

## Lemosho Route

### Arrival:

#### Stage 1 Arrival in Tanzania

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport on date ..... Bus # ..... Arrive at ..... am/pm you will be picked up with our representative from Kilimanjaro International Airport to the hotel where you will spend a night before safari begins on the next day. You will have the opportunity to go over any last minute questions. At this point you will also have the chance to leave a bag behind with anything you don't need on this trek. Your left-behind gear will be secured at the storage room and will meet you as soon as you back from the Mountain. Stay overnight at **Hotel**

### Mt. Kilimanjaro Summit Trek

#### Lemosho Glade

##### Stage 2: LONDOROSI GATE to MTI MKUBWA (8,692 ft.)

Hike time: 3hrs, Elevation Change + 650 M

Estimation distance: 10 km Final Elevation 2650 M

Drive from our Hotel to the Londerossi Park Gate located on the western side of Kilimanjaro. We drive to the trailhead at Lemosho Glades and start our trek through the rain forest. In places, the vegetation is so untouched that it grows right across the narrow track. The flora and fauna are richer here than on the other more popular routes through the rain forest. Our trek today will be along a little used track known as Chamber's Route. In about 3-4 hours, we reach our camp in the rain forest at Mti Mkubwa (Big Tree).

##### Stage 3: MTI MKUBWA to SHIRA ONE CAMP (11,841 ft.)

Hike time: 5 – 6 hrs, Elevation change + 950 M

Estimation distance: 12 km Final Elevation 3,610 M

After breakfast, we start the climb cross the remaining rain forest towards the giant moorland zone. Today is a full day trek with an altitude gain of 2,000 ft. A great lunch stop is One, a beautiful valley just outside the Shira Crater at around 10,000 ft. After lunch, we cross into the Shira Caldera, a high altitude desert plateau that is rarely visited. Shira is the third of Kilimanjaro volcanic cones, and is filled with lava flow from Kibo Peak. The crater rim has been decimated by weather and volcanic action. Today you will get your first close views of Kibo - the dramatic summit of Kilimanjaro.

##### Stage 4: SHIRA ONE CAMP to SHIRA TWO CAMP (12,628 ft.)

Hike time: 5 to 6 hrs Elevation change: + 240 M

Elevation distance: 5 km Final elevation: 3,850

After breakfast continue hike east across the Shira Plateau past the Shira Cathedral towards Shira Two camp. We only gain 700 feet in elevation – this allows us to acclimatize slowly to the altitude. The views of the plateau are nothing less than spectacular.

##### Stage 5: SHIRA TWO CAMP to BARRANCO HUT (12,956 ft.)

Hike time: 5 hrs, Elevation change: +100 M

Estimated distance: 6 km Final elevation: 3950 M

Today is the last of the "easy days". It is about a 7-hour superb hike. We pass the Lava Tower, around the southern flank of Kibo, and slowly descend into the spectacular Barranco Valley, interspersed with giant lobelia and senecia plants. After arriving at our most spectacular campsite, everyone stands in awe at the foot of Kibo Peak, looming high above, on our left. Our camp is only 465 feet higher than where we were last night, but during the day, we will have climbed to just over 14,000 feet. This is one of our most valuable days for acclimatization.

##### Stage 6: BARRANCO HUT TO KARANGA VALLEY (13,743 ft.)

Hike time: 3.5 hrs, Elevation change: +240 M (787 ft)

Estimated distance: 4km, Maximum elevation: 4190 M

Final elevation: 4000 M

On the eastern side of the valley, across the stream is the Barranco Wall - a 950 ft. barrier of volcanic rock. Although it is tall and looks steep, it is very easy to climb. This is our first challenge of the day. The views from the wall are nothing less than magnificent. The rest of the day is spent skirting the base of Kibo peak over our left shoulder. We descend down into the Karanga Valley, where we rest up for the night before the tough climb up to Barafu hut.

#### Stage 7: BARAFU CAMP (15,088 ft.)

Hike time: 3.5 hrs, Elevation changes: +410 M (1,345 ft)

Estimated distance: 4km, Final elevation: 4600 M

First thing, you will be making a steep hike out of the valley. The air starts getting quite thin, and you will be running short of breath. It is a tough, but rewarding uphill to the rocky, craggy slopes at the camp. Barafu means, ice in Swahili, and it is extremely cold at this altitude. So, go to bed early because we will be waking you at midnight for the final leg to Uhuru Peak.

#### Stage 8: BARAFU to UHURU PEAK (19,340 ft.) to Mweka CAMP (9,550 ft.)

SUMMIT DAY!

Summit time: 7 hrs, Elevation change: +1300 M

Estimated distance: 5km, Final elevation: 5896 M

Descent time: 5 hrs, Elevation change: -2800M

estimated distance: 12km, Final elevation: 3100 M

Dress warmly, because we start climbing around midnight, on the steepest and most demanding part of the mountain. The moon, if out, will provide enough light, and we will reach the crater rim by sunrise, after a 7 hour hike, and welcome a new dawn.

From the crater rim, rugged Mawenzi Peak is a thrilling sight, with the Kibo saddle still in darkness beneath you, and the crater's ice-walls looming ahead. We now continue to Uhuru Peak (1-2 hrs.) This is the highest point in Africa, and the world's highest solitary peak (19,340 ft). It is the best view in Africa!

The descent is invigorating. It is a good idea to have a little rest once in awhile as you continue down back to Barafu camp (4 hours), and then down the Mweka route to Mweka camp (5 hours). This is where we spend our last night on the mountain.

#### Stage 9: MOSHI

Descent time: 4 hrs, Elevation change: -1250M

estimated distance: 10km, Final elevation: 1828 M

in the morning we walk down to the road head. This takes about 3 - 3<sup>1/2</sup> hours. After a welcome lunch, it is time to say "kwaheri" to the porters. We then get a lift back to the **Hotel**

## Machame Route

### Mt. Kilimanjaro Summit Trek

Day 1: Machame Gate to Machame Hut (9,300')

Hike time: 7.5 hrs, Elevation change: +1200 M

Estimated distance: 10km, Final elevation: 3100 M

Early pick-up at Hotel and drive to Machame gate (5,400') where trekking formalities take about 30 minutes. From the gate, we begin our trek following an easy track for the first hour through the dense forest. The path continues to follow the ridge, rising steadily with several steep sections. The gradient eases slightly as the forest merges into heather covered ground we will reach Machame Hut in 10 km (6.2 miles) after a 1,200-meter (3,936') ascent and 5-7 hours of walking.

Day 2: Machame Hut to Shira Hut (12,300')

Hike time: 7 hrs, Elevation change: +800 M

Estimated distance: 6km, Final elevation: 3800 M

From the Machame Hut we cross the stream onto its west bank and follow the path up the steep rocky ridge crises-crossing a few times before reaching Shira Hut at the base of a semi-circular wall of rocks. We will have ascended 900 meters (3,000') in 5-7 hours and about 6 km (3.72 miles) of walking.

Day 3: Shira Hut to Barranco Hut (12,800')

Hike time: 5 hrs, Elevation change: +100 M

Estimated distance: ?, Final elevation: 3900 M

From Shira Hut hike to Lava Tower (15,000') and then proceed to Barranco via the Great Barranco Wall. This route offers panoramic views of Kibo through Karanga Valley as we hike high and sleep low, dropping back down to Barranco after lunch. Today's hike will take most of the day Barranco campsite located on elevation of 3950m.

**Day 4:** Barranco Hut to Karanga Valley (14,800')

Hike time: 3.5 hrs, Elevation change: +100 M

Estimated distance: 4km, Maximum elevation: 4590 M

Final elevation: 4000 M

From Barranco Hut we climb up through the edge of great Barranco 95percentage of that day walking will be on elevation of 4250m. We will break our day at Karanga valley campsite at elevation of 4,000m walking time is 4 to 5 hrs on this day.

**Day 5:** Karanga Valley to Barafu Hut (4,600m)

Hike time: 3.5 hrs, Elevation change: +600 M

Estimated distance: 4km, Final elevation: 4600 M

Today involves gaining a little more elevation, acclimatizing and resting for the summit attempt the next morning. This day will take us 4 to 6 hrs of walking.

**SUMMIT DAY!** Summit time: 7 hrs, Elevation change: +1300 M

Estimated distance: 5km, Final elevation: 5895 M

Descent time: 5 hrs, Elevation change: -2800M

Estimated distance: 12km, Final elevation: 3100 M

We will start trekking early before sunrise (1-2 am) as the walk today will take 10-14 + hours. We will avoid the mist that sets in later in the day; the scree and snow will still be safely frozen. The 1,100-meter (3,600') ascent in just over 3 km (1.86 miles) will take us about 6-8 hours. After a brief stay at the summit of the highest point in Africa, Uhuru Peak, at over 5,898 meters (19,340'), we descend via the Barafu Route roughly 2,500 meters (8,200') in 12 km (7.44 miles) in about 4-7 hours to Mweka Camp.

**Day 6:** Mweka Hut to Mweka Gate (6,000')

Descent time: 4 hrs, Elevation change: -1250M

Estimated distance: 10km, Final elevation: 1828 M

Today we descend about 1400 meters (4,592') through the forest on a jungle path for about 10 km (6.2 miles) in 3-4 hours to reach Mweka Gate. Our representative will transfer you to **Hotel**

## Marangu route

**Start trekking on Marangu route**

From hotel to Marangu Gate

Elevation 1800M (5,905 Ft) to Mandara hut 2750M (9,021 ft)

Our representative will pick you from your hotel to Marangu gate where your permit for trekking will be issue. Gate formalities take about 30 mins and then start trekking after introduction to your porters from Chief guide. The route begins at the National Park Marangu Gate at 1800 m. walk through the fascinating rain forest to the Mandara Hut at 2750 m.

**Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut**

Mandara hut 2750M (9,021 ft) to Horombo 3780 (12,400 ft)

Km/miles of walking 7km ( 4.43 Miles)

Time taken 5 to 6 hrs

after breakfast we ascend through rolling alpine meadows containing giant Heather trees. Along this leisurely trail we can enjoy the flora and views of Mawenzi and Kibo peaks. A packed lunch is served on the way to Horombo Hut (3780m ASL). Finally, dinner and overnight is taken at Horombo Hut.

### Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

Horombo 3780M (12,285 ft) to Kibo 4,700M (15,420 ft)

Km/Miles of walking 12 Km (7.50 miles)

Time taken 5 to 6 Hrs

After a good night's rest we continue past the cactus-like ground cover and the "last water" stream and moves onto the lunar landscape on the saddle between Kibo and Mawenzi Kibo Hut at 4700m.

### Kibo Hut to the Summit and the down to Horombo hut.

Kibo 4,700M (15,420 ft) to Summit 5,895M (19,340 ft) back to Horombo 3780 (12,285 ft)

Km/miles of walking 10 km (6 miles)

Time taken 14 to 16 hrs

The start for the summit is made in the early hours of the morning in order to reach Gillman Points - (5680 m) before dawn. From Gillman point one can witness the most spectacular and unforgettable sunrise. One hours walk away is the highest point in Africa, Uhuru Peak at 5895m. The descent is less tiring and the night is spent at Horombo Hut.

### Horombo to Marangu gate

Horombo hut 3780M (12,285 ft) to Marangu gate 1800M (5,850 ft)

Km/miles of walking 4 km (2.5 miles) Ascend and 14 Km descend (8.75 miles)

Time taken 5 to 7 Hrs

another half day's leisurely walk and one is back at the Park entrance again where you will meet with our gate representative and drive you back to your hotel for rest to get read for the next day program.

The overall height difference between Marangu Gate, National Park entrance and the summit of Uhuru peak is 4100 meters (13,450 ft) and the distance is 32 km (20 miles). Each way

In all a good 64 km (40 miles) trek with the bonus of an ascent of one of the worlds finest 5000 meter peaks

## Rongai Route

### Arrival:

#### Day 1 Arrival in Tanzania

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport on flight KLM flight # ..... Arrive at 08:30 Pm you will be picked up with our representative from Airport to **the Hotel** where you will meeting the Mountain crew and preparing for the climb. You will have the opportunity to go over any last minute questions, have the crew check your gear. At this point you will also have the chance to leave a bag behind with anything you don't need on the mountain. Your left-behind gear will be secured at the Hotel and will meet you as soon as you come down off the mountain. Stay overnight at **the Hotel**

### Kilimanjaro Trekking

#### Stage 1 ~ RONGAI CAMP

*Altitude: 6,396' to 8,530'; Hiking time: 3 hours.*

Register at the Marangu park gate and transfer by four wheel car (approximately two and a half hours) to the Rongai trailhead. Meet your climbing staff and begin hiking from the village of Nale Moru. The small winding path crosses maize fields before entering pine forest, and then climbs gently through a forest sheltering a variety of wildlife, including the Kilimanjaro Colobus monkey. Our campsite is on the edge of the moorland zone with expansive views of the Kenyan plains.

### **Stage 2 - KIKELEWA CAVES**

***Kikelewa Caves Altitude: 8,530' to 11,320'; Hiking time: 6-7 hours.***

Challenging ascent to the "Second Cave" where you will relax and take lunch with superb views of Kibo and the ice fields on the crater rim. After lunch proceed towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi, where we camp in a sheltered valley near Kikelewa Caves.

### **Stage 3 - MAWENZI TARN**

***Altitude: 11,320' to 14,210'; Hiking time: 3-4 hours.***

A short but steep climb up grassy slopes offers superb views of this wilderness area. The vegetation zone ends shortly before we reach our next camp at Mawenzi Tarn spectacularly situated beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi. Spend the afternoon acclimatizing and exploring the area.

### **Stage 4 - KIBO CAMPSITE**

***Altitude: 14,210' to 15,580'; Hiking time: 4-5 hours.***

We cross the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo to reach Kibo Campsite. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent.

### **Stage 5 - FINAL ASCENT-HOROMBO CAMP**

***Altitude: 15,580' to 18,650' (Gillman's Point) to 19,340' (summit) then down to 12,200'; Hiking time: 12-16 hours.***

Begin the final, steepest and most difficult part of the ascent at 1:00am. Hike slowly on a switchback trail through loose volcanic scree to reach the crater rim at Gillman's Point. Rest for a short time to enjoy the spectacular sunrise over Mawenzi. For those who feel strong enough, continue (3 hrs roundtrip) to Uhuru Peak passing close to spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs in the summit area. Descend to Kibo for lunch and a rest then continue down the Marangu route to our Horombo Camp.

### **Stage 6 - DESCENT TO MARANGU**

***Altitude: 12,200' to 6,250'; Hiking time: 5-6 hours.***

Descend steadily through the moorland, past Mandara Hut and through a lush rain forest to the Marangu park gate. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel