



TANZANIA MODERN TOURS

Proposal

## 7 Day Kilimanjaro climbing via Shira route

Tanzania

### Overview:

Londorossi Gate is the most foresightful and numerous far-flung routes to Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Following lovely forests and moorlands, it crosses the Shira plateau to link up wide awake with the Machame route. Kids may well be accompanied on the first day by a furnished ranger for the forest's regarding the Londrosi Glades are rich in buffalo, elephant and variant game. Kilimanjaro Hemingway, Kilimanjaro dark jazz. Climbing and watching wildlife on foot.

### Itineraries in Detail:

#### **Day 1: Londorossi Gate (2250m) Shira 1 (3600m)**

Pick up from your hotel in Moshi, drive to the Londorossi Gate for registration, then drive a short distance on a steep track through farmland and plantations (2,800 m.), and continue climbing through shrub forest to reach the rim of Shira Plateau (3,350 m.). The views across the surrounding plains open out as we climb (5-6 hours walking). Dinner and overnight at Shira 1 campsite (3,550 m.).

Main Destination:

Mount Kilimanjaro

Accommodation:

Budget camping

- on Mt Kilimanjaro

## **Day 2: Transfer from Shira 1 to Shira 2 3840M**

After breakfast start easy day for acclimatization and to explore the grassy moorland and the volcanic rock formations of the plateau. We walk to the Shira peak Cathedral (3,750 m.), a huge buttress of rock surrounded by steep spires and pinnacles. There is a tangible sense of wilderness here (especially when the afternoon mists come in!) and the Mt Meru views from Shira 2 campsite (3,840 meters, 4 hours walking).

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## **Day 3: Mawenzi Tarn Camp**

Your trek starts with an ascent with far-reaching panoramic views, walking in to the climatic zone of the upland desert and on the lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. You will reach the distinct pinnacle of the Lava Tower (4640 m), our high point for the day and a great place to enjoy your lunch. In the afternoon we make a steep descent to our camp for the night, located in the base of the Great Barranco Valley (3960 m), sheltered by towering cliffs but with extensive views of the plains below.

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## **Day 4: School Campsite**

Our day starts by descending into the start of the Great Barranco, a huge ravine. We then exit steeply, up the Great Barranco Wall, which divides us from the southeastern slopes of Kibo. It's a climb over rock, not technical but long and tiring. Passing underneath the Heim and Kersten glaciers, we head towards the Karanga valley. From here we have a steep climb up from Karanga valley to our night's camp at Karanga camp, set at 3963m. For those feeling strong we will go for a mid-afternoon acclimatization trek up to around 4200m before descending back to camp for the night.

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## **Day 5: Karanga Camp (3963m) / Barafu camp (4600m)**

After a good night's rest and breakfast, we set off on our walk to Barafu camp at 4640 m. The climb will take us across desolate scree slopes with no vegetation around us at all. It's a tough steep walk made more difficult by the altitude. On arriving at camp we eat and spend the afternoon resting as we prepare for a long night and day ahead. It is important to keep hydrated and warm. We have an early dinner and then try to get some sleep as we will be getting up at between 11 pm and 12 pm to start the climb to the summit.

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## **Day 6: Barafu Camp (4640m) / Uhuru Peak (5895m) to Millennium Camp (3790m)**

We start off at around midnight, and walk steeply upwards to the summit glaciers. We will be climbing scree for 4 to 5 hours but gain incredible height over a short distance. The views are spectacular. We should be on the crater rim at Stella Point (5739m) as the first rays of the sun hit us. Spectacular ice cliffs within the crater surround us and the views to jagged Mawenzi peak and beyond are breathtaking. Another hour's walking takes us to the summit, Uhuru Peak (5895m). We begin our descent by returning to Stella Point and then descending on scree slope and track back to Barafu Camp for breakfast, before finally heading down to Millennium Camp for a long well-earned rest.

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## **Day 7: Barafu Camp (4640m) / Uhuru Peak (5895m) to Millennium Camp (3790m)**

A gentle trek takes us down through the rain forest to Mweka Gate, where we complete park formalities and receive certificates, which you can hang up with pride! We are then met by our vehicles and return to the hotel in Moshi, where you can treat yourself to a welcome shower (and a cold beer or two) before our big celebration.

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Accommodation:

No accommodation (End of tour)

## **Inclusives**

- All activities (Unless labeled as optional)
- All accommodation (Unless listed as upgrade)
- A professional driver/guide
- All transportation (Unless labeled as optional)
- All Taxes/VAT
- Roundtrip airport transfer
- Meals (As specified in the day-by-day section)
- Drinking water (On all days)

## **Exclusives**

- International flights (From/to home)
- Additional accommodation before and at the end of the tour
- Tips (Tipping guideline US\$10.00 pp per day)
- Personal items (Souvenirs, travel insurance, visa fees, etc.)
- Government imposed increase of taxes and/or park fees
- Some meals (As specified in the day-by-day section)