

# Northern Circuit + Crater Camping

**Duration:** 11 Days / 10 Nights

**Type:** Private Safari

**Main Focus:** Adventure

**Country:** Tanzania

## Northern Circuit with crater camping

This is an **extended Northern Circuit** style programme that adds a rare **overnight in the Kibo crater zone** after Uhuru Peak, subject to **KINAPA rules**, weather, staffing, and special permits. It is longer (often **10 days on the mountain / 12-day tour**) and priced higher than the standard Northern Circuit.

**Safety first:** Crater logistics require stricter protocols for oxygen, pacing, and evacuation planning. Your consultant must confirm availability before you publish or sell fixed dates.

## Expert recommendation

Reserve this only for teams who understand the **extra altitude exposure** and accept that the crater segment may be **rerouted** to a standard descent if authorities or conditions require it.

## This package with Serengeti Nexus

Use the day-by-day outline below as a template; final camp names and timings follow your ground operator's approved plan.

## DESTINATIONS

Kilimanjaro National Park

Moshi

# DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

## Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at JRO; hotel transfer; briefing with **Serengeti Nexus**. **Please note:** Check-in often from **2:00 PM**.

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### 🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Aishi Machame Hotel

## Day 2: Londorossi Gate to Shira 1 Camp

Morning briefing, then drive ~3–4 hours to **Londorossi Gate**, register, and continue by vehicle toward the high drop-off (~3,414 m / 11,200 ft). Short trek to **Shira 1** — gentle start with time to acclimatize.

**Please note:** Hydrate well from day one; report symptoms early.

**Trekking time:** ~1 hour | **Distance:** ~4 km (2.4 mi)

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## Day 3: Shira 1 to Shira 2 Camp

Easy day to **Shira 2** with modest altitude gain; enjoy views and endemic plants. After lunch, optional acclimatization walk toward **Lava Tower** (~260 m extra gain) to sleep lower afterward.

**Acclimatization hike:** Shira 2 (~3,850 m) toward ~4,110 m — ~2 km, **1–2 hours**.

**Trekking time (main):** 3–4 hours | **Distance:** ~7 km (4.3 mi)

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## Day 4: Shira 2 to Moir Hut via Lava Tower

From Shira 2, hike to **Lava Tower** (~4,600 m) for lunch — a demanding segment for many. After lunch and rest, continue to **Moir Hut** on the quiet northern side of the mountain.

**Trekking time:** 5–7 hours | **Distance:** ~14 km (8.7 mi)

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## Day 5: Moir Hut to Buffalo Camp

Exit Moir Valley with a short steep pull, then traverse **northern slopes** with views toward Kenya on clear days. Rolling ups and downs without extreme jumps.

**Trekking time:** 5–7 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

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## Day 6: Buffalo Camp to Third Cave Camp

Shorter day as the trail approaches the line used by **Rongai**. By now you should feel comfortable near **3,800 m**.

**Trekking time:** 4–6 hours | **Distance:** ~8 km (4.9 mi)

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## Day 7: Third Cave to School Hut

Trek to **School Hut** summit camp (~4,800 m / 15,744 ft). Sleep early; avoid heavy exertion; drink heavily. Summit night begins around midnight.

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

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## Day 8: Uhuru Peak and Kibo crater camp

From **School Hut**, begin the night ascent toward **Uhuru Peak** (5,895 m). After sunrise at the summit, a **special supported extension** may continue into the **Kibo crater floor** for a rare overnight — exact camp, route, and rules depend on **KINAPA**, weather, and confirmed permits. Quote only after your ground team approves logistics.

**Stricter** oxygen, staffing, and pacing protocols apply in the crater zone.

**Please note:** The crater segment may be replaced by a standard descent via **Barafu** to **Millennium** if required for safety or park instructions.

**Trekking time:** 12–16+ hours (highly variable) | **Distance:** varies by approved route

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## Day 9: Crater exit to Millennium Camp

Leave the crater on the approved path (often linking toward **Barafu**), then descend to **Millennium Camp** in the forest for a full night's sleep.

**Please note:** Most slips occur on descent — focus on footing.

**Trekking time:** 8–12 hours (variable) | **Distance:** varies

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## Day 10: Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

Rainforest descent to **Mweka Gate**; certificates; celebratory handshakes with crew; hotel transfer.

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

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## Day 11: Departure

Hotel rest and airport transfer. **Please note:** Check-out often **11:00 AM**.

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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
11-day	\$8,504	\$6,136	\$5,335	\$4,916	\$4,779	\$4,558

### Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
11-day	\$8,504	\$6,136	\$5,335	\$4,916	\$4,779	\$4,558

### High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
11-day	\$8,688	\$6,319	\$5,520	\$5,106	\$4,968	\$4,748

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