



7 DAYS

TANZANIA · MOUNTAIN TREKKING

Kilimanjaro Machame Route: 7-Day Climb

Kilimanjaro's most popular camping route over seven days, with the Shira Plateau, Lava Tower, the Barranco Wall and a summit approach by Stella Point.

DURATION

7 days

DESTINATIONS

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TRIP STYLE

Mountain Trekking

AT A GLANCE

Experience Overview

More people climb Kilimanjaro by the Machame route than by any other, and the reason is its shape. The trail repeatedly climbs high during the day and drops to a lower camp to sleep, which is the most effective way to adjust to altitude.

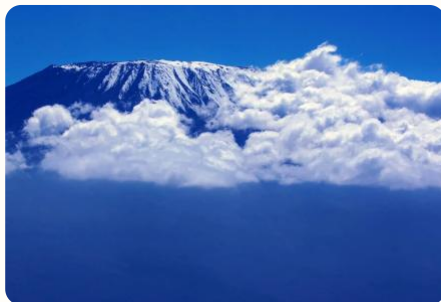
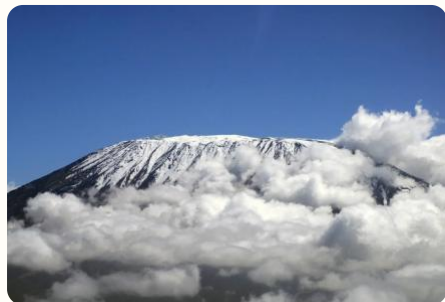
The key day is the third, when you walk up to Lava Tower at 4,600 m for lunch and then descend to Barranco Camp at 3,900 m. The next morning begins with the Barranco Wall, a 250-metre scramble that looks intimidating from below and turns out to be the part most climbers enjoy. The seven-day version splits the walk from Barranco to base camp over two days with a night at Karanga, so that you arrive at Barafu rested.

The summit is reached from Barafu Camp by way of Stella Point, and the descent is by the Mweka trail, so you see a different side of the mountain on the way down.

Good for: fit first-time climbers who want strong acclimatisation and varied scenery and do not mind sharing the trail. All nights are in tents. In the wettest months the first two days can be muddy.

Highlights

- Climb-high, sleep-low profile for acclimatisation
- The Barranco Wall scramble
- Summit by Stella Point to Uhuru Peak, 5,895 m
- Lunch at Lava Tower, 4,600 m
- Extra night at Karanga before base camp
- Four-season tents, cook and full mountain crew



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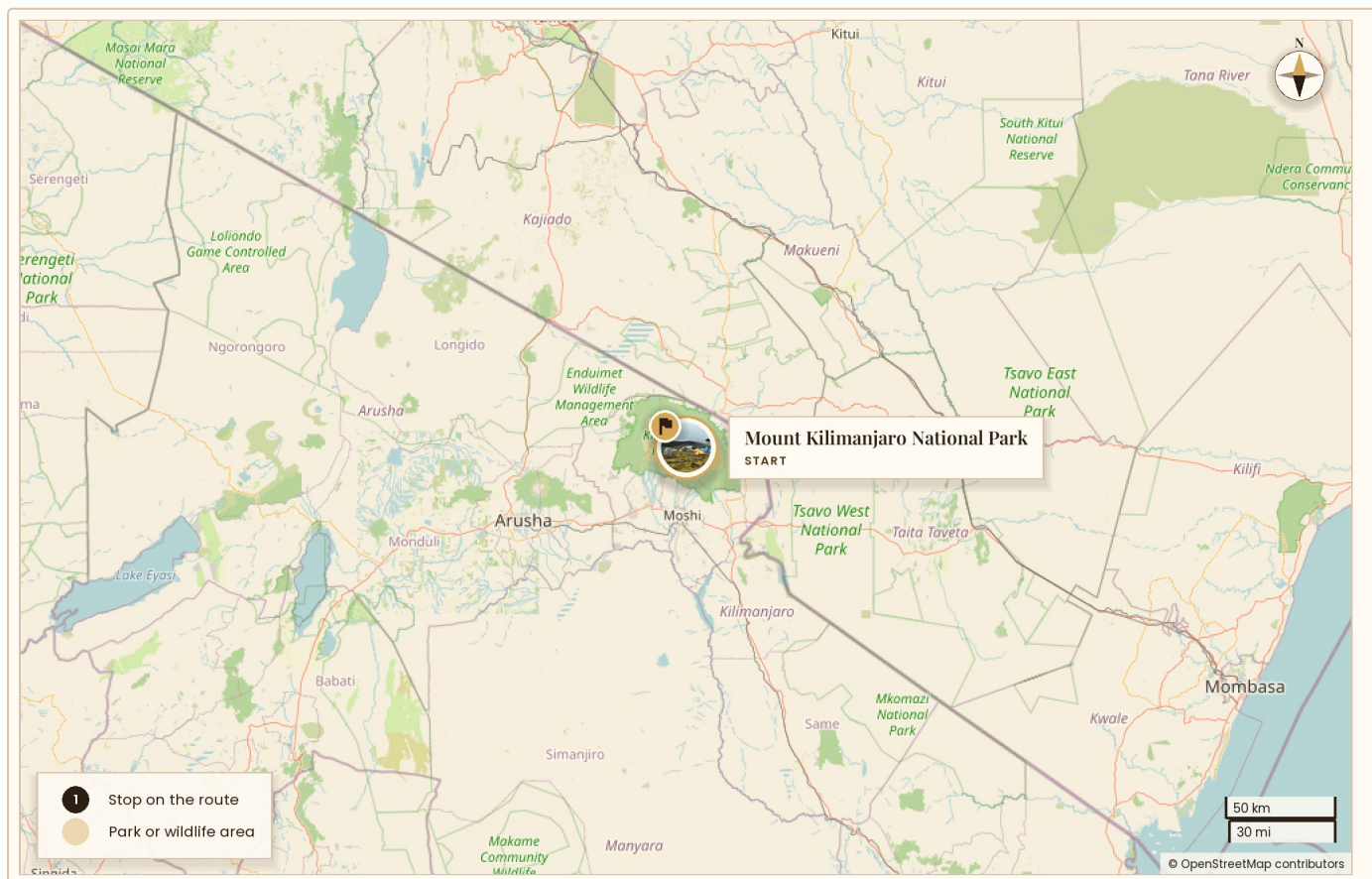
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Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

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Your route

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



Mount Kilimanjaro National Park Days 1-7



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DAYS 1-7 • START

Overnight: Kilimanjaro Mountain Camps

7 DAYS

Day by day

Your journey through Tanzania, one day at a time.



DAY 01

Machame Gate (1,800 m) to Machame Camp (2,835 m)

After your night in Moshi you drive to Machame Gate to register. The trail climbs for five to six hours through dense rainforest on a ridge. It is often wet underfoot, so gaiters are useful.

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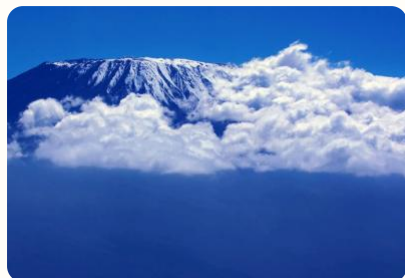
DAY 02

Machame Camp to Shira Cave Camp (3,750 m)

A shorter but steeper day of four to five hours. You leave the forest for heather and rock, and come out on the edge of the Shira Plateau with Kibo ahead and Mount Meru behind.

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DAY 03

Shira Cave to Lava Tower (4,600 m) and Barranco Camp (3,900 m)

The main acclimatisation day. You walk up through alpine desert to Lava Tower for lunch, then descend into the Barranco valley among giant groundsels. Six to seven hours. Headaches at the tower are common and usually ease on the way down.

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DAY 04

Barranco Wall to Karanga Camp (3,995 m)

You scramble up the Barranco Wall using your hands in places, with guides close by, then follow a rolling path below the southern glaciers to Karanga. Four to five hours.

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DAY 05

Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp (4,673 m)

A three- to four-hour walk up a rocky ridge to base camp. The afternoon is for eating, drinking, sorting summit clothing and sleeping before the midnight start.

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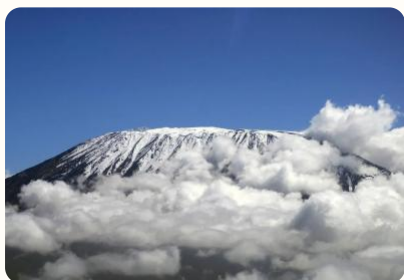
DAY 06

Summit: Uhuru Peak (5,895 m), descend to Mweka Camp (3,100 m)

Leave around midnight and climb for six to seven hours to Stella Point on the crater rim, then a further hour to Uhuru Peak. Return to Barafu for a rest and food, then continue down to Mweka Camp in the forest. Up to fifteen hours of walking.

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DAY 07

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate (1,640 m)

A final three hours downhill through rainforest to the gate, where you sign out and collect your certificate. Transfer to Moshi.

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Where you stay

Lodges and camps chosen for their setting, comfort and service. (or similar, depending on availability)



Kilimanjaro Mountain Camps

DAY 1-6 · MOUNTAIN CAMP · MOUNTAIN STAY

Our crew sets up camp at the official park campsites along your route: sleeping tents with mattresses, a dining tent with table and chairs, and hot meals cooked on the mountain. Wa...

Sleeping tents and mattresses · Dining tent · Warm washing water

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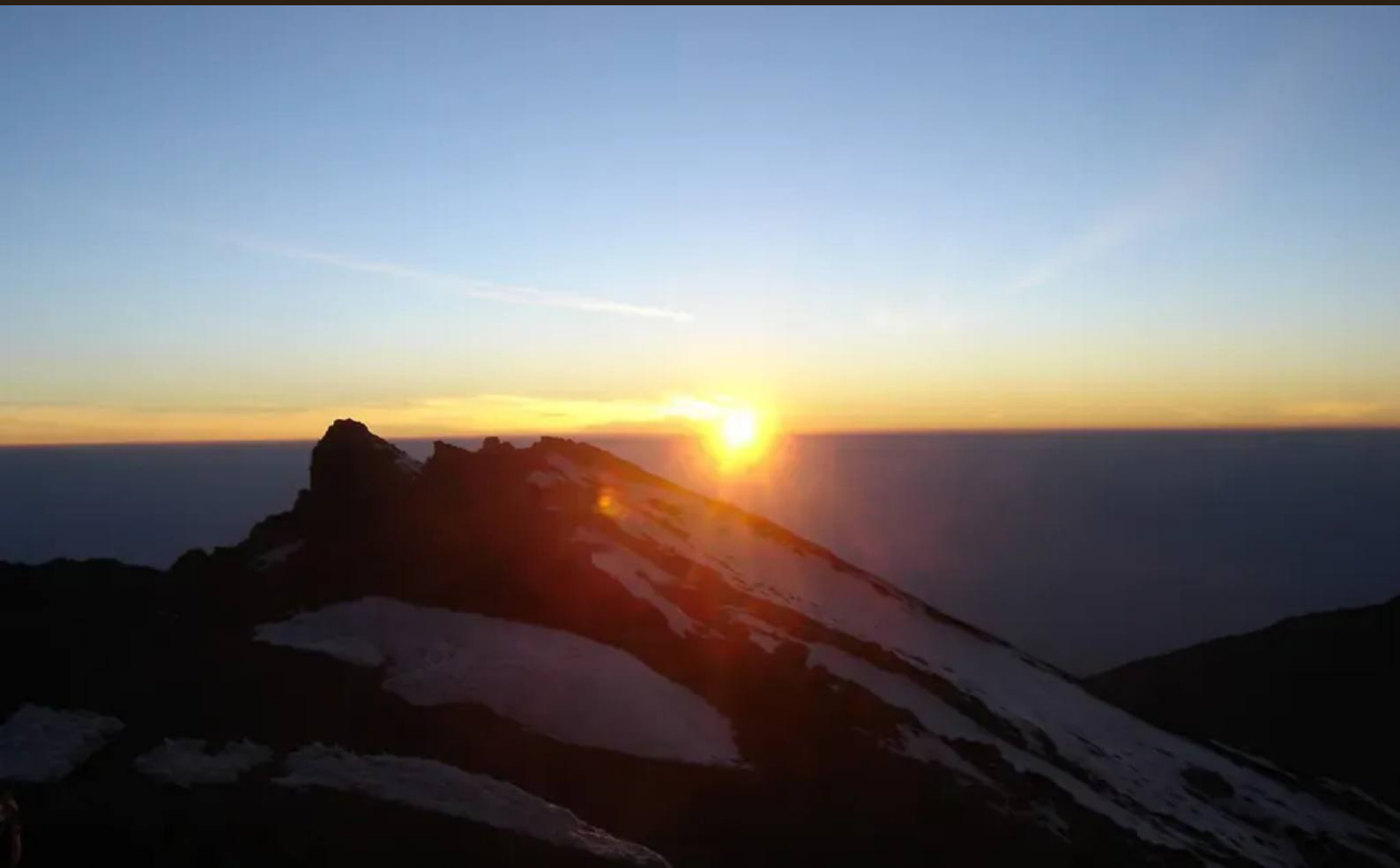
Inclusions & Exclusions

Included

- All KINAPA park fees
- KINAPA-licensed lead guide and assistants
- Porters and private camp chef
- Quality camping equipment (4-season tents)
- All meals on the mountain
- Purified drinking water
- Pulse oximetry health checks
- Summit certificate
- Airport transfers
- Pre-trek hotel night in Moshi

Not included

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Personal climbing gear
- Gratuities for mountain crew
- Personal snacks



KILIMANJARO MACHAME ROUTE: 7-DAY CLIMB

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