



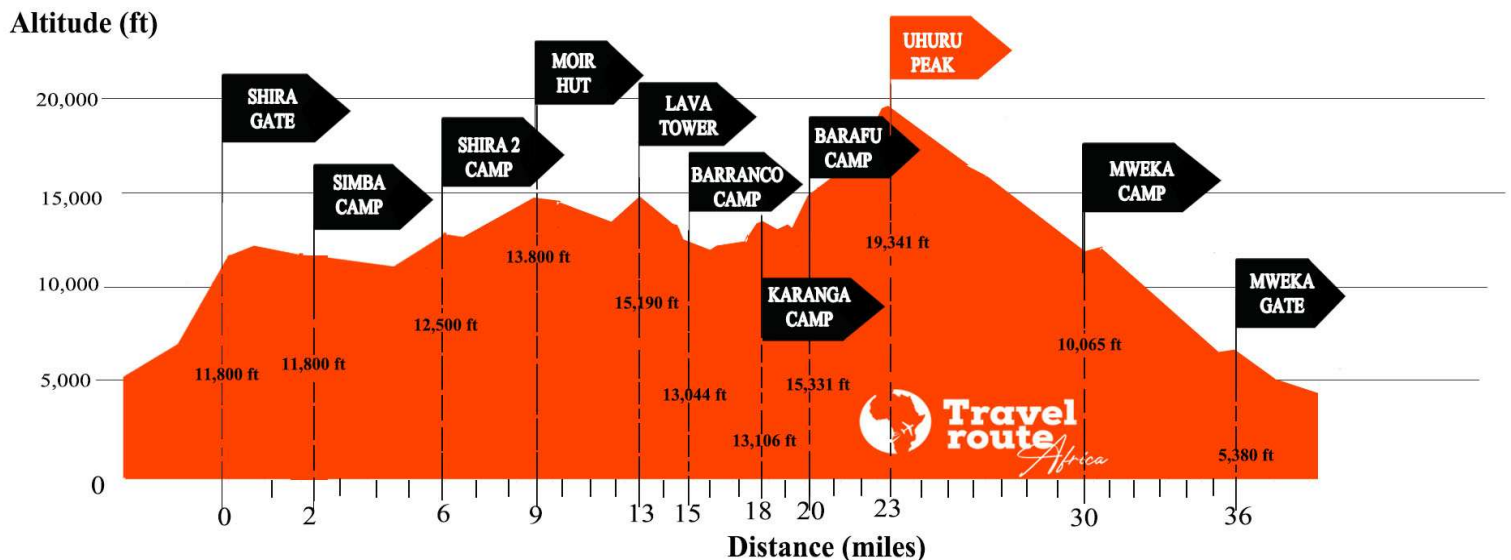
KILIMANJARO CLIMBING - SHIRA ROUTE 6 DAYS



OVERVIEW

Very similar to Lemosho route, however it starts at 3,600 meters and is therefore not ideal for trekkers who have little or no experience of high-altitude trekking. On the first day you begin at Shira Gate to Simba Camp before joining the Lemosho Route on day two at Shira Camp 2. The high starting point is however a major negative for this route as many experiences altitude sickness from day one without enough time to acclimatize.

The route over the Shira Plateau has several possible variations. After Shira Camp 2 the route joins the Machame Route via Lava Tower, and then descends to the Barranco Camp via the Southern Circuit. Ascent to Uhuru Peak is made via Barafu Camp and up the southern slopes of Kibo. The route is seldom used by other trekkers and so your initial two days on the mountain are less crowded than on most other routes.



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TOUR ITINERARY

ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to Parkview In hotel/Kilimanjaro wonders Hotel or Weruweru River lodge in Moshi town; you will meet your guide who will brief you on your upcoming trek and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gear. Gear which is missing can be rented on this day. Overnight at your arranged Hotel

Hotel is Bed & Breakfast basis.

Day 1: Shira Gate To Shira

You depart Moshi/Arusha for Londorossi Gate, which takes about 4hours, where you will complete entry formalities while guides and porters prepare equipment. After lunch at the gate, drive for about 2hrs further up to where you're hiking trail begins (Starting Point). The trek starts through shrubs and giant heather until you reach Shira 1 Camp.

- Hiking distance: 4km
- Hiking time: 1-2hrs
- Habitat: Moorland
- Overnight: Shira 1 Camp (All meals included)

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Day 2: Trekking From Shira 1 To Shira 2 Camp Via Cathedral Point

You explore the Shira plateau for a day. It is a gentle walk east toward Kibo's glaciated peak, across the plateau, which leads to Shira 2 camp on moorland meadows by a stream. Shira is one of the highest plateaus on earth. You will cross Shira Cathedral for acclimatization and if the weather permits, Mount Meru (the fifth summit of Africa) is clearly seeing from Shira 2.

- Shira Camp 1(3,610m/11,843ft) to Shira 2 (3,850m/12,795ft) via Cathedral Point (3872m/12703)
- Hiking distance: 7km
- Hiking Time: 3-4 hrs
- Habitat: Moorland
- Overnight: Shira 2 Camp or Moir Camp (All meals included)

Day 3: Trekking To Barranco Camp Via Lava Tower

From the Shira Plateau, you continue to the east up a ridge, passing the junction towards the peak of Kibo. As you continue, our direction changes to the Southeast towards the Lava Tower, called the "Shark's Tooth." Shortly after the tower, you come to the second junction that brings us up to the Arrow Glacier at an altitude of 16,000ft. You now continue down to the Barranco Hut at an altitude of almost 13,000ft. Here you will rest, enjoy dinner, and overnight. Although you end the day at the same elevation as you started, this day is very important for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit day.

- Shira 2 (3,850m/12,795ft) to Barranco Camp (3,900m/12,960ft) via Lava Tower (4,600m/15,190ft)
- Hiking Distance: 12km
- Hiking Time: 6-7hrs
- Habitat: Moorland
- Overnight: Barranco Camp (All meals included)

Day 4: Trekking Baranco Wall To Barafu Camp

This is a great mountain day. You descend into the start of the Great Barranco and then exit steeply up onto the southern slopes of Kibo. You pass beneath the Heim and Kersten glaciers and head up to the Karanga Valley, the last place where you can find water below the summit. You will pass Karanga campsite and the junction of the Mweka Trail before a final push across some scree to the Barafu campsite. From here you can see both the peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo.

- Baranco Camp (3,900m/12,960ft) to Barafu Camp (4,667m/15,311ft)
- Hiking Distance: 13km
- Hiking Time 7- 8hrs
- Habitat: Alpine Desert
- Overnight: Barafu Camp (All meals included)

Day 5: Barafu Camp To Uhuru Peak Down To Mweka Camp

At 11:30 PM, you will wake up to steaming tea and biscuits. You will then take off into the night. Your 6-hour climb northwest through heavy scree between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers to Stella Point on the

crater rim is the most challenging part of the route for most climbers. At Stella Point (5,685m/18,650ft) you stop for a short rest and a chance to see an outstanding sunrise. You cannot stop for long, as it will be extremely difficult to start again due to fatigue and cold. Depending on the season and recent storm activity, you may encounter snow on the remaining part of your hike along the Uhuru Peak rim.

On the summit, you can enjoy your accomplishment, knowing you are creating a day you will remember for the rest of your life. After a 3-hour descent from the summit back to Barafu Camp, you will have a well-earned but short rest, collect your gears, and hike down a rock and scree path to the moorland below and enter the forest to Mweka Camp (3,100m/10,170ft). This camp is in the upper forest, where you can expect rain and mist in the late afternoon.

- Elevation (ft): 15,300ft to 19,345ft (and down to 10,000ft)
- Hiking Distance: 15.5km
- Hiking Time: 8hrs up and 7-8hrs down
- Habitat: Ice Cap
- Overnight: Mweka Camp (All meals included)

Day 6: Mweka Camp To Mweka Gate

After breakfast, you will take a short scenic 3-hour hike back to the park gate.

At Mweka Gate, you can sign your name and add details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive summit certificates. Climbers who reached Stella Point are issued green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak receive gold certificates.

From the Mweka Gate, you will continue down to Mweka Village for Hot Lunch with your Mountain Crew and a small celebration before your drive to your hotel for warm shower and leisure.

- Hiking Distance: 12km
- Hiking Time: 3hrs
- Habitat: Montane forest
- Accommodation: Parkview Inn

Depart Tanzania

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This day left for your next destination. If you have safari, then might be used to beginning your safari or fly to Zanzibar or fly back home. Our vehicle will be ready to take you to the airport at your time.

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS SHIRA ROUTE	
Group Size	Price per person
1 person	USD 2,280
2- 4 person	USD 2,170
5- 7 people	USD 2,030
8 -10 people	USD 1,980
11+ people	USD 1,900

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**Tanzanian Residents permit owner pay 85% of rates

**East Africa Citizens pay 65% of rates

PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Private pick up and drop off at Kilimanjaro international airport.
- ✓ Pre & Post Trek accommodation at weruweru river lodge, Parkview Inn or Kilimanjaro wonders Hotel
- ✓ Park fees, camping fees & rescue fees
- ✓ 18% VAT on tour fees & services
- ✓ 4 Season big sleeping mountain tents
- ✓ Double layered Sleeping Mats
- ✓ Transportation to & from the mountain gate
- ✓ Professional mountain guides, cooks and porters
- ✓ 3 meals daily while on the mountain
- ✓ Filtered water throughout the trek
- ✓ Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- ✓ Portable toilets and toilets tents.
- ✓ Showers and shower tents

PRICE EXCLUDES

- Flights
- Items of a personal nature
- Laundry Services
- A doctor for the group
- Tips to mountain crew

Tip on Mountain Kilimanjaro is recommended for group sharing as following:

- Guide \$15 – \$20/guide/day
 - Cook \$10 – \$15/day
 - Porters \$8 – \$10/porter/day.
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