



9-Day Northern Circuit Route - Ultimate Kilimanjaro Experience

Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

Route Type: Camping (Tents Provided)

Difficulty: Challenging

Success Rate: ~95% (Highest success rate due to slow ascent)

Total Distance: ~98 km (61 miles)

Best For: Hikers seeking the most scenic, longest, and highest-success-rate route

Day 1: Arrival in Moshi - Pre-Trek Briefing

Accommodation: Hotel/Lodge in Moshi

Meals: Dinner

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)

Transfer to your hotel in **Moshi**

Trek briefing with guides & porters

Gear check and final preparation for the climb

Day 2: Moshi to Londorossi Gate (2,250m), Trek to Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,650m)

Accommodation: Mti Mkubwa Camp (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

• Drive Time: ~3-4 hours from Moshi to Londorossi Gate

Trekking Time: 3–4 hoursDistance: ~6 km (4 miles)

• Habitat: Rainforest

- ✓ Drive to Londorossi Gate for park registration
- Continue by vehicle to the Northern Circuit Trailhead (2,350m)
- ✓ Start hiking through dense rainforest, spotting wildlife like colobus monkeys.
- Arrive at Mti Mkubwa Camp (Big Tree Camp, 2,650m) for the night

Day 3: Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,650m) to Shira Camp 1 (3,500m)

Accommodation: Shira Camp 1 (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Trekking Time: 5–6 hoursDistance: ~8 km (5 miles)

• Habitat: Moorland

- ▼ Trek out of the rainforest and into moorland terrain
- Enjoy first views of Kibo Peak and Shira Plateau
- Arrive at **Shira Camp 1 (3,500m)** for an overnight stay

Day 4: Shira Camp 1 (3,500m) to Shira Camp 2 (3,850m)

Accommodation: Shira Camp 2 (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Trekking Time: 3–4 hoursDistance: ~7 km (4 miles)

• **Habitat:** Moorland

- ✓ Gradual ascent across Shira Plateau, enjoying panoramic views
- Acclimatization hike to higher elevation (~4,000m)
- Arrive at Shira Camp 2 (3,850m) for the night

Day 5: Shira Camp 2 (3,850m) to Lava Tower (4,630m), then Moir Hut (4,200m)

Accommodation: Moir Hut (Tents) **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Trekking Time: 6–7 hours
Distance: ~10 km (6 miles)
Habitat: Alpine Desert

- Hike towards Lava Tower (4,630m) for acclimatization
- Lunch at Lava Tower, then descend slightly to Moir Hut (4,200m)
- Rest and prepare for the Northern Circuit section

Day 6: Moir Hut (4,200m) to Buffalo Camp (4,020m)

Accommodation: Buffalo Camp (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Trekking Time: 5–6 hours
Distance: ~8 km (5 miles)
Habitat: Alpine Desert

- Ascend Lent Hills (4,700m) for an acclimatization hike
- ✓ Traverse across the northern slopes of Kilimanjaro
- Arrive at **Buffalo Camp (4,020m)** for the night

Day 7: Buffalo Camp (4,020m) to Third Cave Camp (3,870m)

Accommodation: Third Cave Camp (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Trekking Time: 5–6 hoursDistance: ~8 km (5 miles)

• Habitat: Moorland

- Continue across the **northern slopes**, avoiding crowds from other routes
- ✓ Descend slightly to Third Cave Camp (3,870m)
- Relax and prepare for the next day's ascent

Day 8: Third Cave Camp (3,870m) to School Hut (4,800m), then Summit Attempt

Accommodation: School Hut (Tents) **Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Trekking Time: 4–5 hours
Distance: ~5 km (3 miles)
Habitat: Arctic Desert

- Steady ascent to **School Hut (4,800m)** Base Camp for a summit attempt
- ☑ Early dinner and rest (6-7 PM) before the midnight climb

Day 9: Summit Attempt – School Hut to Uhuru Peak (5,895m), Descend to Millennium Camp (3,820m)

Accommodation: Millennium Camp (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Summit Ascent Time: 6–8 hours
- **Descent to Millennium Camp:** 4–5 hours
- Total Distance: ~16 km (10 miles)
- Midnight departure for the final ascent
- Steep climb to Gilman's Point (5,681m)
- Reach Uhuru Peak (5,895m) the highest point in Africa!
- Celebrate at the summit, take photos, and descend to Millennium Camp (3,820m)

Day 10: Millennium Camp (3,820m) to Mweka Gate (1,640m), Return to Moshi

Accommodation: Hotel/Lodge in Moshi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

- Trekking Time: 3–4 hours
 Distance: ~10 km (6 miles)
- Final descent through lush rainforest
- Receive your summit certificate at Mweka Gate
- Transfer back to Moshi for a hot shower & celebration dinner

Package Inclusions:

- 🔽 Kilimanjaro National Park Fees Entry & conservation fees
- Certified Mountain Guides & Porters English-speaking professionals
- Camping Equipment Tents, sleeping mats, dining tent, tables, chairs
- Meals & Drinking Water Full-board meals, hot drinks, purified water
- Emergency Oxygen & First Aid Medical support in case of altitude sickness
- ✓ Hotel Stays in Moshi Pre- & post-trek accommodation
- Airport Transfers Pickup & drop-off at Kilimanjaro International Airport