



## Kilimanjaro Expedition Western Breach Route 6 days



### Day 1 & 2

Depart Home cities on Day 1, arrive JRO evening Day 2, overnight at [Outpost Lodge](#).



### Day 3

Rest day, shopping, gear check. Overnight at [Outpost Lodge](#).



### Day 4 Machame Gate to Machame Camp

**Hike time: 7.5 hrs**

**Elevation change: +1200m**

**Estimated distance: 10km**

**Camp elevation: 3100m**

Early pick-up at Outpost Lodge and a 40-minute drive to Machame gate (5,400') where trekking formalities take about 30 minutes. From the gate, we begin our trek following an easy track for the first hour through the dense forest. The path continues to follow the ridge, rising steadily with several steep sections. The gradient eases slightly as the forest merges into heather covered ground we will reach Machame Hut in 10 km (6.2 miles) after a 1,200-meter ascent.



### Day 5 Machame Camp to Shira Camp

**Hike time: 7 hrs**

**Elevation change: +800m**

**Estimated distance: 6km**

**Camp elevation: 3800m**

From the Machame Hut we cross the stream onto its west bank and follow the path up the steep rocky ridge criss-crossing a few times before reaching Shira Hut at the base of a semi-circular wall of rocks. We will have ascended 900 meters in 5-7 hours and about 6 km (3.72 miles) of walking.



### Day 6 Shira Camp to Lava Tower Camp

**Hike time: 4 hrs**

**Elevation change: +700m**

**Estimated distance: 4km**

**Camp elevation: 4500m**

From Shira Hut Camp hike across the plateau to Lava Tower and camp and on the knoll directly under the magnificent lava cinder cone. From here you will have an awe inspiring view of the Western Breach wall that you will tackle soon.



### Day 7 Lava Tower Camp to Arrow Camp

**Hike time: 3 hrs**

**Elevation change: +400m**

**Estimated distance: 1km**

**Camp elevation: 4870m**

Today we will move camp a few hours up towards the Wall. This will put us in good position to make an early morning summit bid after some rest at Arrow Camp.



### **Day 8 Arrow Camp to the Summit and then Millennium Camp**

#### **SUMMIT DAY!**

**Ascend time: 6-8 hrs**

**Elevation change: +1000m**

**Estimated distance: 3km**

**Final elevation: 5898m**

**Descent time: 5 hrs**

**Elevation change: -2800m**

**Estimated distance: 12km**

**Camp elevation: 3100m**

We will start the climb early before sunrise (1-2 am) as the entire day will take 10 -14 + hours. The terrain requires scrambling over rocky bulges. Never is the route technical enough to require climbing protection, however there are consequences in the case of a slip...so great care must be taken. After the 4-6 hour ascent of the Wall, you will arrive at the Crater rim. One more hour up Uhuru Peak and you will be standing on top of Africa. After a brief stay at the summit of 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 9 Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate**

**Descent time: 4 hrs**

**Elevation change: -1250m**

**Estimated distance: 10km**

**Final elevation: 1828m**

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 [Outpost Lodge](#).



### **Day 10**

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