7-Day Mount Kilimanjaro Climb, Machame Route, Tanzania

Tanzania



DURATION	COUNTRY	STARTING FROM
7 days, 6 nights	**Tanzania**	**USD 2,100 per person**

TOUR SUMMARY

The Machame Route is one of the most popular ways up Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. This 7-day climb takes you through rainforest, moorland, alpine desert and finally the glaciers near Uhuru Peak at 5,895 metres.

The 7-day schedule includes extra time to acclimatise, which improves your chances of reaching the summit.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Machame Gate to Machame Camp

Drive to Machame Gate (1,800 m) and hike through rainforest to Machame Camp (about 3,000 m).

Day 2

Machame Camp to Shira Camp

Climb out of the forest into heath and moorland to Shira Camp, with views across the plateau.

Day 3

Shira Camp to Barranco Camp

Walk up to Lava Tower and descend to Barranco Camp, a good acclimatisation day.

Day 4

Barranco to Karanga Camp

Climb the Barranco Wall and continue across the alpine desert to Karanga Camp.

Day 5

Karanga to Barafu Camp

Hike to Barafu Camp, the high camp, and rest before the summit attempt.

Day 6

Summit Day: Uhuru Peak and Mweka Camp

Start around midnight for the climb to Stella Point and Uhuru Peak at 5,895 m at sunrise, then descend to Mweka Camp for the night.

Day 7

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

Descend through the forest to Mweka Gate, receive your summit certificates and drive back to your hotel.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Cost includes

- Kilimanjaro National Park fees and camping fees
- Mountain guides, assistant guides, cooks and porters
- Mountain tents, mattresses and cooking equipment
- Accommodation in Arusha or Moshi before and after the climb (where indicated)
- Professional English-speaking driver/guide
- Transport in a safari vehicle
- Meals as indicated
- Drinking water
- All taxes/VAT

Cost excludes

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Tips for guides and staff
- Travel insurance
- Personal items and drinks not mentioned
- Government-imposed increases in taxes and/or park fees

GOOD TO KNOW

- Altitude sickness is the main risk. Good fitness, proper boots, a four-season sleeping bag and warm layers are essential, and summit night is very cold. Tell us about any medical conditions before booking and get a doctor's advice. The summit climb starts around midnight.
- Packing for Safari? Keep it simple!
- Bring comfortable, lightweight clothes in natural colors like khaki, olive, sand, and earth tones. Pack layers too: mornings can be surprisingly chilly, while the middle of the day gets hot. You don't need a fresh outfit for every day, since most lodges and camps can arrange laundry service.
- Don't forget your sun protection: a good hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Comfortable shoes are enough for most safaris. Heavy hiking boots are only needed if you're doing a walking safari, primate tracking, or mountain climbing.
- A good pair of binoculars is a must. A camera is great, but binoculars will transform the way you experience wildlife, especially birds and animals that are far away.
- For luggage, we recommend a soft-sided bag over a hard suitcase. It fits much more easily into safari vehicles and small aircraft, where space is tight and weight is often limited to 15 kg.
- Most importantly, don't overpack. Travel light and enjoy the adventure!

Ready to book this safari?

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