

THE SAFARI SPECIALIST

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MT. KILIMANJARO

TANZANIA

Lemosho 8 days via Stella Point

Day -1	Depart US	transit	
Day 0	Arrive JRO (Kilimanjaro)	Ngare Sero Lodge	TZ
Day 1	Kilimanjaro Climb	Lemosho Forest Camp	TZ
Day 2	Kilimanjaro Climb	Shira Camp 1	TZ
Day 3	Kilimanjaro Climb	Moir Camp	TZ
Day 4	Kilimanjaro Climb	Barranco Camp	TZ
Day 5	Kilimanjaro Climb	Karanga Camp	TZ
Day 6	Kilimanjaro Climb	Barafu Camp	TZ
Day 7	Kilimanjaro Climb	Mweka Camp	TZ
Day 8	Kilimanjaro Climb	Ngare Sero Lodge	TZ
Day 9	Depart for airport/safari		

Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport

[Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge](#)

Arrive to Tanzania, met at airport and transported 30 mins to Ngare Sero Lodge on the lower slopes of Mt. Meru (Kilimanjaro's little brother) near the town of Arusha.

In the evening your guide and the Climbs Manager from Summits Africa will brief you thoroughly on what to expect while on the mountain and will also conduct a kit check to make sure you have everything you need for the trip.

Relax and have a good night's rest after your journey.

[Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge](#)



Day 1

Mt Kilimanjaro

Lemosho Forest Camp

MOUNTAIN DAY 1 – LEMOSHO FOREST

[VIP Camp Specification](#)

START – 6,890FT / 2100M

END – 8,695FT / 2650M

DISTANCE – 4 MILES / 7KM

TIME – 4-6 HRS

CLIMATE ZONE – AFROMONTANE FOREST

After breakfast you depart by vehicle to Kilimanjaro National Park. At the gate your crew finalise packing and after finishing with formalities you return to your vehicle for another 30 minutes or so until you arrive at the start of the Lemosho Trail. Today's hiking is through verdant afromontane forest and is steep in places. A picnic lunch is usually taken on trail during the hike before reaching Forest Camp for the night.



Day 2

Mt Kilimanjaro

Shira Camp 1

MOUNTAIN DAY 2 – SHIRA 1

START – 8,695FT / 2650M

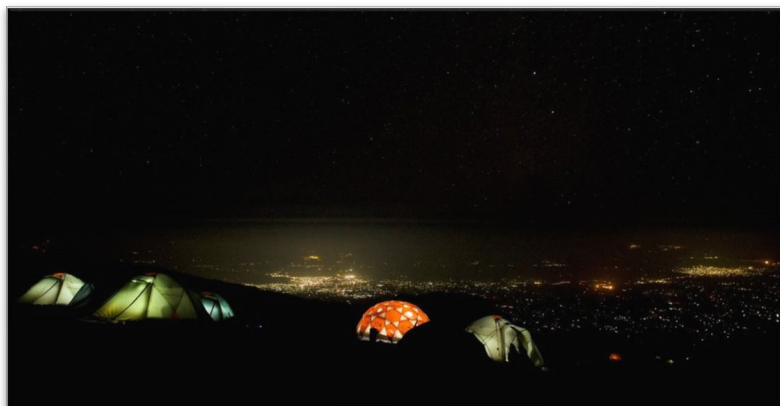
END – 11,844FT / 3610M

DISTANCE – 4 MILES / 7KM

TIME – 5-7 HRS

CLIMATE ZONE – HEATH

From the forested slopes of Lemosho you ascend through Podocarpus and Juniper forest and break out of the forest on to the heath zone and the Shira Plateau. A hot lunch is taken at Shira 1 Camp and the rest of the afternoon is spent relaxing and acclimatising to the new environment.



MOUNTAIN DAY 3 – MOIR CAMP**START** – 11,844FT / 3610M**END** – 13,780FT / 4200M**DISTANCE** – 6 MILES / 10KM**TIME** – 4-5 HRS**CLIMATE ZONE** – ALPINE DESERT

Crossing the Shira plateau can be one of the most scenic parts of the trip and this morning we hike for around 4-5 hours to Moir Camp, where lunch is taken. The afternoon is spent acclimatising and for those with the energy a hike in the late afternoon up to a viewpoint is highly recommended to keep the blood flowing.

**MOUNTAIN DAY 4 – BARRANCO CAMP****START** – 13,780FT / 4200M**END** – 12,796FT / 3900M**DISTANCE** – 7 MILES / 11KM**TIME** – 7-9 HRS**CLIMATE ZONE** – ALPINE DESERT

From Moir we traverse across the slopes of Kibo. Here relatively little flora or fauna can survive the extreme temperature ranges and conditions that typify this zone. Today is a “walk high sleep low” day. You ascend into alpine desert to Lava Tower (Alt: 15,092ft, 4600m) where lunch is taken before descending to Barranco Camp. This is a long day but note that the next time you head to this altitude is in two days time at base camp – a great acclimatisation day!



MOUNTAIN DAY 5 – KARANGA CAMP**START** – 12,796FT / 3900M**END** – 13,108FT / 3995M**DISTANCE** – 3 MILES / 5KM**TIME** – 4-5 HRS**CLIMATE ZONE** – ALPINE DESERT

From Barranco Camp, famous for its giant groundsels (Senecio species), you ascend the Barranco Wall and hike glacial valleys to Karanga Camp. Today is a relatively short day's hike and lunch is taken at Karanga camp. The afternoon is spent relaxing and acclimatising. In the evening a practice walk for the summit is taken to make sure you are completely comfortable with the kit you are going to summit in.

**MOUNTAIN DAY 6 – BARAFU CAMP****START** – 13,108 / 3,995M**END** – 15,332FT / 4673M**DISTANCE** – 2.5 MILES / 4KM**TIME** – 4-5 HRS**CLIMATE ZONE** – ALPINE DESERT

Today is another half day ascending to Barafu Camp. Once again lunch is taken in camp allowing plenty of time to relax before the summit bid. Desolate alpine desert and, at times, strong winds rip over this camp; yet in the evening splendid views of Mawenzi are the norm. A relatively early dinner is taken before heading to rest for the rest of the evening.



MOUNTAIN DAY 7 – KILIMANJARO SUMMIT / MWEKA CAMP**START** – 15,332FT / 4673M**END** – 10,171FT / 3100M**DISTANCE** – 11 MILES / 18KM**TIME** – 14-16 HRS**CLIMATE ZONES** – ALPINE DESERT, ARCTIC, HEATH, AFROMONTANE FOREST

Most people depart just before midnight for the final summit bid. Patience and persistence are the name of game to reach the summit (Uhuru Peak: 19341ft, 5895m) and by dawn as the first rays of light start to appear, most arrive near the rim. Ascending via Stella Point (Alt: 18,865ft, 5750m) affords a relatively short final section to Uhuru Peak, the Roof of Africa! What goes up must come down however. The first stage is to get back to our base camp for a quick change of clothes and refuel before the long hike downhill to Mweka Camp. The downhill is hard on the knees and walking poles at this stage are highly recommended. You should reach Mweka Camp before dusk for your final night on the mountain.

**MOUNTAIN DAY 8 – Final Descent - ARUSHA****START** – 10,171FT / 3100M**END** – 5,381FT / 1640M**DISTANCE** – 6 MILES / 10KM**TIME** – 3-4 HRS**CLIMATE ZONE** – AFROMONTANE FOREST

After breakfast you descend once again through afromontane forest and around midday, after saying farewell to your crew, you are picked up and transferred back to your lodge for a well-deserved shower! Later that evening you will be visited by a Summits Africa Representative to congratulate you and debrief.