



## Kilimanjaro Expedition Machame Route 7 Days



**Day 1 & 2** Depart US cities on Day 1, arrive Amsterdam morning of Day 2, arrive KIA 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 Ngurdoto 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

Final elevation: 3800m

From the Machame Hut we cross the stream onto its west bank and follow the path up the steep rocky ridge crises-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 Barranco Camp**

Hike time: 5 hrs

Elevation change: +100m

Estimated distance: 5km

Camp elevation: 3900m

From Shira Hut hike to Lava Tower and then proceed to Barranco via the Great Barranco Wall. This route offers panoramic views of Kibo through Karanga Valley as we hike high and sleep low, dropping back down to Barranco after lunch.



### **Day 7 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 fluctuate around the elevation of 4250m.



### **Day 8 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 9 High Camp to the Summit and then Millineum Camp**

SUMMIT DAY!

Estimated summit time: 7 hrs

Elevation change: +1300m

Estimated distance: 5km

Final elevation: 5895m

Descent time: 5 hrs

Elevation change: -2800m

Estimated distance: 12km

Camp elevation: 3100m

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 10 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 Impala Hotel.



**Day 11** Relax, eat and shop. If not doing Safari you will depart for home around 9pm.

## **Safari Option**



**Day 11** Depart Arusha in a.m. (from Outpost Lodge) for Kilimanjaro airport and flight to Serengeti. An afternoon game drive with overnight and dinner at Serengeti lodge.



**Day 12** 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 13** Early morning game drive in Crater. Late morning breakfast, depart for Lake Manyara. Overnight and dinner at Lake Manyara Lodge.



**Day 14** Late morning departure from Lake Manyara to Arusha arriving early afternoon at Outpost for day room use...shower and packing. Most international flights depart at 9pm.

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

Climb only- 12 days

Climb and Safari- 16 days

Climb, Safari and 3 days of Zanzibar- 18 days