

Earthbound Expeditions

Mt Kilimanjaro Lemosho Route

10 days, from US$2,252 per person

Duration	Group size	Country
10 days	**15 people**	**Tanzania**

Mt Kilimanjaro Lemosho Route Overview

Climb Mount Kilimanjaro by the Lemosho Route

Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro

This trek follows one of the most scenic trails to the summit of Kilimanjaro (5,895 m), the highest mountain in Africa, with alpine scenery and wildlife along the way.

There are seven official trekking routes on Kilimanjaro. The Machame Route is widely regarded as the most scenic, and the Lemosho Route is now considered equally beautiful. As one of the newer routes, Lemosho offers fine scenery, fewer trekkers and a generally high summit success rate.

The route approaches Mt. Kilimanjaro from the west, starting with a long drive from Moshi to Londorossi Gate. For the first two days, the trek passes through rainforest to the Shira Ridge. The trail then crosses the entire Shira Plateau from west to east on an easy path and joins the Machame Route at Lava Tower. Next, it descends towards the Barranco Valley through the alpine desert zone and crosses the Barranco Wall. The summit attempt starts from Barafu early in the morning and continues to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) in time for sunrise. After the summit, you descend by the Mweka Route.

The climb of Kilimanjaro should not be underestimated. To reach the summit, you need to be both physically and mentally prepared. With sufficient preparation and determination, you can reach the summit of Kilimanjaro.

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrive at Mountain Inn

Arrive directly at Mountain Inn. Pre-climb briefing on the trek. Overnight at Mountain Inn.

Altitude: 890 m On foot: None, arrival day Night: Hotel, Moshi Meals: Dinner

Day 2

Lemosho Glades to Mti Mkubwa Camp

Begin the climb at Lemosho Glades (2100m) through the forest zone. Trekking time: 3 to 4 hours, approximately 7 km. Overnight at Mti Mkubwa Camp (2780m).

Altitude: 2,780 m On foot: 7 km, 3–4 hrs Night: Tented camp, Mti Mkubwa Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

Heather and moorland zone and the Shira Ridge

Continue through the forest and climb steeply into the heather and moorland zone. Cross the Shira Ridge and descend on the other side. Trekking time: 4 to 5 hours, approximately 7 to 8 km. Overnight at Shira One Camp (3500m).

Altitude: 3,500 m On foot: 7–8 km, 4–5 hrs Night: Tented camp, Shira One Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4

Across the Shira Plateau

A slow-paced walk across the Shira Plateau through heather and moorland. Trekking time: 3 to 5 hours, approximately 6 km. Overnight at Shira Two Camp (3900m).

Altitude: 3,900 m On foot: 6 km, 3–5 hrs Night: Tented camp, Shira Two Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

Via Lava Tower to Barranco Camp

Continue east past the junction for the Oehler Ridge, then south-east towards Lava Tower. Trekking time: 7 to 8 hours, approximately 10 km. Overnight at Barranco Camp (3960m).

Altitude: 3,960 m On foot: 10 km, 7–8 hrs Night: Tented camp, Barranco Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Alpine desert zone and the Barranco Wall

This is an additional acclimatisation day. You enter the alpine desert zone and climb the Barranco Wall. Trekking time: 3 to 5 hours, approximately 6 km. Overnight at Karanga Camp (4035m).

Altitude: 4,035 m On foot: 6 km, 3–5 hrs Night: Tented camp, Karanga Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Trek to Barafu Camp

Continue east towards the Mweka junction, then turn north to the next campsite. Trekking time: 3 to 4 hours, approximately 4 km. Overnight at Barafu Camp (4650m).

Altitude: 4,650 m On foot: 4 km, 3–4 hrs Night: Tented camp, Barafu Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

Summit Uhuru Peak and descend to Mweka Camp

At around midnight, set off for Stella Point (5740m) and continue to Uhuru Peak (5895m). Descend via Barafu Camp and into the heather and moorland zone. Trekking time: 13 to 15 hours, approximately 19 km. Overnight at Mweka Camp (3080m).

Altitude: 5,895 m at Uhuru Peak On foot: 19 km, 13–15 hrs Night: Tented camp, Mweka Camp Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9

Descend to Mweka Gate

Continue your descent through the forest zone to Mweka Gate (1680m), then transfer to Moshi. Trekking time: 3 to 4 hours, approximately 10 km. Overnight at Mountain Inn.

Altitude: 890 m On foot: 10 km, 3–4 hrs Night: Hotel, Moshi Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 10

Departure

Check out. Continue to your safari or transfer to the airport. Our services end today.

Altitude: 890 m On foot: None, departure day Night: No overnight Meals: Breakfast

What's included

- 2 nights' accommodation at Mountain Inn on a half-board basis (double or twin)
- Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA) conservation fees (entry fees)
- Kilimanjaro National Park compulsory rescue fees
- Kilimanjaro National Park camping fees
- KINAPA trained and certified English-speaking guide(s)
- KINAPA trained and certified porters (1 porter per person for personal mountain luggage, maximum 15 kg)
- KINAPA trained and certified cook, with utensils, cutlery, crockery, etc.
- All meals on the mountain on a full-board basis

- Camping chairs, tables and dining tent
- Three- or four-season lightweight dome tent, shared between two people
- 1 transfer per group from Moshi to the park gate
- 1 transfer per group from the park gate to Moshi
- Safe and luggage storage at Mountain Inn while you are on the trek
- Boiled drinking water on the trek
- Basic first aid kit per group
- Additional day(s) for acclimatisation

Not included

- Tips
- Additional transfers from the park gate to Moshi
- Airport transfers
- Extra nights' accommodation at Mountain Inn
- Personal mountain equipment such as sleeping bags, walking poles, mattresses, duffel bags, etc. (prices on request)
- Specialised trekking equipment such as oxygen cylinders (prices on request)
- Drinks such as soft drinks and alcohol
- International flights
- Metal water bottles, water bladders, etc. (please note: soft plastics are not permitted on the mountain)
- Personal items

Photos, videos and reviews of this trip: earthbound.rajansimkhada.com/mt-kilimanjaro-lemosho-route