KILIMANJARO & MERU

# Machame Route 6 Days

The "Whiskey route": rainforest, the Lava Tower, the famous Barranco Wall and a sunrise summit — in six days.

| LENGTH | LEVEL | GROUP SIZE | FROM |
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| 6 days | Moderate | Up to 12 people | US$1,950 pp |

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Five climate zones, from rainforest to glacier
- "Climb high, sleep low" at the Lava Tower
- The Great Barranco Wall scramble
- Sunrise summit from Barafu Camp
- Descend by a different route through Mweka

## WHEN TO GO

Best / Good / Rainy & quiet

| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
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| Best | Best | Good | Rainy | Rainy | Good | Best | Best | Best | Good | Rainy | Good |

## Plan this trip with us

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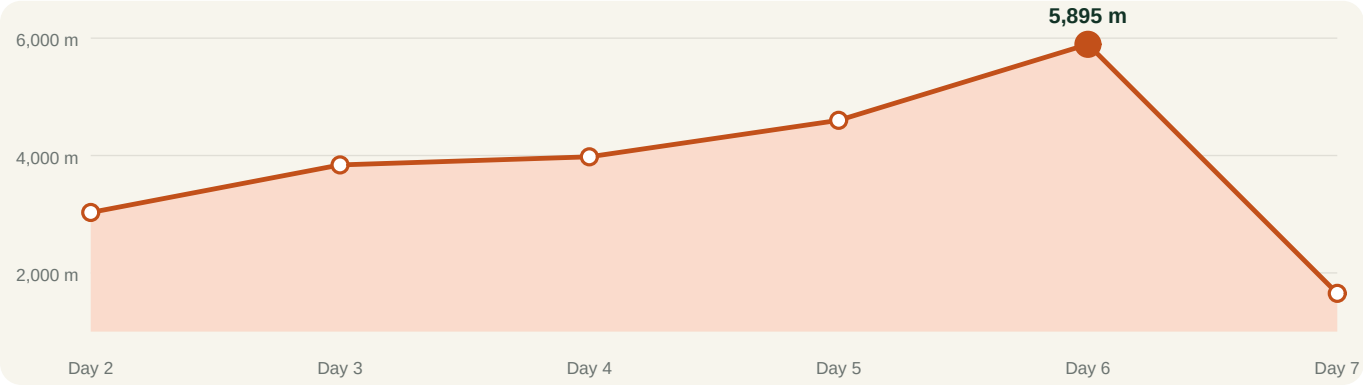
Check dates & book

# Your trip day by day

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DAY 1

## Arrival in Moshi

We meet you at Kilimanjaro International Airport (or pick you up anywhere in Moshi or Arusha) and drive you to Maridadi Hotel. In the evening your lead guide comes to brief you on the route, check your gear and answer every question.

Overnight: Maridadi Hotel, Moshi

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DAY 2

## Machame Gate to Machame Camp

After a short drive from Moshi and registration at Machame Gate (1,829 m), you climb through thick montane rainforest. The path is steep in places and the trees are full of birds and monkeys. Camp sits where the forest starts to thin.

3,030 m · Walking: 6–7 hours · 8.2 km · Overnight: Machame Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 3

## Machame Camp to Shira 2 Camp

Out of the forest and into moorland hung with old man's beard moss. You reach a wide plateau with views of Kibo ahead and Mount Meru floating above the clouds to the west.

3,840 m · Walking: 5–7 hours · 5 km · Overnight: Shira 2 Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 4

## Shira 2 to Lava Tower and down to Barranco

A rocky climb through alpine desert to lunch beside the Lava Tower (4,630 m), with an optional scramble for the brave. Then down about 600 m into the Great Barranco Valley among giant senecios — climb high, sleep low.

3,978 m · Walking: 6–7 hours · 7 km · Overnight: Barranco Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 5

## Barranco Wall to Barafu Camp

The day starts with the Great Barranco Wall — a scramble with your hands, not a rope climb, and most people's favourite part. You cross the Karanga Valley and climb on to Barafu, a windswept camp with Kibo and Mawenzi above. Early dinner and rest.

4,600 m · Walking: 7–8 hours · 11.4 km · Overnight: Barafu Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 6

### Summit night: Uhuru Peak and down to Millennium Camp

A pre-dawn start in the cold and dark, slowly up the scree to Stella Point (5,685 m) on the crater rim as the sun rises, then on to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m). Photos, a few quiet minutes on the roof of Africa, and the long walk down to Barafu and on to Millennium Camp for a hot meal.

5,895 m · Walking: 7 hours up · 7–8 hours down · Overnight: Millennium Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 7

### Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

A steep, happy descent through the Mweka rainforest to the gate, where you sign out and receive your summit certificate. We drive you back to Maridadi Hotel in Moshi.

1,652 m · Walking: 5–6 hours · 13.5 km · Overnight: Maridadi Hotel, Moshi · Meals: B, L

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DAY 8

### Departure

Breakfast, then a private transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home. Not ready to leave? Add a safari or a few days on Zanzibar — we arrange it all.

Meals: B

Meals: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.

## Prices

Any group size

**US$1,950**

Per person in US dollars. Everything under "Included" is in the price.
Children pay from 65% of the adult price — ask us for their exact price.

## What is in the price

### Included

- Two nights at Maridadi Hotel in Moshi, bed and breakfast — one night before and one night after the climb
- Airport pick-up and drop-off at Kilimanjaro International Airport
- Transport to the mountain gate and back to Moshi
- All park, camping and rescue fees, plus 18% VAT
- Professional mountain guides, cooks and porters
- Three freshly cooked meals a day on the mountain
- Filtered drinking water throughout the climb
- Double-layer sleeping mats
- Portable toilet and a private toilet tent
- Hot water for washing every morning and evening
- Emergency oxygen and a medical kit carried by your guides
- Fair wages for the whole crew, as approved by KINAPA and KIATO

### Not included

- International flights
- Tips for the crew, driver and hotel staff
- Travel insurance (it must cover trekking to 6,000 m)
- Tanzania visa
- Bank transfer and card fees
- Personal costs — drinks, laundry and shopping

## Good to know

**Is the Barranco Wall dangerous?**
It looks dramatic from below, but it is a scramble on a good path where you sometimes use your hands. No ropes are needed and your guides help you at every step. Most climbers say it is the highlight of the route.

**Can I take the Western Breach instead?**
The Western Breach and Arrow Glacier route to the summit is available on request for experienced climbers. Ask us and we will tell you honestly if it suits you.

## How to book

**1 Send a request**
Choose your date on the trip page or message us. Nothing is charged.

**2 We confirm**
We check every date and send you an invoice, usually within a few hours.

**3 Pay the deposit**
30% securely through Pesapal (card or mobile money) or by bank transfer. The rest 30 days before your trip.

**Questions? Write to us on WhatsApp or by email.**

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Prices valid on 9 November 2026. We confirm the final price for your dates before you pay.