

# Kilimanjaro: Machame Itinerary

NOTE: Day 1 is your travel day to arrive in Arusha.

#### Day 2: Arrive at Arusha

Once you arrive at the Kilimanjaro Airport, you will be taken to your hotel in Arusha.

#### Day 3: Orientation and City tour

We will have a team breakfast at the hotel along with an orientation and gear check. After lunch, you can enjoy a walking tour of Arusha town.

#### Day 4: Trek to Machame Camp (9,900 ft.)

At the Machame gate we will meet our local staff, porters and register a permit with the park service. We will begin our hike with our local staff through the beautiful thick forest. Here we can see the Kalabasa monkeys. It will take us about 5 to 6 hours to Machame camp (9,900ft) 10 km/6 miles.

#### Day 5: Machame Camp to Shira Camp (12,500 ft.)

We begin by climbing a pretty steep ridge. Soon after we leave, the vegetation will change from forest to heather. We will be hiking for about three hours with a gorgeous view of Mount Meru in the distance and Shira Cathedral on our left. After lunch we will ascend across Shira plateau to Shira camp. ~4-5 hours, 5 km/3 miles

## Day 6: Shira camp to Barranco Camp (13,044 ft.)

Today we will climb up to Lava tower (14,800 ft), where we will be spending half an hour or so depending on the weather. Then, we will start hiking down to Barranco camp. Along the trail we are going to see the big Senecio tree and Lobelia. ~6 hours, 10km/6 miles

#### Day 7: Barranco Camp to Karanga camp (13,300 ft.)

We start climbing up the famous Barranco wall, reaching 14,500 ft, then dropping elevation to Karanga camp. It will be one of the shortest days of our climb. Here, we will enter the alpine desert. ~4 hours, 5 km/3 miles

#### Day 8: Karanga Camp to Kosovo camp (15,800 ft.)

From Karanga camp, we will climb to high camp, passing the Barafu camp. On our way, we will have a great view of Mount Mawenzi, it will take about 4-5 hours. We will have early dinner and get some rest and sleep. We will wake up around 12-12:30 am and depart for the summit which will take about 6-7 hours/ 7 miles.

#### Summit to Uhuru Peak(19,344 ft.) and Descent to Millennium Camp (12,200 ft.) - DAY 9

This will be a long day of hiking. We will depart for the summit at 12:00-12:30 am. After 5 to 6 hours, we approach the crater rim (Stella point). We traverse northwest along the rim to Uhuru peak. We'll see the Northern Ice Cap, the Furtwangler and Rebmann glaciers, the crater floor, and the Dicken and Southern Ice field. We will descend to High camp for rest and lunch, then continue our descent to Millenium camp. ~12-14 hours, 10.5 miles

#### Day 10: Millennium Camp to Arusha

We will start our descent back to Mweka gate around 7am which will take us about 4-5 hours, 8.4 miles. We will have a farewell celebration with the crew. You'll receive a summit certificate and then head to Arusha (2 hour drive). At Arusha, we will clean up and complete the climb with a celebration dinner.

#### Day 11: Fly home or Begin Safari tour

We will separate with the climbers and begin the Safari tour to Tarangire National park, about a 2.5 hour drive, and spend the night in a lodge.

### Day 12: Head to Ngorongoro Crater

After breakfast, we'll drive 2.5 hours to Ngorongoro Crater, one of the world's most incredible natural wonders. Here we encounter herds of Zebra, Antelope, Hippo, Buffalo, and Elephants. Lion prides are very common and you are likely to see Cheetahs as well. We'll stay the night in a deluxe safari lodge.

#### Day 13: Head to Serengeti National Park

After breakfast, we'll drive to the Serengeti National Park, with plenty of game viewing in route to lodge.

# **Day 14: Serengeti National Park**

We'll have a full day in Serengeti Park, with a morning and afternoon game drive. Alternatively, we can have a packed lunch and spend the whole day in the bush. Keep in mind that the best time to view a game will be early morning and late in the afternoon.

#### Day 15-16: Fly back to Arusha/Depart home

After breakfast, we'll depart for the airstrip to fly back to Arusha. We'll have lunch and in the evening, you depart for the Arusha international airport, based on your departure time.



# Kilimanjaro: Machame Gear-List

TECHNICAL CLOTHING:	
☐ 1-2 Synthetic T-shirt	$\square$ Soft shell pants
$\square$ Base layer top	$\square$ Midlayer top
☐ Hooded long sleeve sun	$\square$ hard shell jacket
shirt	$\square$ Insulated down parka
☐ Soft shell jacket	$\square$ Insulated synthetic pants
☐ Base layer bottom	$\square$ Hard shell pants
☐ 1-2 Trekking pants	
☐ 2-3 Underwear	
FOOTWEAR:	
☐ Running shoes	☐ 3-5 Wool or synthetic
☐ Light hiking boots or	socks
trekking shoes	☐ Gaiters
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HEAD-WEAR:	
☐ Buff	$\square$ Headlamp
☐ Sun hat	☐ Batteries
☐ Wool / Synthetic ski hat	☐ Glacier glasses
HAND-WEAR:	
☐ Soft-shell gloves	☐ Insulated shell gloves
☐ Insulated mittens	-
TRAVELING:	
☐ Safari / Travel Clothes	☐ Travel Locks

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:	
☐ 0°F sleeping bag	☐ Steripen
$\square$ Small pack 30 to 40 liters	☐ Sunscreen
carrying capacity	☐ Lip-screen
$\square$ Trekking poles	☐ Small first aid kit
$\square$ Travel clothes	☐ Hand warmers
$\square$ 60-70 L large duffel bags	☐ Toe warmers
☐ Small duffel	☐ 3 Trash compactor bags
$\square$ Pee bottle (optional)	☐ Toiletry bag
☐ Pee funnel (optional)	
☐ 2 water bottle	