

**Lemosho / Londorossi Shira route climbing option:** Lemosho Route is an unspoiled, remote, little-used and beautiful way up to the Shira Plateau. Above the plateau, you approach Kilimanjaro's great western Breach, then follow the south circuit to reach Barafu Route. The route is one of the few where trekkers may be accompanied on the first day by an armed ranger as the forests around the Lemosho Glades are rich in Buffalos, Elephants and other wildlife.

Feel free to talk to our experienced consultants for your preferred trekking routing. Lemosho / Shira Route: Total hiking distance: Approximately 98 kms excluding acclimatization hikes

### **Day 1: Arrival in Tanzania – Moshi**

By road from Nairobi Kenya – Meeting point – Steers (Muindi Mbingu Street opposite the Jeevanjee Gardens) at 0730hrs. Departure @ 0800hrs

Transfer from Nairobi to Moshi town via Namanga – border. Lunch at own cost. Enjoy the amazing views of the lush agricultural Meru plantations arriving at Moshi hotel in the early evening.

By flight landing in Arusha JRO Airport – Upon arrival at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), Arusha Airport (ARK) or Arusha or Moshi Bus Station, our representative will pick and transfer you to our base hotel in Moshi. Overnight stay at Moshi. (Bed & Breakfast)

This comprises two routes starting in the same center in the western side of Mt Kilimanjaro (Lemosho Route and Londorossi Shira Route taking a minimum of 8-9 days for enjoyable and a comfortable hike).

The Lemosho Route offers a more private Kilimanjaro experience before the trail joins with the more popular Machame route on day three. The first two days on the mountain are relatively private with few other trekking groups on the trail.

**Day 2: Moshi – Londorossi Gate (2250m) – Mti Mkubwa Camp (2750m)**

Departs: Any day | Hiking time: 4-5hrs | Distance: Approximately 6kms | Habitat: Montane forest

After breakfast, drive to Londorossi gate (2250m) in a 4x4 land cruiser/Land Rover for gate registration which will take 1 hour. After obtaining the permit, drive back to Lemosho (2100m) where we will begin our trek. The climb through the rain forest is 6 kms to Mti Mkubwa camp (BIG TREE CAMP) at 2750M with picnic lunch enroute. Dinner and overnight camping in mountain tents at Mti Mkubwa camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 3: Mti Mkubwa Camp (2750m) – Shira One Camp (3500m)**

Hiking time: 6hrs | Distance: Approximately 12 kms | Habitat: Semi desert

Leave camp with lunch enroute where the trail gradually steepens, enters the giant heather moorland zone, then crosses the Shira Ridge at 3,600 m/11,810 ft and drops gently to Shira Camp 1 located by a stream on the Shira Plateau. Dinner and overnight camping at Shira 1 camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 4: Shira 1 (3500m) – Shira Two Camp (3850m)**

Hiking time: 3hrs | Distance: Approximately 4 kms | Habitat: Semi-desert

This is an acclimatization day that allows day hikes that explore the Shira Plateau. The hike is short gaining just over 1000 feet in elevation. Dinner and overnight camping at Shira camp 2. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 5: Shira Two (3850m) – Lava Tower (4630m) – Barranco Camp (3950m)**

Hiking time: 7hrs | Distance: Approximately 15 kms | Habitat: Semi-desert

Leave Shira with lunch enroute to Barranco. The route turns east into a semi desert and rocky landscape surrounding Lava Tower, where you reach an altitude of 4630m. This day is definitely a tough one and climbers fitness is at real test with elevations and ups and downs throughout the day. We will enjoy spectacular views along the trail. Dinner and overnight camping at Barranco camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

### **Day 6: Barranco Camp (3950m) – Karanga Camp (4000m)**

Distance: 7 km | Hiking Time: 4 hours | Habitat: Alpine Desert

After breakfast, depart the Great Barranco camp Wall (a very magnificent sight), as we approach an awesome looking obstacle which in the end turns out easier and fun to conquer. Proceed on with our days trek up the Barranco Wall, then across scree and ridges to the Karanga Valley which is the last water stop on the route. Hot lunch will be served, dinner and overnight camping at Karanga camp.

### **Day 7: Karanga Camp (4000m) – Barafu Camp (4600m)**

Distance: 6 kilometers | Hiking Time: 4 hours | Habitat: Alpine Desert

After breakfast, begin the hike to Barafu Camp. On the way, view several of Kibo's glaciers as well as the junction that connects the descent route Mweka with the Machame trail. Although the trail to Barafu passes through alpine desert with little vegetation, Barafu Camp offers stunning views of Kibo and Mawenzi (5149m) peaks. Try to sleep as soon as you finish dinner as you will awake before midnight for your summit hike. Camping at this point is only for the strong wild as temperatures can drop to freezing point. Hot lunch will be served, dinner and overnight camping at Barafu camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 8: Barafu Camp (4600m) – Summit attempt Uhuru Peak (5895m) – Mweka Camp (3100m)**

**Hiking time:** 8h to reach Uhuru Peak, 7 - 8h to descend to Mweka

**Distance:** Approximately 7 kms ascent - 23 kms descent

**Habitat:** Stone scree and ice-capped summit

Start the hike at 2300hrs heading North-Westerly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. For many participants, this 6-hour walk to Stella point is mentally and physically the most challenging on the route. At Stella Point (5685m) you will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with the most outstanding sunrise you are ever likely to see (weather permitting) as we head to the main peak – Uhuru Peak the highest point of Africa 19340ft (alt. 5895m) which is the highlight of our trip! After taking photos with the sunrise, descend further down to Barafu camp where you will have breakfast and later descend further with lunch enroute to Mweka camp for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 9: Mweka Camp (3100m) – Mweka Gate (1800m) – Moshi**

Hiking time: 3hrs | Distance: Approximately 15 kms | Habitat: Forest

After an early and well-deserved breakfast, we descend through the lower heath scenic section that quickly turns into rainforest to Mweka gate. At the gate, successful climbers will receive their summit certificates. Climbers who reached Stella Point (5685m) are issued with Green certificates while those who reached Uhuru Peak (5895m) receive Gold certificates. Thereafter onward connection and transfer to the hotel in Moshi. (Breakfast, Lunch & Bed)

## **Day 10: Moshi – Nairobi**

After breakfast, drive to Arusha for lunch at own cost then proceed to NBO via Namanga border and further to Nairobi arriving late in the evening or transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), Arusha Airport (ARK) or Arusha or Moshi Bus Station for your departure. (Breakfast)

Any extra day will attract from USD 270 per person

### **Children Rate Policy:**

- Children between 13 - 15.99 years, 90% of adult rate
- Children aged 16 years and above, adult rate applies

**NB:** The above rates are subject to change without notice should necessitating factors dictate. These may be influenced by changes in government policies, intermittent exchange rates among other factors.

### **Package inclusive of:**

- Return road transport to Moshi / transfers from Tanzania
- Arrival day and Last night accommodation at Moshi on Bed and Breakfast
- Return transfer from the hotel at Moshi to the mountain gate
- Meals and picnic lunch while on the trek and as reflected in the itinerary
- Park entry fees
- Accommodation in mountain bunk hostels, bed and a mattress will be provided
- Uhf Radio communication / advanced Mountain first Aid Kit
- Professional services of our English speaking crew

### **Package exclusive of:**

- Hiking equipment and climbing gear
- Bottled water, Dinners in Moshi and Lunch on the return day
- Medical, travel & personal insurance cover
- Sleeping bag while on trek (charges from KES 600 or USD 6 per bag per day)
- Any item of personal nature

- Tips and gratuities for the mountain crew
- Any other item not mentioned in the inclusive list

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