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KILIMANJARO · LINDO TRAVEL & TOURS

8 Days Kilimanjaro Climbing via Lemosho Route – The Ultimate Scenic Summit Adventure

Lemosho Route · 8 days

Embark on an unforgettable Mount Kilimanjaro climbing adventure via the spectacular 8-Day Lemosho Route, one of the most scenic and rewarding ways to reach the Roof of Africa. Approaching Kilimanjaro from its remote western side, this remarkable trail offers a gradual ascent through lush tropical rainforest, beautiful moorlands, the expansive Shira Plateau and dramatic alpine landscapes.

Unlike shorter Kilimanjaro itineraries, the eight-day Lemosho Route provides additional time for acclimatization, allowing climbers to adjust more gradually to the increasing altitude. Along the journey, you will experience some of the mountain's most iconic landmarks, including Shira Plateau, Lava Tower and the famous Barranco Wall before making your final ascent towards Uhuru Peak.

With the support of our experienced mountain guides, professional porters and dedicated mountain crew, you will enjoy freshly prepared meals, comfortable mountain camping and personalized assistance throughout your expedition.

Whether you are an experienced trekker or preparing for your first major high-altitude adventure, this eight-day

journey offers an incredible opportunity to experience Kilimanjaro's diverse landscapes and achieve the extraordinary milestone of standing at 5,895 metres above sea level.

Trip Highlights

Explore the beautiful western approach to Mount Kilimanjaro.

Trek through pristine rainforest and spectacular heathland.

Experience the magnificent Shira Plateau.

Enjoy an additional acclimatization day on the mountain.

Visit the iconic Lava Tower at approximately 4,630m.

Conquer the famous Barranco Wall.

Enjoy breathtaking views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks.

Reach Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa.

Descend through the beautiful Mweka rainforest.

Arrival

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Arrival Day: Welcome to Tanzania

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), you will be warmly welcomed by our Lindo Travel & Tours representative and transferred to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha.

Depending on your arrival time, you can relax and enjoy the hotel facilities before meeting your professional mountain guide for a pre-climb briefing. Your guide will inspect your trekking equipment, explain the climbing schedule and discuss important altitude considerations, mountain safety procedures and preparations for the expedition.

Enjoy a relaxing evening and a good night's rest before beginning your unforgettable journey to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Arrival accommodation options

Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Moshi – Londorossi Gate to Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,780m)



After breakfast, you will depart from your hotel and drive towards Londorossi Gate on the western side of Mount Kilimanjaro. Upon arrival, you will complete the park registration procedures while your mountain crew prepares the equipment for your expedition.

You will then continue by vehicle to the Lemosho trailhead, where your trekking adventure begins. Today's walk takes you through a beautiful tropical rainforest characterized by towering trees, lush vegetation, colourful wildflowers and the sounds of mountain wildlife.

The trail gradually ascends through the forest, offering a peaceful introduction to the mountain. Keep an eye out for black-and-white colobus monkeys and other wildlife that inhabit this remarkable ecosystem.

After approximately 3–4 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Mti Mkubwa Camp, also known as Big Tree Camp (2,780m). Your mountain crew will welcome you to camp, where you can enjoy refreshments, dinner and a relaxing evening surrounded by the beautiful rainforest.

Elevation: 2,100m to 2,780m

Distance: Approximately 6km

Hiking time: 3–4 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Mti Mkubwa Camp

DAY 2

Mti Mkubwa Camp to Shira 1 Camp (3,500m)



After breakfast, you will leave the rainforest and continue ascending towards the spectacular Shira Plateau. Today's trail takes you through beautiful heathland and moorland, where dense forest gradually gives way to open landscapes, giant heathers and unique high-altitude vegetation.

As you climb higher, you will enjoy increasingly impressive views of the surrounding mountain scenery. The trail becomes more open and exposed, offering wonderful opportunities to appreciate the western slopes of Kilimanjaro.

You will cross several streams and rocky sections before reaching Shira 1 Camp (approximately 3,500m), located on the western side of the magnificent Shira Plateau.

Upon arrival, your mountain crew will have prepared the campsite and a freshly cooked meal. Enjoy the beautiful mountain surroundings and rest as your body continues adjusting to the increasing elevation.

Elevation: 2,780m to 3,500m
Distance: Approximately 8km
Hiking time: 5–6 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Shira 1 Camp

DAY 3

Shira 1 Camp to Shira 2 Camp (3,850m)



After breakfast, you will continue trekking across the magnificent Shira Plateau, one of the most beautiful sections of the Lemosho Route.

Today's walk is relatively gradual, giving you additional time to enjoy the spectacular scenery while allowing your body to adjust to the altitude. The trail crosses open moorlands and rolling landscapes, with breathtaking views of Mount Kibo rising above the plateau.

Along the way, you will encounter unique high-altitude plants, volcanic rock formations and expansive mountain views. On clear days, the scenery provides excellent photographic opportunities.

After approximately 3–4 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Shira 2 Camp (3,850m). Your guide may organize a short acclimatization walk around the camp, depending on your condition and the weather.

Enjoy dinner and a relaxing evening as you prepare for the next stage of your Kilimanjaro expedition.

Elevation: 3,500m to 3,850m

Distance: Approximately 7km

Hiking time: 3–4 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Shira 2 Camp

DAY 4

Shira 2 Camp to Lava Tower to Barranco Camp (3,960m)



After breakfast, you will leave Shira 2 Camp and continue eastwards towards Lava Tower, one of Kilimanjaro's most recognizable volcanic landmarks.

Today's route takes you through an impressive alpine desert environment characterized by rocky terrain, dramatic volcanic formations and spectacular views of the mountain.

As you gradually ascend, you will reach Lava Tower (approximately 4,630m), where you will stop for lunch and spend some time at higher altitude before descending towards Barranco Camp.

This climb-high, sleep-low approach is an important acclimatization strategy, allowing your body to experience a higher elevation before spending the night at a lower altitude.

The descent takes you into the beautiful Barranco Valley, where the impressive Barranco Wall rises dramatically above the campsite. This area is particularly scenic, with spectacular views of the surrounding valleys and mountain glaciers.

After approximately 6–8 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Barranco Camp (3,960m). Enjoy a freshly prepared dinner and a well-deserved rest before tackling the famous Barranco Wall the following morning.

Elevation: 3,850m to 4,630m, descending to 3,960m
Distance: Approximately 10km
Hiking time: 6–8 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Barranco Camp

DAY 5

Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp (4,035m)



After breakfast, your day begins with one of the most exciting sections of the Kilimanjaro climb: ascending the famous Barranco Wall.

Although the wall looks intimidating from the campsite, the ascent is manageable with careful footing and guidance from your experienced mountain crew. As you make your way up the rocky slopes, you will enjoy magnificent views of the surrounding valleys, glaciers and the towering summit of Kilimanjaro.

Reaching the top of the wall is a rewarding experience, offering excellent opportunities for memorable photographs.

You will then continue along a beautiful trail of ridges and valleys towards Karanga Camp. Today's trek involves several short ascents and descents, with spectacular views of the southern glaciers and surrounding mountain landscape.

After approximately 4–5 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Karanga Camp (4,035m). Your mountain crew will prepare a freshly cooked meal while you relax and enjoy the peaceful mountain surroundings.

The shorter trekking distance also provides valuable time to rest and continue acclimatizing before heading towards the final base camp.

Elevation: 3,960m to 4,035m
Distance: Approximately 5km
Hiking time: 4–5 hours

Accommodation options
Standard: Karanga Camp

DAY 6

Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp (4,673m)



After breakfast, you will leave Karanga Camp and continue ascending towards Barafu Camp, your final base camp before attempting the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Today's trail passes through a dry alpine desert characterized by rocky terrain, sparse vegetation and increasingly dramatic mountain scenery. Although the distance is relatively short, the altitude makes it important to maintain a slow and steady walking pace.

As you approach Barafu Camp (4,673m), you will enjoy magnificent views of the surrounding landscape, including the impressive peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo.

Upon arrival, your mountain crew will prepare your meal while you rest and prepare for the final summit attempt. Your guide will provide a detailed briefing about the midnight ascent, expected weather conditions and essential safety procedures.

Organize your warm clothing, headlamp, trekking poles and other essential equipment before enjoying an early dinner.

Try to get as much rest as possible because your final ascent towards Uhuru Peak will begin around midnight.

Elevation: 4,035m to 4,673m
Distance: Approximately 4km
Hiking time: 3–4 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Barafu Camp

DAY 7

Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak (5,895m) to Mweka Camp (3,100m)



Today is the most challenging and rewarding day of your Kilimanjaro climbing adventure.

Your summit attempt begins around midnight after a light snack and hot drinks. Equipped with warm clothing, headlamps and determination, you will begin the gradual but demanding ascent towards Stella Point (5,756m) along the crater rim.

The trail follows steep volcanic scree and rocky terrain, requiring patience, endurance and a slow, steady walking pace. Your experienced mountain guides will support and encourage you throughout this demanding climb.

As the first light of dawn appears over the African horizon, you will continue from Stella Point towards Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa.

Reaching the famous summit sign is an extraordinary achievement. Celebrate your accomplishment, take photographs and enjoy the breathtaking views of Kilimanjaro's glaciers and the vast African landscape, weather permitting.

After spending some time at the summit, you will begin your descent towards Barafu Camp, where you will take a short break before continuing down to Mweka Camp (approximately 3,100m).

The descent can be physically demanding after the summit climb, but your guides will help you maintain a comfortable pace. Upon arrival at Mweka Camp, enjoy a well-deserved dinner and your final night on Mount Kilimanjaro.

Elevation: 4,673m to 5,895m, descending to approximately 3,100m
Distance: Approximately 16–17km
Hiking time: 10–14 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Mweka Camp

DAY 8

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate (1,640m) – Moshi



After breakfast at Mweka Camp, you will begin your final descent through the beautiful tropical rainforest towards Mweka Gate.

Today's trail passes through lush vegetation, towering trees and rich forest surroundings, offering a refreshing change from the dry alpine landscapes experienced during the upper sections of the climb.

The descent generally takes approximately 3–4 hours, depending on your walking pace and trail conditions.

Upon reaching Mweka Gate, you will complete the official park checkout procedures and receive your Kilimanjaro summit certificate, depending on the highest point you successfully reached.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your achievement with your mountain guides and support crew.

After completing your Kilimanjaro climbing adventure, our driver will meet you for a transfer back to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon, a well-earned shower and some time to reflect on your incredible journey to Uhuru Peak.

Elevation: 3,100m to 1,640m
Distance: Approximately 10km
Hiking time: 3–4 hours

Accommodation options
Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Departure

DEPARTURE

Departure Day: Farewell Tanzania

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy your final moments in Tanzania before checking out. Depending on your flight schedule, our driver can arrange a transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for your onward journey home or to your next destination.

Take with you unforgettable memories of the mountain, the friendships made along the trail and the incredible achievement of reaching the Roof of Africa with Lindo Travel & Tours.

Trip details

Included

- Experienced mountain guides and support crew
- Mountain accommodation and meals
- Park, rescue and camping fees as specified
- Safety briefing and basic medical checks
- Transfers to and from the mountain gate

Not included

- International flights and visas
- Personal trekking gear and expenses
- Tips for mountain crew
- Travel insurance and evacuation cover