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Duration: 7 Nights / 8 Days

Tour Type: Trekking

Languages: English

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Overview

Lemosho Route is the longest of the standard routes and is without doubt the most beautiful. Expect some of the most extraordinary scenery anywhere in Africa, with well preserved forests, sweeping moorland, heather forests and high desert. Lemosho Route also offers easy walking days and plenty of opportunity for altitude adjustment... The route approaches the summit from the west via the Londorossi Gate and one of the most remote quarters of the region. The trailhead is little more difficult to reach, so Lemosho can sometimes be a more expensive options

Itinerary

[Day 1: Londorossi Gate to MtiMkumbwa\(2,650 m/8,692 ft\)](#)

- ✓ **Hike time:** 3hrs
- ✓ **Elevation Change:** + 650 M/+2,132
- ✓ **Estimation distance:** 10 km
- ✓ **Final Elevation:** 2,650 m/8,694 ft

After a 1 1/2 hour drive from Moshi check in is at the Londorossi Gate. Day 1 is fairly easy with a 3/4 hour climb to MitiMkubwa Camp.

[Day 2: MtiMkubwa \(2,650 m/8,692 ft\) to Shira One Camp \(3,609 m/11,841 ft.\)](#)

- ✓ **Hike time:** 5 – 6 hrs
- ✓ **Elevation change:** + 950 M/+3116

- ✓ **Estimation distance: 12 km**
- ✓ **Final Elevation: 3609 m/11,841 ft**

A few hours walk will see the end of the forest and the beginning of a climb through heather forest to the edge of the Shira Caldera. Destination is the scenic Shira One Camp

Plateau.

Day 3: Shira One Camp (3,609 m/11,841 ft.) to Shira Two Camp (3,849 m/12,628 ft.)

- ✓ **Hike time: 5 – 6 hrs**
- ✓ **Elevation change: + 240 M/+787 ft**
- ✓ **Elevation distance: 5 km**
- ✓ **Final elevation: 3849 m/12,628 ft.**

Today is spent on a gentle hike across the Shira Plateau with possible side trips to Shira Cathedral. Camp is at the first high camp of Shira Two.

NOTE: From Shira Two Camp the trail links with Machame Route.

Day 4: Shira Two Camp (3,849 m/12,628 ft.) to Barranco Hut (3,948 m/12,956 ft.)

- ✓ **Hike time: 5 hrs**
- ✓ **Elevation change: +100 M/+328 ft**
- ✓ **Estimated distance: 6 km**
- ✓ **Final elevation: 3948 m/12,956 ft**

The real work of climbing Kilimanjaro begins here. Today the main feature is a slow climb to Lava Camp followed by a descent to the beautiful Barranco Camp. This is the Climb-High-Sleep-Low principal of altitude adjustment.

Day 5: Barranco Hut (3,900 m/12,800 ft) to Karanga Valley (3,963 m/13,000 ft)

- ✓ **Hike time: 3.5 hrs**
- ✓ **Elevation change: +100 m/+328 ft**
- ✓ **Elevation change: +100 m/+328 ft**
- ✓ **Final elevation: 3,963 m/13,000 ft**

After a climb of the Great Barranco Wall we continue around the southern circuit trail until we reach another scenic location of Karanga Camp.

Day 6: Karanga Valley (3,963 m/13,000 ft) to Barafu Hut (4,600 m/15,091 ft)

- ✓ **Hike time: 3.5 hrs**
- ✓ **Elevation change: +600 m/+1,968 ft**
- ✓ **Estimated distance: 4km/2.5 miles**

✓ **Final elevation: 4,600 m/15,091 ft**

The trail from Karanga to Barafu reaches the bleak high desert of Kilimanjaro. Barafu Camp is a basic camp geared towards the business of reaching the summit.

Day 7: Barafu Camp (4,600m/15,091 ft) to The Summit (5,896 m/19,343 ft) and then to Mweka Camp (3,100 m/10,170 ft)

✓ **Summit time: 7 hrs**

✓ **Elevation change: +1,300 m/+4,265 ft**

✓ **Estimated distance: 5km/3.2 miles**

✓ **Final elevation: 5,896 m/19,343 ft**

✓ **Descent time: 5 hrs**

✓ **Elevation change: -2,800 m/-9,186 ft**

✓ **Estimated distance: 12km/7.5 miles**

✓ **Final elevation: 3,100 m, 10,170 ft**

This is a midnight ‘Alpine Summit’ to make sure we reach the summit by dawn, in time to return to Mweka Camp for the sake of improved

comfortable night.

Day 8: Mweka Hut (3,100 m/10,170 ft) to Mweka Gate (1,828 m/6,000 ft)

✓ **Descent time: 4 hrs**

✓ **Elevation change: -1,250 m/-4,101 ft**

✓ **Estimated distance: 10km/6.21**

✓ **Final elevation: 1,828 m/6,000 ft**

Today is a short walk towards Mweka Gate and pickup. It is a short day with arrival at the Gate at about 12:00 noon. Checkout and return to Moshi.

Included

✓ Two nights bed and breakfast accommodation in Moshi Town

✓ Full board accommodation on the mountain

✓ All park fees

✓ Hut fees

✓ Oxygen cylinder – only for emergency

✓ English speaking guide

✓ Mountain crew (cook and porters)

✓ First aid kit and pulse oximeter

- ✓ Bottled drinking
- ✓ Mentioned transfers

Excluded

- ✗ Sleeping bags
- ✗ Gratuities
- ✗ Beverage
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Flight
- ✗ Laundry
- ✗ All meals and drinks in Moshi town