclimatization.

Approx: 3 - 5 hours walking with dinner and overnight at **Mawenzi Tarn Camp**.

Day 5: Kibo

We cross the lunar desert of the ‘Saddle’ between Mawenzi and Kibo to reach School campsite (4,750 m.) at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent before a very early night!

Approx: 4-5 hours walking with dinner and overnight at **Kibo Camp**

Day 6: Summit

Today’s climb starts out around 1 a.m. after a light breakfast, to reach 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 Camp for hot lunch then to Horombo Hut. Meals and overnight at **Horombo Camp**.

Weather: The cold effects of high altitude are felt. Wear everything you brought.

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

Day 7: Descent

You will hike back to the Marangu gate and park’s headquarters. At Marangu gate you sign your name and details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. Those climbers who reached Gillman’s Point are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak receive gold certificates. It is a welcome treat to sleep in a bed, take a hot shower and celebrate. Overnight Sal Salinero Hotel in **Moshi**

Day 8: Depart

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your home bound flights.