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KILIMANJARO · LINDO TRAVEL & TOURS

6 Days Kilimanjaro Climbing via Lemosho Route – Conquer Africa's Highest Peak

Lemosho Route · 6 days

Discover the breathtaking beauty of Mount Kilimanjaro on this adventurous 6-day Lemosho Route climbing expedition. Approaching the mountain from its remote western side, this shorter itinerary takes you through lush rainforest, spectacular moorlands, the expansive Shira Plateau and dramatic alpine landscapes before reaching the highest point in Africa.

The journey combines some of Kilimanjaro's most spectacular scenery with a demanding trekking schedule designed for physically fit and experienced hikers. Along the way, you will explore the Shira Plateau, experience the famous Lava Tower acclimatization section, climb the legendary Barranco Wall and continue towards Barafu Camp for your final summit attempt.

With the support of our experienced mountain guides, professional porters and dedicated mountain crew, you will be guided through every stage of this extraordinary adventure. Your ultimate reward awaits at Uhuru Peak (5,895m), where you can celebrate reaching the Roof of Africa.

The six-day Lemosho Route is a challenging option with limited acclimatization time and is best suited to well-prepared trekkers with previous high-altitude experience. For a more gradual ascent, we recommend

considering our seven- or eight-day Lemosho Route packages.

Trip Highlights

Explore the beautiful western slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Trek through pristine tropical rainforest and scenic moorlands.

Cross the spectacular Shira Plateau.

Experience the impressive Lava Tower at approximately 4,630m.

Conquer the famous Barranco Wall.

Enjoy breathtaking views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks.

Reach Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa.

Descend through the beautiful Mweka rainforest.

Arrival

ARRIVAL

Arrival Day: Welcome to Tanzania

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), you will be warmly welcomed by our Lindo Travel & Tours representative and transferred to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha.

Depending on your arrival time, you can relax and enjoy the hotel facilities before meeting your professional mountain guide for a pre-climb briefing. Your guide will inspect your trekking equipment, explain the climbing schedule and discuss important altitude considerations and mountain safety procedures.

Enjoy a relaxing evening and prepare for your upcoming adventure on Mount Kilimanjaro.

Arrival accommodation options

Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Moshi – Londorossi Gate to Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,780m)



After breakfast, you will depart from your hotel and drive towards Londorossi Gate on the western side of Mount Kilimanjaro. Upon arrival, you will complete the park registration procedures while your mountain crew prepares the necessary equipment for the expedition.

You will then continue by vehicle to the Lemosho trailhead, where your trek begins. Today's walk takes you through an enchanting tropical rainforest filled with towering trees, lush vegetation, colourful flowers and the sounds of mountain wildlife.

The trail gradually ascends through this beautiful forest environment, providing a wonderful introduction to Kilimanjaro's natural beauty. Keep an eye out for black-and-white colobus monkeys and other wildlife that inhabit the forest.

After approximately 3–4 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Mti Mkubwa Camp, also known as Big Tree Camp (2,780m). Your mountain crew will have prepared the campsite, where you can enjoy dinner and rest for the night.

Elevation: 2,100m to 2,780m

Distance: Approximately 6km

Hiking time: 3–4 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Mti Mkubwa Camp

DAY 2

Mti Mkubwa Camp to Shira 2 Camp (3,850m)



After breakfast, you will leave the rainforest behind and continue ascending towards the spectacular Shira Plateau. Today's trek is one of the longer sections of the expedition, taking you through beautiful heathland, open moorlands and volcanic landscapes.

As you gradually gain elevation, the vegetation changes from dense forest to giant heathers, grasses and unique high-altitude plants. You will cross rolling hills and several streams while enjoying increasingly impressive views of Mount Kibo.

The trail passes through the Shira Plateau, one of Kilimanjaro's most remarkable geographical features, offering panoramic views of the surrounding mountain landscape.

Today's trek requires good physical endurance as you cover a considerable distance while gaining altitude. Your guide will maintain a steady walking pace and monitor your condition throughout the journey.

After approximately 8–10 hours of trekking, depending on trail conditions and your pace, you will arrive at Shira 2 Camp (3,850m). Enjoy a freshly prepared dinner and get some rest.

Elevation: 2,780m to 3,850m
Distance: Approximately 18km
Hiking time: 8–10 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Shira 2 Camp

DAY 3

Mti Mkubwa Camp to Shira 2 Camp (3,850m)



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Accommodation options

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DAY 4

Barranco Camp to Barranco Wall to Barafu Camp (4,673m)



Today's adventure begins with the famous Barranco Wall, one of the most exciting and memorable sections of the Kilimanjaro climb.

After breakfast, you will begin ascending the rocky wall, following your guide's instructions and carefully navigating the trail. Although the wall may appear intimidating from below, it is a non-technical scramble that can be completed with careful footing and support from your mountain crew.

At the top, you will be rewarded with magnificent views of the surrounding valleys, glaciers and the towering summit of Kilimanjaro.

You will then continue towards Karanga Valley before taking the trail that connects to the upper southern slopes of the mountain. Unlike longer Lemosho itineraries, this six-day variation continues directly towards Barafu Camp without an overnight stop at Karanga.

This makes today's trek particularly demanding, with several hours of walking at high altitude.

Upon arrival at Barafu Camp (4,673m), your crew will prepare your meal while you rest and prepare for the final summit attempt. Your guide will provide a detailed briefing about the midnight ascent, weather conditions and essential safety procedures.

Organize your warm clothing, headlamp, trekking poles and other equipment before having an early dinner. Try to get some rest before the most challenging day of your adventure.

Elevation: 3,960m to 4,673m
Distance: Approximately 9km
Hiking time: 8–10 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Barafu Camp

DAY 5

Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak (5,895m) to Mweka Camp (3,100m)



Today is the ultimate challenge and the highlight of your Kilimanjaro climbing adventure.

Your summit attempt begins around midnight after a light snack and hot drinks. Equipped with warm clothing, headlamps and determination, you will begin the steep ascent towards Stella Point (5,756m) along the crater rim.

The trail passes through volcanic scree and rocky terrain, requiring endurance, patience and a slow, steady walking pace. Your experienced mountain guides will support and encourage you throughout this demanding climb.

As the first light of dawn appears over the African horizon, you will continue from Stella Point towards Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa.

Reaching the famous summit sign is an extraordinary achievement. Celebrate your accomplishment, take memorable photographs and enjoy the breathtaking views of Kilimanjaro's glaciers and the vast African landscape, weather permitting.

After spending some time at the summit, you will begin your descent towards Barafu Camp, where you can take a short break before continuing down to Mweka Camp (approximately 3,100m).

The descent is physically demanding, particularly after the summit attempt, but your mountain guides will help you maintain a comfortable pace. Upon arrival at Mweka Camp, enjoy a freshly prepared dinner and a well-deserved night's rest.

Elevation: 4,673m to 5,895m, descending to approximately 3,100m
Distance: Approximately 16–17km
Hiking time: 12–15 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Mweka Camp

DAY 6

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate (1,640m) – Moshi



After breakfast, you will begin your final descent through the beautiful tropical rainforest towards Mweka Gate.

Today's trail passes through lush vegetation, tall trees and rich forest surroundings, offering a refreshing change from the rocky alpine landscapes experienced during the upper sections of the climb.

The descent generally takes approximately 3–4 hours, depending on your walking pace and trail conditions.

Upon reaching Mweka Gate, you will complete the official park checkout procedures and receive your Kilimanjaro summit certificate, depending on the highest point you successfully reached.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your achievement with your mountain guides and support crew.

After completing your Kilimanjaro climbing adventure, our driver will meet you for a transfer back to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha.

Elevation: 3,100m to 1,640m

Distance: Approximately 10km

Hiking time: 3–4 hours

Accommodation options

Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Departure

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Departure Day: Farewell Tanzania

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy your final moments in Tanzania before checking out. Depending on your flight schedule, our driver can arrange a transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for your onward journey home or to your next destination.

Take home unforgettable memories of your Kilimanjaro adventure and the incredible achievement of reaching the Roof of Africa with Lindo Travel & Tours.

Trip details

Included

- Experienced mountain guides and support crew
- Mountain accommodation and meals
- Park, rescue and camping fees as specified
- Safety briefing and basic medical checks
- Transfers to and from the mountain gate

Not included

- International flights and visas
- Personal trekking gear and expenses
- Tips for mountain crew
- Travel insurance and evacuation cover