



MACHAME ROUTE

7 Days / 6 Nights

BARANCO CAMP
ELEVATION 3900M amsl.
VEGETATION ZONE: MOORLAND
FROM BARANCO CAMP TO:
• UMBWE CAVE CAMP 8K
• UMBWE GATE 17K

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Machame Route

Duration: 7 Days / 6 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Wildlife

Country: Tanzania

Conquer Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895m) via the Machame Route, known as the “Whiskey Route,” with Serengeti Nexus. This 7-day private trek offers diverse landscapes from lush rainforests to the Shira Plateau, Barranco Wall, and snow-capped Uhuru Peak, with excellent acclimatization via the “walk high, sleep low” profile. Approaching from the southwest, expect stunning vistas of the Western Breach and glacial icefalls, premium camping, and expert guidance. This eco-conscious adventure supports local communities, making it ideal for adventurous climbers seeking challenge and beauty.

DESTINATIONS



Kilimanjaro National Park



Arusha Town



**Kilimanjaro International
Airport JRO**

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Arusha

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and enjoy a private transfer to Gold Crest Hotel in Arusha (50 km, 1 hour). Meet your Kilisherpas representative for a comprehensive pre-climb briefing, covering the Machame Route, safety protocols, and gear requirements. Rest and prepare for your Kilimanjaro adventure in the comfort of your hotel.

📍 DESTINATION

Arusha Town



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Gold Crest Hotel



Day 2: Machame Gate to Machame Camp

After breakfast, transfer to Machame Gate (1.5-2 hours) for registration. Begin your ascent through a lush rainforest rich with moss and birdlife, trekking 11 km (7 miles) in 7 hours to Machame Camp (3,000m). Settle into high-quality tents, surrounded by forest tranquility, and enjoy a full-board meal.

📍 DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro National Park



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Machame Camp



Day 3: Machame Camp to Shira Cave Camp

Leave the rainforest behind and trek across a small valley, ascending a steep, heather-covered rocky ridge for 5 km (3 miles) in 6 hours. Turn west into a river gorge to reach Shira Cave Camp (3,850m) on the scenic Shira Plateau. Bundle up for colder temperatures below freezing and enjoy dinner and an overnight stay in tents with expansive views.

📍 DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro National Park



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Shira Cave Camp



Day 4: Shira Cave Camp to Barranco Camp via Lava Tower

Climb to the base of Lava Tower (4,600m) for lunch and acclimatization, then descend ~650m following the “walk high, sleep low” principle to Barranco Camp (3,950m) over 10 km in 8 hours. Capture stunning photo opportunities of the Barranco Wall and Western Breach, then relax with dinner and an overnight stay in tents.

📍 DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro National Park



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Barranco Camp



Day 5: Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

Start with a fun scramble up the Great Barranco Wall, then traverse scree slopes for 4 km (2 miles) in 4 hours to Karanga Valley (4,210m), beneath the icefalls of Heim, Kersten, and Decken Glaciers. This short day aids acclimatization with spectacular views, followed by dinner and an overnight stay in tents.

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🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Karanga Camp



Day 6: Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

Trek 4 km (2 miles) in 4 hours from Karanga Camp to the junction with the Mweka descent trail, then ascend to Barafu Camp (4,675m). Enjoy incredible views of Mawenzi and Kibo Peaks, rest after dinner, and prepare for the summit push. Consider the optional Kosovo Camp upgrade (\$100) for a 98% summit success rate, staying overnight in tents.

📍 DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro National Park



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Barafu Camp



Day 7: Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak to Mweka Camp

Wake at 11:30 PM for tea and biscuits, then begin the midnight summit ascent through heavy scree between Rebman and Ratzel Glaciers to Stella Point (5,732m), the most challenging section, over 6-8 hours. Reach Uhuru Peak (5,895m) for a sunrise view (weather permitting), photograph the summit, then descend to Barafu Camp for lunch (2-3 hours) and continue to Mweka Camp (3,100m, 3-4 hours) for dinner and a well-earned sleep in tents.

DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro National Park



ACCOMMODATION

Mweka Camp



Day 8: Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

After breakfast, descend 1,300m through rainforest for 10 km (6 miles) in 4 hours to Mweka Gate. Collect your Kilimanjaro National Park summit certificate at Park Headquarters, then transfer to Gold Crest Hotel in Arusha for a shower and celebration.

DESTINATION

Arusha Town



ACCOMMODATION

Gold Crest Hotel



Day 9: Departure from Arusha to Kilimanjaro International Airport

Enjoy breakfast and a private transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO, 50 km, 1 hour) for your onward journey or connect with a Serengeti Nexus safari or Zanzibar trip if arranged.

DESTINATION

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
- ☑ All meals on the mountain (breakfast, lunch, dinner, hot drinks)
- ☑ 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

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 (\$250-\$350 per hiker, varies by group size/route)
- ⊗ Trekking gear
- ⊗ Private portable toilet (\$150 extra per group)
- ⊗ Optional Kosovo Camp stay at Barafu (\$100 extra, 98% summit success rate)
- ⊗ 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.

SEASON	PRICE PER PERSON
Low Season April 1 - May 31	\$3,012.00
Mid Season March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15	\$3,122.00
High Season June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28	\$3,312.00