



1 DAYS

TANZANIA · MOUNTAIN TREKKING

Kilimanjaro Day Hike: Shira Plateau

A one-day walk on Kilimanjaro: drive to the Shira Plateau at about 3,500 m and hike across open moorland with Kibo's glaciers directly ahead.

DURATION

1 days

DESTINATIONS

1

TRIP STYLE

Mountain Trekking

AT A GLANCE

Experience Overview

You do not need a week to set foot on Kilimanjaro. The Shira Plateau, on the mountain's western side, is the one high part that can be reached by vehicle, and it makes a full, memorable day walk.

A 4x4 takes you from Moshi around to Londorossi Gate and up a rough track through forest and heather to about 3,500 m. From there you walk with a licensed mountain guide across the plateau, the floor of an ancient collapsed crater now covered in moorland, everlasting flowers and scattered giant groundsels. The round trip is about 10 km on easy gradients and reaches roughly 3,800 m. Ahead of you the whole time is Kibo, with the Western Breach and its glaciers. On a clear day Mount Meru stands on the horizon behind.

The one difficulty is altitude. You gain almost 3,000 m in a morning, far faster than on a multi-day climb, so a headache or shortness of breath is common. Your guide sets a slow pace and will turn the group around if anyone is unwell.

Good for: fit walkers who want to see the mountain up close without a full climb. This walk does not go to the summit. It is not suitable for anyone with heart or breathing problems.

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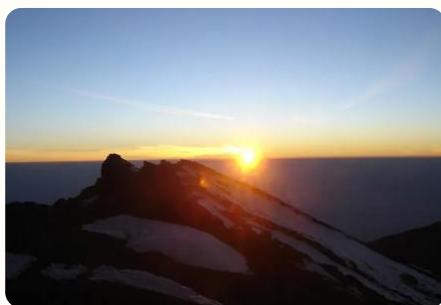
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DESTINATIONS

Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

Highlights

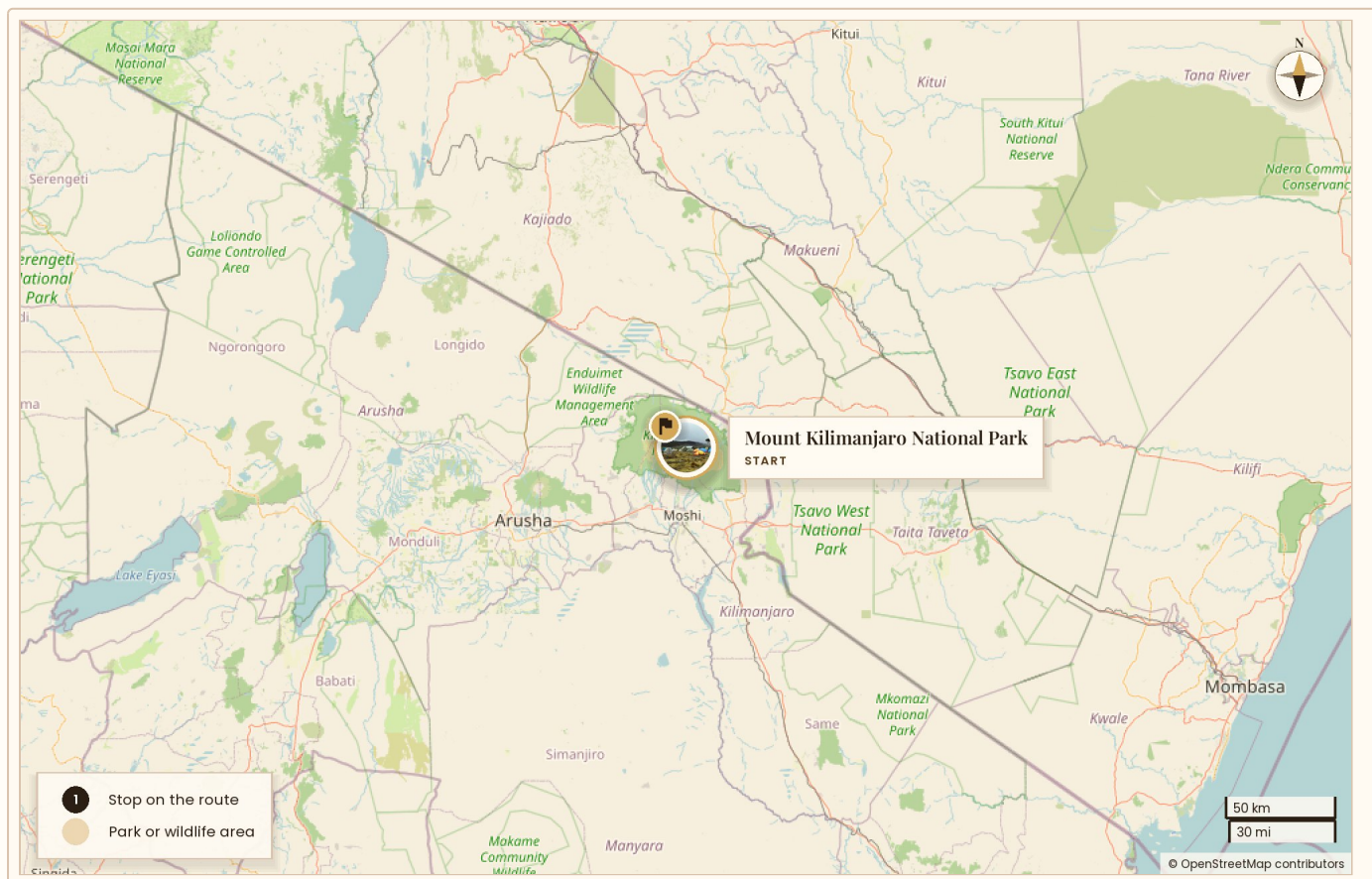
- Walk on Kilimanjaro without a multi-day climb
- Close views of Kibo and the Western Breach
- Licensed mountain guide and park fees included
- The Shira Plateau, a collapsed volcanic crater
- Giant groundsels and high moorland
- About 10 km of walking at 3,500 to 3,800 m



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Your route

Where the journey takes you, from the first day to the last.



Mount Kilimanjaro National Park Day 1



Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

DAY 1 • START

1 DAYS

Day by day

Your journey through Tanzania, one day at a time.



DAY 01

Moshi to the Shira Plateau and back

Pick-up from your Moshi hotel at 6 am for the drive of about three hours to Londorossi Gate, where you register, then on by 4x4 track to the plateau. You walk for four to five hours with a packed lunch at a viewpoint facing Kibo, return to the vehicle in mid-afternoon and are back in Moshi by about 7 pm. Bring warm layers, a windproof jacket, a hat and sunscreen.

DESTINATION Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

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Inclusions & Exclusions

Included

- KINAPA park fees
- KINAPA-licensed guide
- 4x4 transfer to Shira Gate
- Gourmet packed lunch and water
- Hotel pickup and drop-off in Moshi

Not included

- Gratuities
- Personal items
- Travel insurance
- Warm clothing (advisory provided)



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