



6 DAYS KILIMANJARO MACHAME



OVERVIEW

Also known as the “Whiskey” route, the Machame route is now the most popular ascent route on Mt Kilimanjaro. Compared with the Marangu route, the hiking days on the Machame route are longer, the trail steeper. However, the scenery is spectacular and the landscape stunning. The Machame route is considered a challenging route and is better suited for more adventurous trekkers and those with some hiking or backpacking experience.

The Machame route is scenically beautiful and varied. However, due to its popularity, there are an increased number of trekkers, so it loses some of its splendor. The Machame route approaches the summit from the southwest. It descends using the Mweka route, rewarding climbers with views of the expansive Shira Plateau, an optional scramble up Lava Tower, a climb up the Great Barranco Wall, and a traverse underneath Kilimanjaro southern ice field.



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TOUR PRICE

- ✓ The price per person for group expeditions are fixed based on a group size. However, we have optional arrangements for individual private and tailor-made preferences best suited for you, your family and friends.
- ✓ All prices are based on shared accommodation. Please inquire for a 1 guest private room accommodation quote.
- ✓ Prices listed are not final. Please inquire for your final price quote.

2 pax	3-4 pax	5-6 pax	7-10 pax
USD 4,300	USD 4,000	USD 3,700	USD 3,500

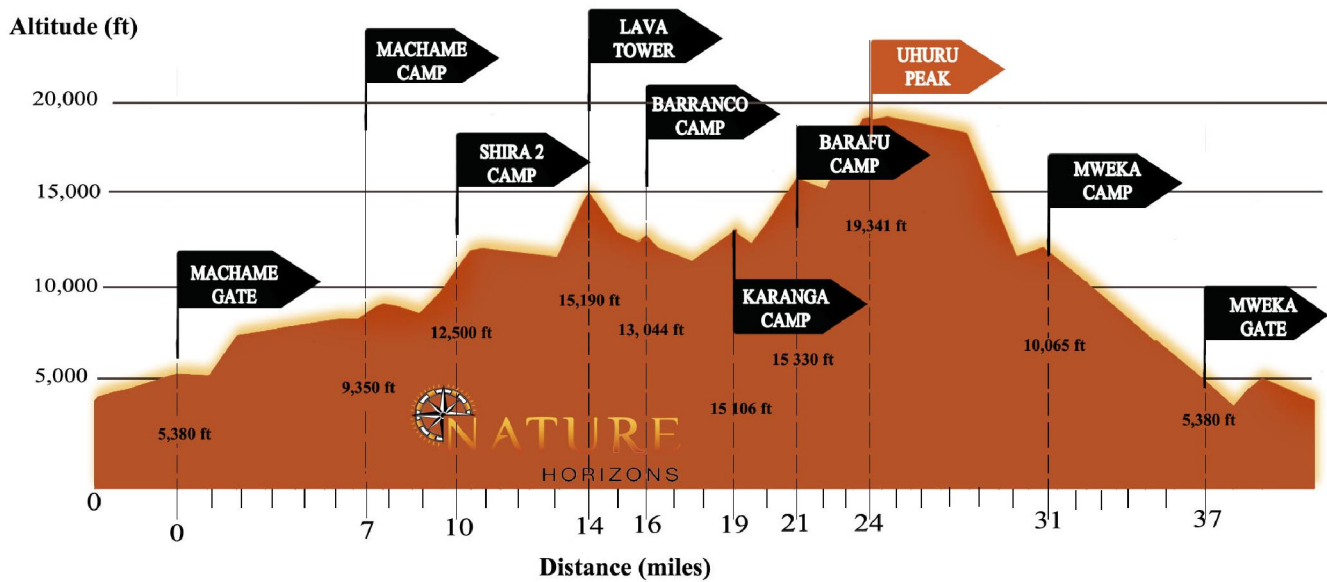
TRIP SUMMARY

Country	Starts at	Ends at	Airport	Maximum Altitude	Activities
Tanzania, United Republic	Moshi Town	Moshi Town	Kilimanjaro International Airport	5895m	Sightseeing and High Altitude Trekking

- **Day 1:** Kilimanjaro International Airport to Moshi
- **Day 2:** Moshi to Machame gate to Machame Camp
- **Day 3:** Machame Camp to Shira 2 Camp
- **Day 4:** Shira 2 Camp to Lava Tower to Barranco Camp
- **Day 5:** Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp
- **Day 6:** Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak to Mweka Camp
- **Day 7:** Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate
- **Day 8:** Hotel to Kilimanjaro International Airport

Day	Start	Altitude (m)	Altitude (ft)	Finish	Altitude (m)	Altitude (ft)	Time (hrs)	Distance (km)	Distance (miles)
1	Arrival Day								
2	Machame Gate	1,640	5,380	Machame Camp	2,850	9,350	5-7	11	7
3	Machame Camp	2,850	9,350	Shira 2 Camp	3,810	12,500	4-6	5	3
4	Shira 2 Camp Lava Tower	3,810 4,630	12,500 15,190	Lava Tower Barranco Camp	4,630 3,976	15,190 13,044	4-5 2-3	7 3	4 2
5	Barranco Camp Karanga Camp	3,976 3,995	13,044 13,106	Karanga Camp Barafu Camp	3,995 4,673	13,106 15,331	4-5 4-5	5 4	3 2
6	Barafu Camp Uhuru Peak	4,673 5,895	15,331 19,341	Uhuru Peak Mweka Camp	5,895 3,068	19,341 10,065	7-8 4-6	5 12	3 7
7	Mweka Camp	3,068	10,065	Mweka Gate	1,640	5,380	3-4	10	6
	Total							62	37
8	Departure Day								





Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Kilimanjaro International Airport to Moshi

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), a Nature Horizons team member will be waiting to greet you. We will transfer you to your hotel accommodation for your first night, where you will meet your safari guide that you will be with for the remainder of your tour. Once you are settled in your hotel, you will receive a briefing on our tour. You can now relax at your hotel. Your trek to the roof of Africa starts tomorrow! As always, if you need anything or would like to head out into town, your guide will be there to assist you 24/7.

Welcome to Africa!

Drive: 45 minutes to one hour

Day 2: Drive to Kilimanjaro National Park Machame Gate, climb to Machame Camp

Your 7-day climb starts by driving you from Moshi to the Mount Kilimanjaro National Park Gate. It takes about 45 minutes. After the paperwork has been completed, the journey begins by passing through the village of Machame, located on the lower slopes of the mountain.

We depart the park gate and walk through the rain forest on a winding trail up a ridge. At lower elevations, the trail can be muddy and slippery, so gaiters and trekking poles are a good idea. We will continue a short distance until we reach Machame Camp.

- Elevation: 1830m/6000ft to 3050m/9950ft
- Distance: 11km/7mi
- Climbing Time: 5-6 hours
- Habitat: Montane Forest

Day 3: Climb Machame Camp to Shira Camp

After breakfast, we will leave the glades of the rainforest and continue on an ascending path, crossing the valley along a steep rocky ridge. The route now turns west onto a river gorge until we arrive at the Shira campsite.



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- Elevation: 3050m/9950ft to 3850m/12,600ft
- Distance: 5km/3mi
- Walking Time: 4-5 hours
- Habitat: Moorland

Day 4: Climb Shira Camp to Lava Tower to Barranco Camp

From the Shira Plateau, we continue to the east up a ridge, passing the junction toward the peak of Kibo. As we continue, our direction changes to the South East toward Lava Tower, also called the "Shark's Tooth" (elevation 4650m/15,250ft). Shortly after the tower, we come to the second junction, which goes to the Arrow Glacier. We now continue down to the Barranco Camp. Although you end the day around the same elevation as when you began, this day is crucial for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit day.

- Elevation: 3850m/12,600ft to 4000m/13,000ft
- Distance: 8km/5mi
- Walking Time: 5-6 hours
- Habitat: Semi-desert
- Meals: BLD
- Budget Lodging: Barranco Camp

Day 5: Hike Barranco Camp to Barafu Camp

After breakfast, we will leave Barranco and continue on a steep ridge up the Barranco Wall (elev 4250m/13,900ft) and through the Karanga Valley (elev 4050m/13,250ft) to the junction that connects with the Mweka Trail. We will continue up to Barafu Camp. You have completed the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we make camp with views of the summit in the distance.

- Elevation: 4000m/13,000ft to 4700m/15,350ft
- Distance: 9km/6mi
- Hiking Time: 6-8 hours
- Habitat: Alpine Desert
- Meals: BLD

Day 6: Barafu Camp to Summit, down to Mweka Camp

Very early in the morning (midnight to 2 am), we will continue our way to the summit between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers. You head in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree toward Stella Point on the crater rim. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. At Stella Point, you will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see. Faster hikers may view the sunrise from the summit.

From Stella Point, you may encounter snow all the way on your one-hour ascent to the summit. Once on Uhuru Peak, you will have reached the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa!

From the summit we will begin our descent by continuing straight down to Mweka Camp, stopping at Barafu for lunch. You may want gaiters and trekking poles for the loose gravel going down. We will arrive at Mweka Camp and enjoy our last evening on the mountain.

- Elevation: 4700m/15,350ft to 5895m/19,340ft
- Down to 3090m/10,150ft
- Distance: 5km/3mi up / 13km/8mi down
- Hiking Time: 5-7 hours up / 5-6 hours' down



- Habitat: Stone scree and ice-capped summit
- Meals: BLD

Day 7: Hike Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate, drive to Moshi

After breakfast, we will continue the descent down to the Mweka Park Gate to receive your summit certificates. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy, so gaiters and trekking poles will help. Shorts and t-shirts will probably be plenty to wear (keep rain gear and warmer clothing handy).

A vehicle will meet you at Mweka Gate to drive you back to your hotel in Moshi (about 30 minutes).

- Elevation: 3090m/10,150ft to 1680m/5500ft
- Distance: 10km/6mi
- Hiking Time: 3-4 hours
- Habitat: Forest
- Meals: B

Day 08: Departure Day

Today is the day that you say goodbye to your team. Congratulations, you just hiked the highest freestanding mountain on planet Earth and the tallest mountain in Mama Africa. Nature Horizons could not be happier that we lead you to the top. You will remember these memories for the rest of your life. Upon waking up today, your guide will be with you until you need to leave for Kilimanjaro International Airport.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- ✓ Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your Accommodations in Moshi.
- ✓ 2 nights of accommodation in Moshi
- ✓ Transportation to and from the Kilimanjaro gate
- ✓ Park entry fees
- ✓ Camping fees
- ✓ Team Kilimanjaro Rescue fees
- ✓ Oxygen cylinder
- ✓ 18% VAT on tour fees & services
- ✓ All camping equipment
- ✓ Friendly and professional mountain guides, cook, and porters
- ✓ 3 hot meals a day while on the mountain
- ✓ Enough treated & filtered drinking water throughout the trek
- ✓ Hot water for washing
- ✓ Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO) Government taxes
- ✓ Ox meter
- ✓ Emergency first-aid kit



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PACKAGE EXCLUDES

- Lunches, dinners, and drinks at your hotel before and after the climb.
- Travel insurance
- Flights
- Laundry (Available at the hotel)
- Personal items and toiletries
- Tips for guides, porters, and cook

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