



## Route Overview

The Machame Route, often called the “**Whiskey Route**”, is one of Kilimanjaro’s most popular and scenic trails. Over 6 days, trekkers experience diverse landscapes — from lush rainforest to alpine desert and the icy summit of Uhuru Peak. Though physically demanding, this route rewards climbers with breathtaking views and a strong sense of achievement.

- **Duration:** 6 days / 5 nights
- **Difficulty:** Challenging, requires good fitness
- **Accommodation:** Tented camps only
- **Best for:** Adventurers seeking a balance of beauty, challenge, and success

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1: Machame Gate → Machame Camp

Your journey begins at **Machame Gate**, where our team warmly welcomes you. After registration and gear checks, you step into Kilimanjaro’s lush rainforest. The trail is alive with bird calls and the chatter of monkeys swinging overhead. The air is fresh and damp, carrying the earthy scent of moss and wildflowers. By late afternoon, you arrive at **Machame Camp**, where tents are set up and a hot meal awaits. As night falls, the summit of Kilimanjaro glimmers faintly above the treetops — a reminder of the adventure ahead.

### Day 2: Machame Camp → Shira Camp

The morning begins with a hearty breakfast before tackling a steep climb out of the forest. The landscape changes dramatically — giant heathers give way to moorland dotted with strange plants like lobelias and senecios. The air grows thinner, but the views expand. By midday, you reach the **Shira Plateau**, a wide,



open expanse with sweeping vistas of Kibo Peak. At **Shira Camp**, the horizon stretches endlessly, and the night sky is a blanket of stars.

### **Day 3: Shira Camp → Lava Tower → Barranco Camp**

This is your acclimatization day. The trail rises steadily toward **Lava Tower**, a striking volcanic formation at 4,600m. Lunch is served here, where the thin air tests your endurance. Then comes the descent into the lush **Barranco Valley**, where streams trickle and vegetation thrive. This “climb high, sleep low” strategy helps your body adjust to altitude. **Barranco Camp** is one of the most beautiful camps on the mountain, with dramatic views of the towering Barranco Wall.

### **Day 4: Barranco Camp → Barafu Camp**

The day begins with the thrilling scramble up the **Barranco Wall**. Though it looks intimidating, our guides ensure safe passage, and the reward is breathtaking views across the Karanga Valley. The trail continues through alpine desert, barren yet striking. By afternoon, you reach **Barafu Camp**, perched on a windswept ridge. This is the base for your summit attempt. Dinner is early, and climbers rest, knowing that the most important night lies ahead.

### **Day 5: Barafu Camp → Uhuru Peak → Mweka Camp**

Summit night begins at midnight. With headlamps glowing, you ascend slowly in the freezing air. The climb is tough — steep switchbacks, icy winds, and thin oxygen. As dawn breaks, you reach **Stella Point**, then continue to **Uhuru Peak**, the highest point in Africa at 5,895m. The sunrise over the glaciers is unforgettable, painting the sky in gold and crimson. After photos and celebrations, you descend back to Barafu for a short rest, then continue down to **Mweka Camp**. Exhausting but triumphant, this is the day you’ll never forget.



## Day 6: Mweka Camp → Mweka Gate

The final descent takes you back through rainforest alive with birds and monkeys. At **Mweka Gate**, climbers receive official summit certificates. Guides and porters celebrate with you, marking the end of your Kilimanjaro adventure. The sense of achievement is overwhelming — you've stood on the roof of Africa.

*At the end of your descent, you'll gather with your guides and porters to celebrate your achievement and receive your official summit certificate — a proud reminder that you've conquered Kilimanjaro. After hugs, photos, and heartfelt goodbyes, we'll transfer you back to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha. There, a hot shower, a soft bed, and a delicious celebration meal await — the perfect way to relax, reflect, and enjoy the memories of your incredible journey.*

## Inclusions

- **Professional guides & crew** – Certified, English-speaking guides, assistant guides, porters, and cooks.
- **Park fees & permits** – Entry fees, camping/hut fees, rescue fees, and government VAT.
- **Camping or hut accommodation** – High-quality tents (4-season) or huts on the Marangu Route.
- **Meals & water** – Freshly prepared hot meals daily, clean drinking water, tea/coffee, and snacks.
- **Group equipment** – Dining tent, kitchen tent, cooking utensils, sleeping pads, and medical kit with oxygen.
- **Daily health monitoring** – Pulse oximeter checks, altitude assessments, and emergency protocols.
- **Airport transfers** – Round-trip transfers between Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and hotel in Moshi/Arusha.



- **Hotel stays before & after trek** – Typically 2 nights (1 before, 1 after climb).

## **X Exclusions**

- **International flights** – Airfare to/from Tanzania.
- **Visa fees** – Tourist visa (varies by nationality).
- **Travel insurance** – Must cover high-altitude trekking and emergency evacuation.
- **Personal trekking gear** – Boots, sleeping bag, insulated clothing, rain gear, backpack, trekking poles.
- **Tips for guides & porters** – Standard practice, a key income source for staff.
- **Personal expenses** – Souvenirs, drinks, laundry, optional activities.
- **Extra hotel nights** – Beyond the standard 2 nights included.