

Lemosho 7-Day Route

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Overview

Lemosho glades route: an unspoilt, remote little used and beautiful way up to the Shira Plateau. It can either be used to gain the western Breach route or followed by the Kibo south circuit to gain the easier Barafu route. The route is one of the few where groups are accompanied by an armed ranger as the forest around the Lemosho glades.

Day 1 KILIMANJARO AIRPORT | MOSHI

Arrive at the Kilimanjaro International Airport, pick up and transferred to the Springlands Hotel or similar for overnight bed and breakfast.

Day 2 MOSHI | LONDOROSI PARK GATE | MTI MKUBWA CAMP

Altitude: 2,200 m - 2,780 m

Hiking distance: 7 km

Hiking time: 5 hours

After breakfast, drive to the Londorosi Park Gate. The drive is about 5 hours. The drive through the Shira plateau is one of the best opportunities to see big game on Kilimanjaro. Walk up to **Mti Mkubwa camp**. Arrive at the campsite, set up camp, and enjoy dinner.

Day 3 MTI MKUBWA CAMP | SHIRA CAMP 1

Altitude: 2,780 m – 3,500 m

Hiking distance: 5 km

Hiking time: 4–5 hours

Wake to breakfast, and begins the short hike from Mti Mkubwa to Shira camp. This is usually takes no more than 5 hours, but this rest is required for adequate acclimatization. The west face of Kibo volcano (usually referred as Kilimanjaro) looms above the campsite. Have lunch, set up camp, rest or take a day hike. This hike traverses the lower moorland where large shrubs and wildflowers dominate the landscape.

Day 4 SHIRA CAMP 1 | SHIRA CAMP 2

Altitude: 3,500m – 3,840 m

Hiking distance: 5 km

Hiking time: 5–6 hours

Wake to breakfast, break camp, and begin a short hike to **Shira Camp 2**. This makes it a perfect acclimatization day.

Day 5 SHIRA CAMP 2 | LAVA TOWER | BARRANCO CAMP

Altitude: 3,840 m – 3,960 m

Hiking distance: 11 km

Hiking time: 7–8 hours

The route now turns east into a semi desert and rocky landscape surrounding Lava Tower, where you reach an altitude of 4630m after about a 5 hours walk. Lunch is served in a designated area before ascending the rocky scree path to Lava Tower (4630m). Definitely the toughest day so far. It is normally around this point, where for the first time, some climbers will start to feel symptoms of breathlessness, irritability and headaches. After lunch, you descent again by almost 680m to the Barranco camping area and after reaching the high altitude of 4600m at Lava Tower, the true acclimatisation benefit of this day becomes clear. This descent to Barranco camp takes about 2 hours and offers great opportunities to take some beautiful photographs of the Western Breach and Breach Wall. The camp is situated in a valley below the Breach and Great Barranco Wall, which should provide you with a memorable sunset while you wait for the preparation of your dinner and overnight at **Barranco Camp**.

Day 6 BARRANCO CAMP | BARAFU CAMP

Altitude: 3,960 m – 4,640 m

Hiking distance: 11 km

Hiking time: 7–8 hours

Totally exposed to the ever-present gales the tents are pitched on a narrow, stony, and dangerous ridge. Make sure that you familiarise yourself with the terrain before dark to avoid any accidents. The summit is now a further 1345m up and you will make the final ascent the same night. Prepare your equipment, ski stick and thermal clothing for your summit attempt. This should include the replacement of your headlamp and camera batteries and make sure you have a spare set available as well. To prevent freezing it will be wise **to carry your water in a thermal flask**. Go to bed at round about 19h00 and try to get some precious rest and sleep for not more than 5-hours.

Day 7 BARAFU CAMP | SUMMIT | MWEKA CAMP

Altitude: 4,640 m – 5, 895 m – 3,090 m

Hiking distance: 17 km

Hiking time: 15+ hours

You will rise around 23h30, and after some tea and biscuits you shuffle off into the night. You will head in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. This 6-hour walk to Stella point is for many climbers, mentally and physically the most challenging on the route. At Stella Point (5685m) you will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see (weather permitting). From Stella Point, you will normally encounter snow all the way on your 2-hour ascent to Uhuru Peak. The time you will spend on the summit will depend on the weather conditions. Do not stop here for too long, as it will be extremely difficult to start again due to cold and fatigue. Enjoy your accomplishment and a day to remember for the rest of your life. The walk back to Barafu from the summit takes about 3 hours. Here you will have a well-earned but short rest and collect the rest of your gear, before heading down to **Mweka Camp** for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 MWEKA CAMP | MWEKA PARK GATE | MOSHI

Altitude: 3,090 m – 1,650 m

Hiking distance: 10 km

Hiking time: 4-5 hours

After Breakfast, From the Mweka Gate, you will continue down into the Mweka village, normally a muddy and long hour walk. In the Mweka village drive to Springlands Hotel and you will be served a delicious hot lunch and a long overdue hot shower. **Overnight in Springlands Hotel.** It is recommended and tips are highly appreciated at the end of their trip. Tips can be given to the guide at Springlands Hotel. This is also where successful climbers receive their **summit certificates**. Those climbers who reached Stella Point (5685m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak (5895m) receive gold certificates.

Day 9 MOSHI | KILIMANJARO AIRPORT

After an early breakfast, transfer to Kilimanjaro airport for your departure flight back home.

END OF SERVICE

NOTES:

- **1 Person rate** (private climb) is based on a single climber with his/her mountain crew
- **11th Person rate** – every 11th person in a group will qualify for this discounted rate (In order to qualify for this rate people need to book together as a group).
- All climbing rates quoted are based on a per person rate.

INCLUDED:

- **Two nights** accommodation at the Springlands Hotel in Moshi (before and after the climb)
 - **First night** includes breakfast
- Return transportation from Moshi to/from the starting/finishing point on the mountain
- Airport transfers
- Qualified guides with mountain crew
- National park fees
- Tents and sleeping mattresses
- Cutlery / Crockery / Eating utensils
- Mess tent (for dining) / Mini camping chairs / Tables / Candles
- Rescue fees
- Pulse oximeters
- First aid kit
- Guides, porters, cook, waiter salaries
- Boiled water on the mountain
- All meals on the mountain (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- Guides, porters, waiter, cook accommodation and entry fees on the mountain

EXCLUDED:

- Single rooms supplement at Springlands Hotel (except on the 1 person rate)
- Guides, Porters, Cook & Waiters **tips**
- Meals and drinks not specified
- Gear for your climb
- Items of personal nature
- Additional nights beyond the two standard hotel nights included
- Visas
- Emergency oxygen