



## **Kilimanjaro Expedition Lemosho Route 8 days:**



**Day 1 & 2** Depart US cities on Day 1, arrive Amsterdam morning of Day 2, arrive KIA evening Day 2, overnight at [Ngurdoto Lodge](#)



**Day 3** Rest day, shopping, gear check. Overnight at [Ngurdoto Lodge](#)



**Day 4 Lemosho Trailhead to Forest Camp**

Drive time: 5 hours

Hike time: 3 hours

Elevation change: 500m

Estimated distance: 3km

Camp elevation 3000m

Depart Arusha at 7:30a.m. for the Lemosho Trailhead (about a 5 hour drive). Upon arrival at Trailhead, eat lunch, and then commence through undisturbed forest which winds to the first camp. Overnight at Forest Camp (Mti Mkubwa Camp).



**Day 5 Forest Camp to Shira 1 Camp**

Hike time: 5 hours

Elevation change: 860m

Estimated distance: 4km

Camp elevation 3860m

Once out of the forest, take a steep track into a Savannah of tall grasses, heather, and volcanic rock draped with lichen beards. Ascend through the lush rolling hills below the Shira plateau, finally reaching camp at the edge of the plateau.



### **Day 6 Shira 1 Camp to Shira 2 Camp**

Hike time: 4hrs

Elevation change: 3860m to 4200m to 3840m

Estimated distance: 7km

Camp elevation: 3840m

This will be a full day exploration of the Shira plateau; Trek east toward Kibo's glaciated peak, with the option to visit the ancient collapsed Shira cone, the oldest of Kilimanjaro's three volcanoes. Arrive at Shira 2 Camp (Fischers's Camp). Shira is one of the highest plateaus on earth. Trekking time without the optional excursions is about 3 hours.



### **Day 7 Shira 2 Camp to Barranco Camp**

Hike time: 6-7 hrs

Elevation change: 3840m to 4630m to 3860m

Estimated distance: 6km

Camp elevation: 3860

From the Shira Plateau, we continue to the east up a ridge, passing the junction towards the peak of Kibo. We continue to the southeast towards Lava Tower, called the "Shark's Tooth." Shortly after the Tower, we come to the second junction, which brings us up to the Arrow Glacier at an altitude of 4876m. We now continue down to the Barranco Hut at an altitude of 3860m.



### **Day 8 Barranco Camp to Karanga Valley**

Hike time: 3.5 hrs

Elevation change: +100m

Estimated distance: 4km

Maximum elevation: 4590m

Camp elevation: 4000m

From Barranco Camp we climb up through the edge of great the Great Barranco Wall. The majority of the day walking will fluxuate around the elevation of 4250m. We will finish our day at Karanga valley campsite at elevation of 4,000m.



### **Day 9 Karanga Valley to above Barafu Hut (Kosovo Camp)**

Hike time: 3.5 hrs  
Elevation change: +600m  
Estimated distance: 4km  
Final elevation: 4600m

Today involves gaining more elevation, acclimatizing and resting for the summit attempt the next morning. We will camp at an isolated spot above all of the masses at Barafu. This will put us an hour closer to the summit! This day will take us 4 to 6 hrs of walking.



### **Day 10 High Camp to the Summit and then Millineum Camp**

**SUMMIT DAY!**  
Estimated summit time: 7 hrs  
Elevation change: +1300m  
Estimated distance: 5km  
Final summit elevation: 5895m  
Estimated descent time: 5 hrs  
Elevation change: -2800m  
Estimated distance: 12km  
Final descent elevation: 3100 M

We will start trekking early before sunrise (1-2 am) as the walk today will take 10-14 + hours. We will avoid the mist that sets in later in the day; the scree and snow will still be safely frozen. The 1,100-meter (3,600') ascent in just over 3 km (1.86 miles) will take us about 6-8 hours. After a brief stay at the summit of the highest point in Africa, Uhuru Peak, at over 5,898 meters (19,340'), we descend via the Barafu Route roughly 2,500 meters (8,200') in 12 km (7.44 miles) in about 4-7 hours to Millennium Camp.



### **Day 11 Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate**

Descent time: 4 hrs  
Elevation change: -1250m  
Estimated distance: 10km  
Final elevation: 1828 M

Today we descend about 1400 meters (4,592') through the forest on a jungle path for about 10 km (6.2 miles) in 3-4 hours to reach Mweka Gate. Our representative will transfer you to the Impala Hotel.



**Day 12** Relax, eat and shop. If not doing Safari you will depart for home around 9pm.

## Safari Option



**Day 10** Depart Arusha in a.m. (from Impala Hotel) for Kilimanjaro airport and flight to Serengeti. An afternoon game drive with overnight and dinner at Serengeti lodge.



**Day 11** Early morning game drive in Serengeti. Depart for long dusty ride (4-5 hours) to Ngorongoro Crater, lunch in route. Overnight and dinner at lodge.



**Day 12** Early morning game drive in Crater. Late morning breakfast, depart for Lake Manyara. Overnight and dinner at Lake Manyara Lodge.



**Day 13** Late morning departure from Lake Manyara to Arusha arriving early afternoon at Impala for day room use...shower and packing. Flight home departs at 9pm.

### **Door to Door Day Total with Travel -**

Climb only- 13 days

Climb and Safari- 17 days

Climb, Safari and 3 days of Zanzibar- 19 days