



LEMOSH ROUTE

8 Days / 7 Nights



Lemosho Route

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

Overview of the Lemosho route

Lemosho is a classic western approach with excellent scenery and one of the strongest acclimatization profiles on Kilimanjaro. It joins the busy southern circuit at **Lava Tower** and **Barranco**, then continues via **Barafu** to the summit.

It is often offered as **6-, 7-, or 8-day** mountain programmes (plus hotel nights). The **7-day** option (vehicle to high Shira) is the most popular balance of time on the mountain and summit success for many first-time trekkers.

Highlights include time on the **Shira Plateau**, the dramatic **Barranco Wall**, and iconic high-altitude vegetation such as giant groundsels. The route is inside **Kilimanjaro National Park** throughout.

Safety first: Expeditions are normally offered to participants aged **12–70 years**. Confirm with your consultant if you are outside this range.

Expert recommendation

Lemosho is an excellent first Kilimanjaro route if you want **strong acclimatization** and great views. Shorter Lemosho schedules exist but suit trekkers with **prior high-altitude experience**; if you are new to altitude, favour **7 or 8 days on the mountain**.

Regardless of itinerary, plan for **solid general fitness**, hydration, and honest communication with your guides about how you feel.

Summit success (typical)

Published statistics from major operators show that **longer Lemosho itineraries** often reach the highest reported summit success rates on the mountain, because of extra nights and “climb high, sleep low” opportunities. Exact percentages vary by season, group, and operator.

This package with Serengeti Nexus

The itinerary below follows the popular **7-day mountain / 9-day tour** pattern (arrival, trekking, departure). Pricing on this page uses published **2026** reference tiers; your final quote may vary. See **What's included** for the full services list.



DESTINATIONS



Kilimanjaro National Park



Arusha Town



**Kilimanjaro International
Airport JRO**

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), where you will meet a **Serengeti Nexus** representative and transfer to your hotel under the package. The hotel provides comfortable rooms, hot water, helpful staff, a swimming pool, and internet access. In the evening there will be a briefing with your trip coordinator to confirm readiness for the climb.

Private tour packages typically include **shared airport transfers** for your group. Extra charges may apply for separate transfers — coordinate arrival times with your consultant.

Please note: Hotel check-in often starts at **2:00 PM**.

📍 DESTINATION

Arusha Town



🏨 ACCOMMODATION

Gold Crest Hotel



Day 2: Londorossi Gate to Shira 2 Camp

Your guide and mountain support crew meet you at the hotel. You then travel by vehicle (roughly **3–4 hours**) to Kilimanjaro National Park's western entrance: **Londorossi Gate**. After permits and registration with the search-and-rescue service, you continue by off-road vehicle toward the high-altitude drop-off (about **3,414 m / 11,200 ft**), with your first wide views of the **Shira Plateau**.

The walk from the drop-off to **Shira 2 Camp** has a **moderate** altitude gain and is not overly strenuous, which helps you begin acclimatizing. At camp, tents and dinner are prepared for you.

Please note: From this altitude onward:

- Drink **3–4+ litres** of water daily, little and often.
- Discuss altitude medication with your **doctor** before travel; your coordinator can explain common approaches.
- At night, shallow breathing can mean less oxygen — report headache, nausea, or any illness to your **guide** immediately.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (6.8 mi)

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Kilimanjaro National Park



🏨 ACCOMMODATION

Shira 2 Camp



Day 3: Shira 2 to Lava Tower and Barranco Camp

acclimatisation After breakfast, leave Shira 2 and hike toward **Lava Tower** – a key acclimatization point. This section has many ups and downs; you may feel the altitude. You should spend **at least 1–2 hours** high at Lava Tower (~4,600 m / 15,091 ft), including **lunch**, to help your body adjust.

Then you **descend** to **Barranco Camp**. Ahead lies the famous **Barranco Wall**, which you climb the next morning. The wall looks dramatic from below but follows a **non-technical** hiking trail.

Trekking time: 6–8 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

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Kilimanjaro National Park



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Barranco Camp



Day 4: Barranco Wall to Karanga Camp

Early start and breakfast, then ascend the **Barranco Wall**. We recommend leaving camp early to avoid congestion from other groups. The wall usually takes **about an hour**; it is a hike, not a climb. Afterward, rest and photograph **Kibo** across the valley.

Continue over rolling terrain to **Karanga Camp**. After a warm lunch and a short rest, complete an **acclimatization hike** toward Barafu with a modest gain, then return to Karanga.

Please note: Acclimatization walks are a core part of summit success — follow your guide's pace.

Acclimatization hike: Karanga (~3,995 m) toward a point en route to Barafu (~4,335 m) — about **2.5 km, 1–2 hours**.

Trekking time (main): 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~5 km (3.1 mi)

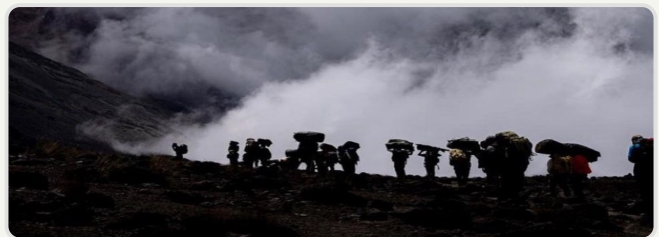
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Kilimanjaro National Park



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Karanga Camp



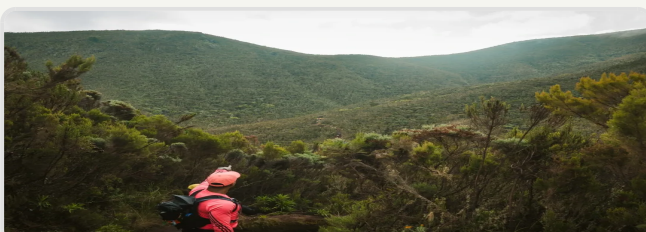
Day 5: Karanga to Barafu Camp

After a warm breakfast, hike to **Barafu Summit Camp** — the last camp before Uhuru. Your crew prepares tents and sleeping gear so you can rest. Hydrate, eat, and sleep in the afternoon; the summit push normally starts around **midnight**.

Trekking time: 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~6 km (3.7 mi)

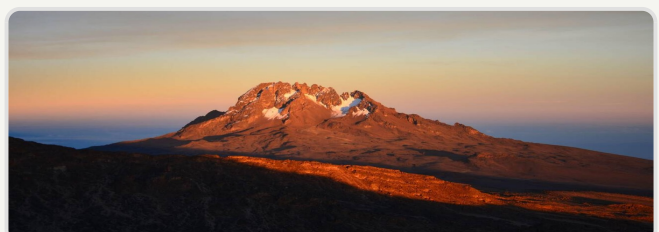
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Barafu Camp



Day 6: Uhuru Peak and descent to Millennium Camp

You leave **Barafu** at night for the final ascent to **Uhuru Peak** (5,895 m / 19,340 ft). The climbing is technically straightforward, but altitude makes every step harder. Typically **two climbers share one guide** on summit night for closer monitoring.

After the summit, you may view nearby ice, then descend to Barafu for a rest, and continue down to **Millennium Camp** in the forest.

Please note: The majority of injuries on Kilimanjaro happen on the **descent** — watch your footing and protect your toes.

Trekking time: 8–12 hours | **Distance:** ~15 km (9.3 mi)

📍 DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro National Park



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Millennium Camp



Day 7: Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

Millennium lies in lush **rainforest**. After breakfast, descend to **Mweka Gate**, complete park formalities, and receive your **summit certificate**. Transfer back to your hotel.

Trekking time: 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

📍 DESTINATION

Arusha Town



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Gold Crest Hotel



Day 8: Departure

Rest at the hotel and transfer to the airport for your flight.

Please note: Standard hotel check-out is often **11:00 AM**; late checkout may be available for a fee if you have an evening flight.

📍 DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

No Accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

Included

- ☑ All transfers in Tanzania as per programme (airport pick-up and drop-off, hotel ? park gate / trailhead)
- ☑ Hotel accommodation before and after the climb (typically bed & breakfast; shared twin unless single supplement)
- ☑ Kilimanjaro National Park fees, camping or hut fees, and rescue fee contributions as applicable
- ☑ Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook(s), and porter crew
- ☑ All meals on the mountain; mess / kitchen tent and group dining equipment
- ☑ Four-season mountain tents (shared, two per tent by default), group sleeping mat, group camping furniture
- ☑ Safety: emergency oxygen, comprehensive group medical kit, daily health monitoring with guides
- ☑ Summit certificates after a successful climb

Excluded

- ⊗ International flights to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- ⊗ Tanzania visa fees (confirm current rate before travel)
- ⊗ Travel and high-altitude evacuation insurance (mandatory — confirm coverage for trekking to 6,000 m)
- ⊗ Tips for guides, cooks, and porters (budget per consultant advice)
- ⊗ Personal trekking clothing, boots, and sleeping bag (rental may be available)
- ⊗ Lunch and dinner at the hotel before/after the climb unless stated otherwise
- ⊗ Single room or single tent supplements; optional portable toilet hire; optional private tent surcharge
- ⊗ Personal expenses, drinks, laundry, and phone/data charges

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	\$4,299	\$3,318	\$3,042	\$2,966	\$2,908	\$2,762

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	\$4,299	\$3,318	\$3,042	\$2,966	\$2,908	\$2,762

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	\$4,417	\$3,443	\$3,170	\$3,099	\$3,042	\$2,897

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