

CLIMBING KILIMANJARO VIA LEMOSHO ROUTE WITH KOSSOVO CAMP

8 Days / 7 Nights

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Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

The Lemosho Route is one of the most scenic and well-balanced routes on Mount Kilimanjaro, offering excellent acclimatisation and a high summit success rate. The journey begins on the western side of the mountain, passing through lush rainforest before crossing the expansive Shira Plateau and gradually traversing toward the eastern side for the final ascent to Uhuru Peak (5,895m).

This route is known for its diverse landscapes, ranging from dense forest and moorland to alpine desert and glacial terrain. Climbers are rewarded with breathtaking views throughout the trek, including the Shira Plateau, Lava Tower, Barranco Valley, and the Southern Icefields near the summit.

A key highlight of this itinerary is an overnight stay at **Kosovo Camp (4,800m)**, a high-altitude camp located just below the summit. This strategic stop enhances acclimatisation and significantly shortens the summit push, allowing climbers to reach the crater rim in approximately three hours. This increases comfort and improves the overall summit experience.

The route typically takes 8 days or more, following a “walk high, sleep low” acclimatisation profile to maximise success rates and ensure a safer ascent. After reaching Uhuru Peak, the descent is completed via the Mweka Route, offering a direct and efficient return through the rainforest zone.

Due to its gradual ascent, stunning scenery, and improved acclimatisation profile, the Lemosho Route with Kosovo Camp has become increasingly popular among climbers seeking both challenge and a higher chance of reaching the summit.

DESTINATIONS



Kilimanjaro National Park



Arusha Town



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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Arusha

Upon arriving at Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be greeted by a Kilisherpas Travel representative and transferred privately to your hotel in Arusha. This day is dedicated to resting and acclimatising after your journey. In the evening or early the next morning, you will attend a comprehensive pre-climb briefing. During this session, your guides will go over the details of the Lemosho Route, safety protocols, and gear requirements and answer any questions. This is a great opportunity to prepare mentally and physically for the adventure ahead. You will enjoy your first night at the comfortable Gold Crest Hotel, nestled in Arusha.

DESTINATION

Arusha Town



ACCOMMODATION

Gold Crest Hotel



Day 2: Lemosho Gate to Mti Mkubwa Camp

After breakfast, you'll be transferred from your hotel to Lemosho Gate, located at 2,360 meters (7,742 feet). The registration process begins here, and your porters will pack supplies as you prepare to start your ascent. The trek begins through a lush rainforest teeming with vibrant birdlife, colobus monkeys, and antelope. The walk takes approximately four hours, covering about 6 km (4 miles), leading you to Mti Mkubwa Camp. Surrounded by jungle serenity, you'll settle into your tents, enjoy your first night in the mountains, and savor a full-board meal.

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ACCOMMODATION

Big Tree Camp



Day 3: Mti Mkubwa Camp to Shira 1 Camp

Today, your journey continues eastward across the breathtaking Shira Plateau. The trail offers spectacular views of moorlands and the iconic Shira Cathedral. As you trek for roughly six hours over 8 km (5 miles), you'll pass through varied landscapes and enjoy the fresh mountain air. Upon reaching Shira 1 Camp at 3,500 meters (11,483 feet), you'll be surrounded by panoramic vistas of glaciers and the Western Breach. Temperatures may drop significantly, so be prepared for the cold night in your tent.

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ACCOMMODATION

Shira 1 Camp



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Day 4: Shira 1 Camp to Moir Huts

Leaving the moorland zone behind, you ascend into the high-altitude Shira Caldera, crossing rugged terrain and moorlands. The trail steepens, and you'll enjoy breathtaking views of Arrow Glacier and Kilimanjaro's western slopes. Today's trek lasts approximately seven hours over 10 km (6 miles), culminating at Moir Huts at 4,200 meters (13,780 feet). The environment becomes more arid and rocky, and you'll settle into your tents for the night, preparing for the higher elevations to come.

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ACCOMMODATION

Moir Huts



Day 5: Moir Huts to Barranco Camp via Lava Tower

This challenging but rewarding day involves a significant climb to Lava Tower at 4,600 meters (15,092 feet), providing vital acclimatization. After a hearty lunch at Lava Tower, you'll descend about 650 meters to Barranco Camp at 3,950 meters (12,959 feet), located beneath the dramatic Great Barranco Wall. This "walk high, sleep low" strategy helps your body adjust to high altitudes. The day offers stunning scenery and numerous photo opportunities of glaciers and rugged terrain.

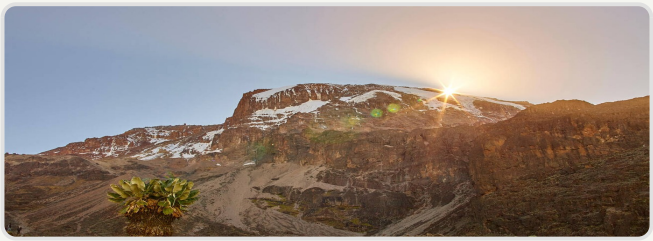
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ACCOMMODATION

Barranco Camp



Day 6: Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

Today features an exciting scramble up the iconic Great Barranco Wall, a highlight for many climbers. After conquering the wall, you'll traverse scree slopes and descend into the Karanga Valley, reaching 4,210 meters (13,812 feet). This shorter day, lasting around four hours over 4 km (2 miles), helps with acclimatization while offering spectacular views of glaciers and mountain terrain. You'll spend the night at Karanga Camp, resting well for the final ascent.

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ACCOMMODATION

Karanga Camp



Day 7: Karanga Camp to Kosovo Camp

After breakfast, you will begin your ascent to **Kosovo Camp (4,800m)**, a short but steep hike through the alpine desert zone. Along the way, enjoy impressive views of **Kibo** and **Mawenzi Peaks**, offering a dramatic preview of the final summit stage.

Upon arrival at camp, a hot lunch will be served, followed by ample time to rest and prepare for the summit attempt. This high-altitude camp is strategically located to shorten the summit climb, improving comfort and increasing your chances of success.

An early dinner will be provided before you retire to your tent for a few hours of rest. You will be awakened around midnight to begin the final ascent to **Uhuru Peak**, the highest point in Africa.

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ACCOMMODATION

Kosovo Camp



Day 8: Summit Night – Kosovo Camp to Uhuru Peak – Descend to Mweka Camp

Your summit day begins just after midnight, with a light snack of tea and biscuits before starting the final ascent. Climbing steadily over steep scree and rocky terrain, you will gain significant altitude in a short period. This is the most challenging yet rewarding stage of the journey.

After 4–5 hours of ascent, you will reach **Stella Point (5,756m)** on the crater rim, where you may witness a breathtaking sunrise over the African plains. From here, it is approximately one more hour to **Uhuru Peak (5,895m)**, the highest point in Africa. Take time to celebrate your achievement and capture unforgettable photos at the summit.

Following your summit success, you will begin your descent back to **Kosovo Camp** for a well-deserved rest and lunch. After regaining energy, the trek continues down through changing landscapes to **Mweka Camp (3,950m)**, where you will enjoy dinner and a well-earned overnight rest.

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ACCOMMODATION

Mweka Camp



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Day 9: Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate & Arusha

After breakfast, you will begin the descent through lush rainforest, arriving at Mweka Gate in about four hours. Here, you'll receive your Kilimanjaro summit certificate, commemorating your achievement. A private transfer will take you back to Gold Crest Hotel in Arusha, where you can enjoy a refreshing shower and celebrate your success with your fellow climbers. This evening is perfect for relaxing and sharing stories of your incredible journey.

DESTINATION

Arusha Town



ACCOMMODATION

Gold Crest Hotel



Day 10: Departure from Arusha

onwardsFollowing breakfast, you will be transferred privately to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for your onward journey. If you wish, Kilisherpas Travel can assist in arranging safaris or Zanzibar trips to extend your Tanzanian adventure.

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Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO



ACCOMMODATION

No Accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

Included

- Complimentary meet and greet at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- Private transfers between JRO and hotel, and hotel to Lemosho Gate/Mweka Gate
- 2 nights' accommodation at Gold Crest Hotel in Arusha (pre- and post-climb)
- Kilimanjaro National Park gate fees, camping fees, and climbing permits
- Rescue fees (Kilimanjaro Rescue Team)
- Qualified chief guide, assistant guides, porters, and cook
- Salaries for mountain crew per KINAPA guidelines
- 3 liters of mineral water (Day 1) and 3 liters of purified water daily (from Day 2)
- Hot lunch at lunch stops with tables, chairs, and mess tent (except Day 1, packed lunch)
- Superior camping equipment (tents, sleeping mats, camp chairs, tables, mess tent)
- Emergency oxygen and pulse oximeter for twice-daily health checks
- Water for daily washing
- Kilimanjaro National Park certificate for successful summit attempt
- Porter to carry duffel bag (max 15kg/32 lbs) between camps
- Kosovo Camp stay ($118 extra, 98% summit success rate)

Excluded

- Airport transfers.
- Flights and airport taxes
- Entry visa for Tanzania ($50 for most nationalities, $100 for USA passport holders)
- Vaccinations (yellow fever if traveling via an infected country; Meningitis, Hepatitis A optional)
- Personal items (souvenirs, additional snacks).
- Compulsory tips for guides, porters, cooks ($500-$600 per hiker, varies by group size/route)
- Trekking gear
- Private portable toilet ($150 extra per group)
- Optional live tracking service (additional cost, subject to availability)
- Meals and drinks not specified

PRICING INFORMATION

All prices are per person in USD and may vary based on season and group size.

Low Season

April 1 - May 31

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,500	$3,000	$3,000	**$3,000**	$3,000	**$3,000**

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,500	$3,000	$3,000	**$3,000**	$3,000	**$3,000**

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,500	$3,000	$3,000	**$3,000**	$3,000	**$3,000**

Group Discount: The more travelers, the lower the price per person. Perfect for families and groups!

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