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## 9 DAYS LEMOSHO ROUTE | KILIMANJARO TREKKING

### Day 0: Arrive in Tanzania

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your hotel 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. The missing gear can be rented on this day. Meals: No Meals Included.

### Day 1: Pre-Climb Orientation [option if you have time]

Today is a rest day which is designed to give you plenty of time to relax, pack and recoup from the long journey. African traces guides will meet you late in the afternoon for a short climbing orientation. You will be given a climb briefing and answer any questions you may have. The guide will also do an equipment check to be sure that you are fully prepared. Later today you may also decide to do a short walk with your guides in the town or cultural tour and waterfall.

### Day 2: Montane Forest.

After breakfast in your hotel in Moshi you will drive for approximately 4 hour and half to the Kilimanjaro National Park, Londorosi gate. At the gate you will have to check in and register, then you will have an opportunity to meet the rest of the climbing crew, such assistant guides, and porters. Today you will trek to the first camp BIG TREE which will take about 3, 4 hours through the undisturbed forest to our camp for dinner and overnight. With luck you can be able to see Colobus monkeys and signs of elephants or buffaloes and other forest wildlife on our hike to big tree.

### Day 3: Shira Plateau West Side

This day you will take your time hiking through the forest which will offer you an opportunity to spot plentiful game and bird life. The hike will take you up through the Montane Forest and the Hagenia forest zones. You will be able to see the unique environmental differences that characterize these equatorial zones.

## **Day 4: Shira Plateau East Side**

Take your hike today which will last for about 4 hours across the Shira Plateau, A World Heritage Site, and another hour will take you up the western slope of the Kibo. Spend some time and exploring the plateau, before you get to your picnic lunch which will hot lunch in the camp. After lunch you will have a bit time for resting then start the acclimatizing walking toward lava tower for about 3 hrs. Your camp will be set up in the upper heath and moorland zone in full view of the Western Breach. Dinner and overnight Shira 2.

## **Day 5: Lava Tower**

After breakfast today you will have a longer hike of approximately 6 hours to your overnight camp just under Lava Tower, which is a 300 foot high volcanic lava plug that juts out of the side of the mountain. After lunch, you can climb to the top of Lava tower to enjoy the scenery of the surrounding areas and descend down to the camp before dinner. Adequately, this will increase your performance by acclimatizing high on top of the tower. This will be your first introduction to the alpine zone, with the only plant life being the hardiest of grasses and lichens. You will enjoy a spectacular view of your final ascent route up the Western Breach wall and the Breach Icicle.

## **Day 6: Arrow Glacier**

Experience the Western Breach ascent route full view, as you take 3 hours trekking to the base of the route where you will camp close to Arrow Glacier. Today you will mostly be spent resting and conserving strength, but there will also be an afternoon hike partway along the climbing ascent route. This is designed to get you to higher elevations for better acclimatization and give you a chance to familiarize yourself with the beginning of the longest hiking day of the whole climb.

## **Day 7: Summit Crater Camp**

Today is an exciting day as you wind your way up the Western Breach. It will take about 5 -6 hours before reaching crater rim of the main Kilimanjaro summit massif. After the hike you still have the energy, [options you can climb to the summit and walk back to the crater for dinner and overnight] or you can explore the inner crater and the ash pit before moving to your highest camp on the crater floor. This spectacular high camp is next to the Furtwangler Glaciers, with stunning views westward towards Mount Meru and the setting African sun. The high altitude of crater camp makes it a physically demanding experience, but the reward is a radical scene of towering glaciers rising from the harsh rock landscapes.

## **Day 8: Summit Day and Mweka Camp.**

You will start your final ascent that will take you to the summit (5895 Mt early enough in the morning so that you reach the summit by 9:00 am. This final stretch of your climb is only 800 feet and can be undertaken after sunrise and a leisurely breakfast or just early enough to be at the summit during sunrise. This is quite a contrast to the 3,000 feet slog required to summit via all the other ascent routes on Kilimanjaro. Enjoy the rewards of seeing the summit crater glaciers and standing on Africa's highest peak. After taking in the view from Uhuru Peak, begin the long descend through Barafu Hut and down to your final camp near Mweka Hut.

## **Day 9: Mweka Camp To Mweka Gate**

Descend further down in a hike that will take you about 4 to 5 hours to the park gate. At the gate, you will be cheered by your Kilimanjaro crew as you check out and receive Kilimanjaro Climbing certificate to confirm your success, then eat our lunch and say goodbye to your crew as they will be singing some of the tradition song. Drive through very beautiful coffee plantations and small villages of the Chagga people back to your hotel in Moshi for a nice hot shower or swimming at the lodge and relax, looking forward to departing or going on safari the following day.

## **Price Include**

- >>Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodations in Moshi.
- >>2 nights of accommodation in Moshi.
- >>Transportation to & from the Kilimanjaro gate
- >>Park entry fees,
- >>Camping fees.
- >>Team Kilimanjaro Rescue fees.
- >>18% VAT on tour fees & services
- >>4 Season mountain tents
- >>Double layered Sleeping Mats
- >>Friendly and professional mountain guides, cook and porters.
- >>3 hot meals daily while on the mountain.
- >>Enough treated & filtered drinking water throughout the trek.
- >>Hot water for washing. >>Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- >>Government taxes
- >>Portable oxygen tanks & ox meter
- >>Emergency first-aid kit.

## **Price Exclude**

- >>Lunches, dinners and drinks at your hotel before and after climb.
- >>Travel insurance
- >>Flights.
- >>Laundry (Available at hotel).
- >>Personal items and toiletries.
- >>Tips for guides, porters and cook (this is a guide to tipping on the mountain).

Guide \$20/guide/day

Cook \$15/day

Porter's \$10/porter/day