

MACHAME ROUTE

8 Days / 7 Nights



Machame Route

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

Overview of the Machame route

The **Machame** or “Whiskey” route starts in lush **rainforest** at Machame Gate, crosses the **Shira Plateau**, and tackles **Lava Tower**, the **Barranco Wall**, and **Barafu** before the summit. It is one of the most scenic southern circuits and very popular.

Common lengths are **6 or 7 days on the mountain** (plus hotel nights). The extra day improves acclimatization and is generally easier on the body than the 6-day schedule.

Safety first: Normal age band **12–70 years** for group departures unless your consultant approves otherwise.

Expert recommendation

Machame offers varied landscapes and strong views. The **6-day Machame** is demanding for beginners because it compresses acclimatization; **7-day Machame** is usually a better fit if you have limited altitude experience.

This package with Serengeti Nexus

Below is the **6-day mountain / 8-day tour** day-by-day. Ask us for the **7-day** variant if you want an extra acclimatization day.



DESTINATIONS



Kilimanjaro National Park

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), where you will meet a **Serengeti Nexus** representative and transfer to your hotel. Evening briefing with your coordinator.

Private packages include shared group airport transfers; individual transfers may incur extra cost. **Please note:** Check-in often from **2:00 PM**.

Day 2: Machame Gate to Machame Camp

A guide and mountain crew meet you at the hotel, then you drive to **Machame Gate** for permits and registration. The trail climbs through **rainforest** to Machame Camp — rain is common, so pack waterproofs.

Please note: First day on the mountain at altitude:

- Drink **3–4+ litres** of water daily, little and often.
- Discuss preventive altitude strategies with your doctor; your coordinator can outline common options.
- Report headaches, nausea, or other symptoms to your guide early.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~5 km (3.1 mi)

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Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)



Day 3: Machame Camp to Shira Camp

After breakfast, trek toward **Shira Camp**, leaving the forest for open views of the **Shira Plateau**. Pace yourself as the altitude increases. At camp, lunch and rest, then an **acclimatization hike** toward Lava Tower before returning to Shira for dinner.

Please note: Acclimatization hikes are intentional and improve summit chances.

Acclimatization hike: Shira (~3,750 m) toward a point en route to Lava Tower (~4,120 m) — about **2 km, 1–2 hours**.

Trekking time (main): 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~5 km (3.1 mi)

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Day 4: Shira to Lava Tower and Barranco Camp

Leave Shira and trek to **Lava Tower** (~4,600 m / 15,088 ft) for acclimatization and lunch. The trail is undulating; you may feel the altitude. After sufficient time high, descend to **Barranco Camp** below the **Barranco Wall**.

Trekking time: 6–8 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (6.8 mi)

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Day 5: Barranco to Barafu Camp

Early breakfast, then climb the **Barranco Wall** (often about an hour, non-technical). Continue to **Karanga Camp** for lunch, then ascend to **Barafu** — high camp before the summit. Rest and sleep before the midnight departure.

Trekking time: 8–10 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (6.8 mi)

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Day 6: Uhuru Peak and Millennium Camp

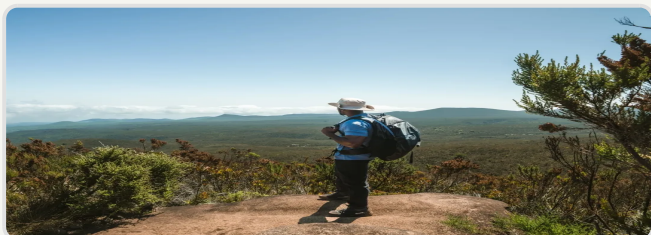
Your team leaves Barafu at night for **Uhuru Peak** (5,895 m / 19,336 ft). Altitude makes even simple walking feel hard; pairs of climbers are normally paired with guides for the ascent. After the summit, optional visit toward the nearest glacier ice, then back to Barafu for rest, then descent to **Millennium Camp**.

Please note: Most accidents occur on the **descent** — mind your feet and trekking poles.

Trekking time: 8–12 hours | **Distance:** ~15 km (9.3 mi)

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Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)



Day 7: Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

Millennium sits in rainforest. After breakfast, descend to **Mweka Gate**, sign the guestbook, receive certificates, and transfer to the hotel.

Day 8: Departure

Hotel rest and airport transfer. **Please note:** Check-out often **11:00 AM**; late checkout may be available for a fee.

ACCOMMODATION

No Accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

Included

- ✓ All transfers in Tanzania as per programme (airport pick-up and drop-off, hotel ? park gate / trailhead)
- ✓ Hotel accommodation before and after the climb (typically bed & breakfast; shared twin unless single supplement)
- ✓ Kilimanjaro National Park fees, camping or hut fees, and rescue fee contributions as applicable
- ✓ Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook(s), and porter crew
- ✓ All meals on the mountain; mess / kitchen tent and group dining equipment
- ✓ Four-season mountain tents (shared, two per tent by default), group sleeping mat, group camping furniture
- ✓ Safety: emergency oxygen, comprehensive group medical kit, daily health monitoring with guides
- ✓ Summit certificates after a successful climb

Excluded

- ⊗ International flights to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- ⊗ Tanzania visa fees (confirm current rate before travel)
- ⊗ Travel and high-altitude evacuation insurance (mandatory — confirm coverage for trekking to 6,000 m)
- ⊗ Tips for guides, cooks, and porters (budget per consultant advice)
- ⊗ Personal trekking clothing, boots, and sleeping bag (rental may be available)
- ⊗ Lunch and dinner at the hotel before/after the climb unless stated otherwise
- ⊗ Single room or single tent supplements; optional portable toilet hire; optional private tent surcharge
- ⊗ Personal expenses, drinks, laundry, and phone/data charges

PRICING INFORMATION

All prices are per person in USD and may vary based on season and group size.

Low Season

April 1 - May 31

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	\$3,701	\$2,871	\$2,611	\$2,553	\$2,515	\$2,395

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	\$3,701	\$2,871	\$2,611	\$2,553	\$2,515	\$2,395

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	\$3,803	\$2,980	\$2,722	\$2,669	\$2,630	\$2,512

Group Discount: The more travelers, the lower the price per person. Perfect for families and groups!