



7 Days Machame Full Moon Summit 19 February 2019.

Brief Description

Small Group Safari

13 February 2019, Day 1: Arrival in Tanzania and transfer to Moshi

Arrive in Tanzania via Kilimanjaro International airport (JRO) Lindo travel staff will pick you up and transfer to Moshi town where you will spend the first night at Panama Garden resort, For those who will arrival through Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Kenya, we will pick them and transfer by Riverside Shuttle to Moshi. <http://www.panamagardenresort.com/>

Accommodation: Bed and Breakfast at Panama Garden resort

14 February 2019, Day 2: Drive to Machame Gate (1,640 meters or 5,380 ft) and Climbing to Machame Camp/Machame hut (2,850 meters or 9,350 ft)

Your day starts early with a briefing, followed by breakfast and a 50-minute drive from Moshi to Machame gate where your guides and porters prepare and pack your equipment and supplies. After registering at the park office; you start an ascent and enter the rain forest immediately. So from here good footgear, trekking poles, and gaiters are useful. You will enjoy a welcome lunch stop halfway up and will reach the Machame camping area in the late afternoon. Your porters will arrive at camp before you and will erect your tent before you arrive. In the evening, the porters boil drinking and washing water while the cook prepares your dinner.

Aprox hiking hours: 5-6 hours.

Distance: 11 Km or 7 miles.

Zone: Rainforest

Accommodation: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

15 February 2019, Day 3: Climbing from Machame Camp to Shira Camp 2 (3,810 meters or 12,500 feet)

You will wake up early in the morning at Machame camp and after breakfast climb for an hour to the top of the forest, then for 2 hours through gentle moorland. After a short lunch and rest, you continue up a rocky ridge onto the Shira Plateau where you will be able to see Kilimanjaro great Western Breach with its stunning glaciers. Sometimes the walls of the Western Breach are draped with extensive ice curtains. You are now west of Kibo on the opposite side of the mountain from the Marangu Route. After a short hike you will reach to the Shira campsite. Porters will boil drinking and washing water before serving dinner. The night at this exposed camp will be colder, with temperatures dropping below freezing.

Aprox hiking hours: 5-6 hrs.

Distance: 5 Km or 3 miles.

Zone: Low Alpine Zone

Accommodation: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

16 February 2019, Day 4: Climbing from Shira Camp 2 Via Lava Tower (4,630 m 15, 190 ft) to Barranco Camp (3,976 meters or 13,044 feet)

After breakfast, you will hike east up a steepening path above the highest vegetation toward Kilimanjaro looming mass. After several hours, you walk through a rocky landscape to reach the prominent landmark called Lava Tower at 4,630 m/15,190 ft. This chunky remnant of Kilimanjaro earlier volcanic activity is several hundred feet high, and the trail passes right below it. After a lunch stop near Lava Tower, descend for 2 hours below the lower cliffs of the Western Breach and Breach Wall to Barranco Camp at 3,976 m/13,044 ft. There are numerous photo opportunities on this hike, especially if the walls are festooned with ice. Barranco Camp is in a valley below the Breach and Great Barranco Walls. On this day be careful to notice any signs of altitude sickness.

Aprox hiking hours: 8- 9 hours.

Distance: 10 Km or 6 miles.

Zone: Low alpine zone to High alpine zone.

Accommodation: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

17 February 2019, Day 5: Climbing from Barranco Camp to Karanga Valley Camp (3,995 meters or 13,106 feet)

After breakfast you will continue up a steep ridge to the great Barranco Wall, and then you climb this imposing obstacle which turns out to be easier than it looks. You can now appreciate just how beautiful Kilimanjaro really is. With Kibo's glaciers soaring overhead, you descend into the lush Karanga Valley to the Karanga Valley campsite. From the camp you can look east and see the jagged peaks of Mawenzi. After a hot lunch in camp, your afternoon is at leisure for resting or exploring. After two long days, this short day is very important for your acclimatization.

Aprox hiking hours: 4- 5 hours.

Distance: 4 Km or 2 miles.

Zone: High alpine zone

Accommodation: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

18 February 2019, Day 6: Climbing from Karanga Valley Camp to Barafu Camp (4,673 meters to 15,331 feet)

Early in the morning after breakfast you will hike east over intervening ridges and valleys to join the Mweka Route, which will be your descent route. Turn left toward the mountain and hike up the ridge through a sparse landscape for another hour to Barafu Hut where you will receive a hot lunch. The famous snows of Kilimanjaro are far above Barafu Camp near the summit of the mountain, so make sure that you familiarize yourself with the terrain before dark to avoid any accidents. Prepare your equipment and warm clothing for your summit climb and drink a lot of fluids.

Aprox hiking hours: 4 hours.

Distance: 4 Km or 2 miles.

Zone: High alpine zone

Accommodation: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

19 February 2019, Day 7: Climbing to Uhuru Peak (5,895 meters or 19,341 feet) and descend to Mweka Camp (10,000ft)

You will rise around 11:30 PM and after some steaming tea and biscuits followed by 6-hour climb northwest up through heavy scree between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers to Stella Point on the crater rim, this is the most challenging part of the route for most climbers. At Stella Point (5,685 m/18,650 ft) you stop for a short

rest. On the summit, you can enjoy your accomplishment and know that you are creating a day that you will remember for the rest of your life. After your 3-hour descent from the summit back to Barafu Camp, you will have a well-earned but short rest, collect your gear, and hike down a rock and scree path into the moorland and eventually into the forest to Mweka Camp (3,100 m/10,170 ft). This camp is in the upper forest, so you can expect mist or rain in the late afternoon. Dinner and washing water will be prepared.

Aprox hiking hours: 4-6 hours.

Distance 12 Km or 7 Miles.

Zone: Glacial zone and the all preceding zones.

Accommodation: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

20 February 2019, Day 8: Descend from Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

Descend from Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate (1,640 meters or 5,340 feet) 3 - 4 hours and distance 10 Km or 6 Miles. Transfer to the hotel for summit certificate and Overnight at Panama Garden resort.

Zone: Rainforest.

Total distance covered is: 62 Km or 37 miles.

Accommodation: Bed and Breakfast

21 February 2019, Day 9: Departure day.

Early in the morning After Breakfast you will be picked up and transfer to Airport for your Flit time and you will be there 2 hours before the flit time.