

MT. KILIMANJARO CLIMB

MACHAME ROUTE

6 DAYS

WITH



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At a total length of 65km, Machame (Whisky Route) is one of the most popular for Kilimanjaro climbers. We would recommend the 7-days programme only to those with climbing experience, reasonable level of fitness and a yearning for a challenge. The main difficulty lies in an altitude gain of over 2,000m (6,600 feet) in 24hrs including summiting, resulting in a 7% drop in success rates. If you are planning to take Machame Route in November, April or May, the path may be eroded by rain making the climb more difficult.

#### IN A NUTSHELL:

Day 0: Arrive Moshi

Day 1: Machame Gate – Machame Hut

Day 2: Machame Hut – Shira Cave Camp

Day 3: Shira Cave Camp – via Lava Tower – Barranco Camp

Day 4: Barranco Camp – Barafuu Camp

Day 5: Barafuu Camp – Stella Point – Uhuru Peak – Barafu Camp – Mweka Hut Camp

Day 6: Mweka Hut Camp – Mweka Gate – Moshi

#### DAY 0: ARRIVE IN MOSHI

Moshi Elevation (855m).

Arrive at your hotel for overnight. Briefing will be done at the hotel to make sure you have all the supplies needed for the climb; as well as answer all your final queries and questions. Get a goodnight's rest for the big day tomorrow.

#### DAY 1: MACHAME GATE TO MACHAME HUT

Elevation: 1,830 m to 2835 m

Distance: 11 km

Hiking Time: 5-6 hours

The climb starts from Machame gate (1830m), you walk through the lush lower slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Slowly gaining altitude while enjoying the diverse flora and fauna of the rain forest, you will arrive to the first Machame Hut, situated at 3000m above sea level. If it is a clear day we may get our first closer look at the glaciated dome of Kibo if the evening clouds permit. Overnight and Dinner at Machame Hut Camp.





## DAY 2: MACHAME HUT TO SHIRA HUT CAMP

2835 m to 3,750 m

Distance: 5 km

Walking Time: 5-6 hours

A shorter day climbing up a steep ridge to reach a small semicircular cliff known as Picnic site, and continue up a gentler ascent through the lower alpine moorland, which is known for beautiful wild alpine flowers. The most spectacular views of Kibo peak can be seen from Shira Camp. Overnight and Dinner at Shira Hut Camp.





### DAY 3: SHIRA HUT CAMP – VIA LAVA TOWER – BARRANCO CAMP

Elevation: 3,750m to 4,630m to 3980m

Distance: 10 to 11 km

Hiking Time: approx. 6 to 7 hours

We begin the day climbing up a ridge and then head southeast towards the Lava Tower – a 92m tall volcanic rock formation. We descend down to Barranco Camp. Although you begin and end the day at the approx. 100m higher elevation, the time spent at higher altitude of lava tower is very beneficial for acclimatization. Overnight and dinner at Barranco Camp.



### DAY 4: BARRANCO CAMP – BARAFUU CAMP

Elevation: 3980m to 4675m

Distance: 11 kms

Hiking Time: approx. 9 hours

Another exciting day for the climb will be a fun day! Start to challenge a rocky climb (not technical) at Barranco wall popularly known as Breakfast wall, which divides us from the southeastern slopes of Kibo. You will arrive at the camp then rest until early dinner time before we start our challenge to the summit at mid night. This is our last night before we start our summit at mid-night that why we need to have early dinner and sleep early. Overnight and dinner at Barafuu Camp.





#### NIGHT 4: BARAFU CAMP – STELLA POINT – UHURU PEAK

Elevation: 4675m to 5755m to 5895m

Distance: approx. 5 kms

Hiking Time: approx. 7 to 8 hours

You start your climb at midnight after having a cup of tea/coffee or hot chocolate with a light snack then start our final day to walk up to the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro, the terrain will be different from time to time but you will start with a rocky part then to zigzag scree part until you up to the crater rim at Stella point which is 5755m, on the way you will have a view of the second tallest peak at Kilimanjaro which is Mawenzi peak. From Stella point you will have an hour to our final destination of Uhuru peak 5895m above sea level, take some pictures and short celebration.





## DAY 5: UHURU PEAK – BARAFU CAMP – MWEKA HUT CAMP

Elevation: 5895m to 4675m to 3070m

Distance: 11 to 12kms

Hiking Time: approx. 5 to 7 hours

After taking pictures and celebrating you will start your hike down back to Barafu where you will have your breakfast and short rest before heading down to Mweka camp. From Barafu camp you will have a physical challenge of going downhill with a total time of 4 to 5 hours to Mweka camp. Overnight and dinner at Mweka Hut Camp.

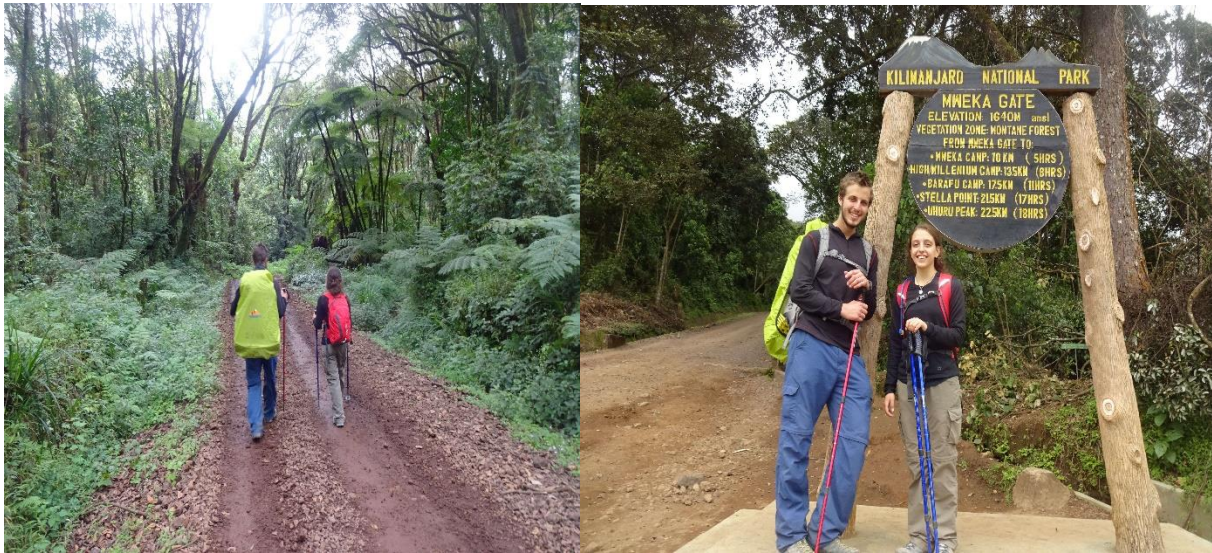


## DAY 6: MWEKA HUT – MWEKA GATE – MOSHI.

Elevation: 3070m to 1640m

Distance: From Mweka Hut to Mweka Gate is 5kms, from Mweka Gate to Moshi 30 minutes drive.

Hiking Time: approx. 3 hours



After breakfast you will start your final day on the mountain by 3-4 hours hike down the mountain, from the Moorland zone to mountain rain forest down to Mweka gate at 1640m. After finishing the park formalities you will meet our crew for the successful climb celebratory toast with a cold Kilimanjaro beer and tip distribution to crew. Then drive back to your hotel in Arusha/Moshi for nice shower and reflect on your achievement. Overnight and dinner at your hotel in Moshi/Arusha.

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