

KILIMANJARO ROUTE COMPARISON

Machame – Lemosho – Marangu



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A high-altitude mountain landscape under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, three tents are pitched on a rocky, dusty slope. From left to right, there is a large green tent, a yellow tent with a red sleeping bag hanging over its entrance, and a smaller orange and yellow tent. The background shows a vast, desolate mountain range with patches of snow and rocky terrain. A dark blue rectangular box is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image, containing white text.

DETAILED COMPARISONS

What really are the differences between each route? How do I know the best one for me?















ROUTE STATS

Crowd Level






Machame	Heavily Trafficked - Most Popular Route	   
Lemosho	Moderately Trafficked	   
Marangu	Most Trafficked - Out and Back	    

Elevation Gain

Machame	+13,623 ft.	    
Lemosho	+12,452 ft.	  
Marangu	+13,206 ft.	   

COMPARISONS CONTINUED

Days for Completion

Machame	6 or 7 Days	      
Lemosho	8 Days	       
Marangu	5 Days	    

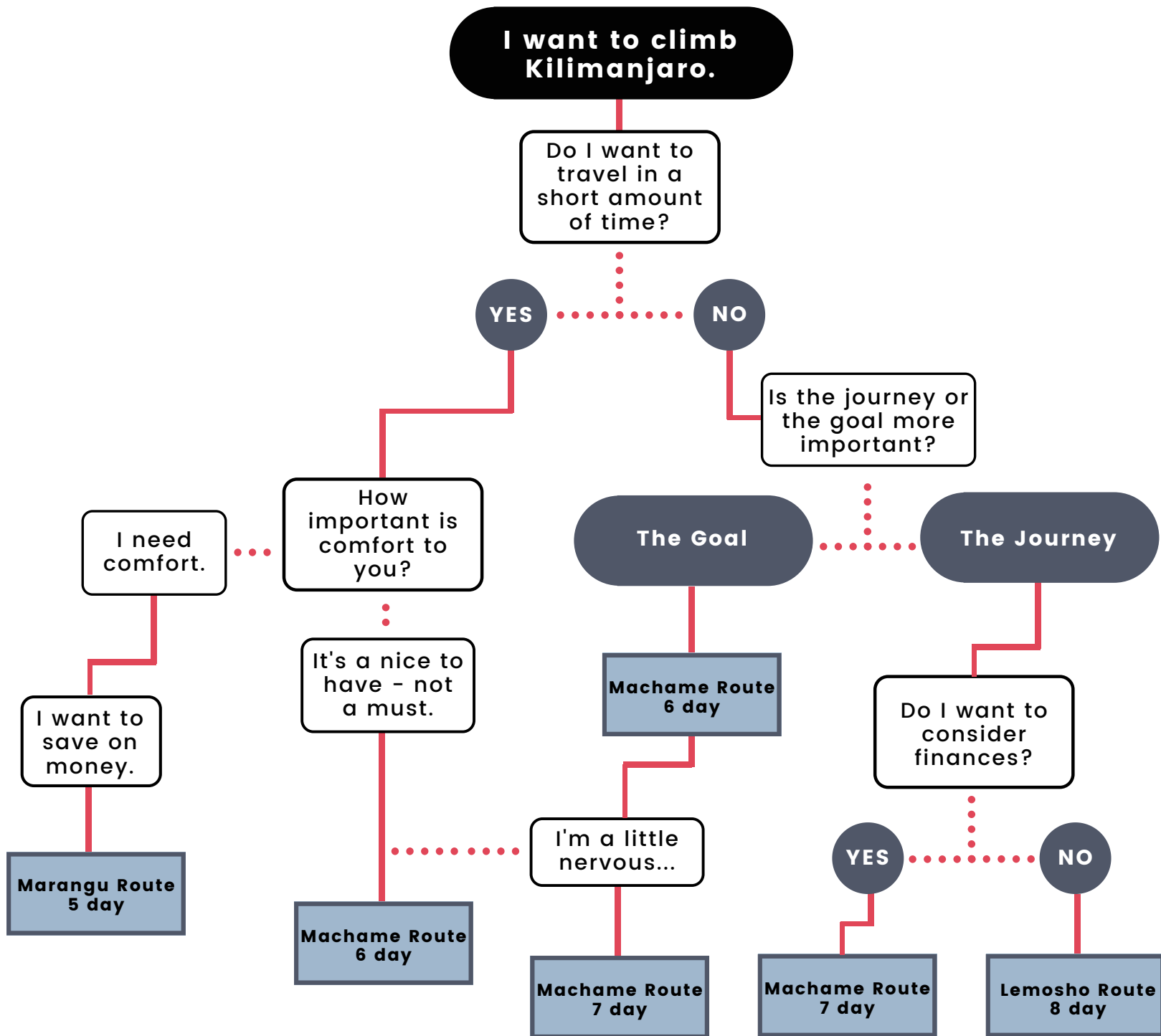
Cost Per Person

Machame	\$2,349	  
Lemosho	\$2,899	   
Marangu	\$2,099	 



ROUTE FLOW CHART

Decide which route is best for you.
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ALL ABOUT MACHAME

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Overview

The Machame Route, also commonly referred to as the “Whiskey” route, is the most popular route on Kilimanjaro. Many hikers choose the Machame route due to its breathtaking scenery, its level of difficulty, and shorter route itineraries.

6 or 7 Day?

Kopa Tours® offers Machame as either a seven day or six day climb. Those feeling apprehensive or lacking high altitude experience typically opt for the 7-day itinerary, as it provides an extra essential day for acclimatization to the high altitude.

Route Details

Machame offers stunning views of the summit throughout the whole trip. Starting from Machame Gate, you will take a whimsical trip through the rainforest. Then, traverse along the open vista southern circuit before summiting from Barafu Camp. Unlike other routes, Machame offers shorter itineraries allotted for climbing. Therefore, this route is best for people seeking a challenge, those with some high altitude experience, or those traveling on a budget.



ALL ABOUT LEMOSHO

/LEH-MO-SH-O/

Overview

The Lemosho Route is the newest and most scenic route on Kilimanjaro, offering variable view points of the mountain. Many choose the Lemosho route due to its low level of crowds coupled with its high success rate.

Why Lemosho?

The scenery is beautiful and the itinerary is longer, which allows climbers lacking high altitude experience more time to acclimatize. After converging with the Machame route, the Lemosho route does become more crowded.

Route Details

Starting from the West side of Kilimanjaro, you enter at the Londorossi Gate. You will take a picturesque trip through the rainforest and then continue across the flat Shira Plateau. Next, you converge with the Machame route on day 4 at Barranco. From here, you will traverse to higher elevation before summiting from Barafu Camp.



ALL ABOUT MARANGU

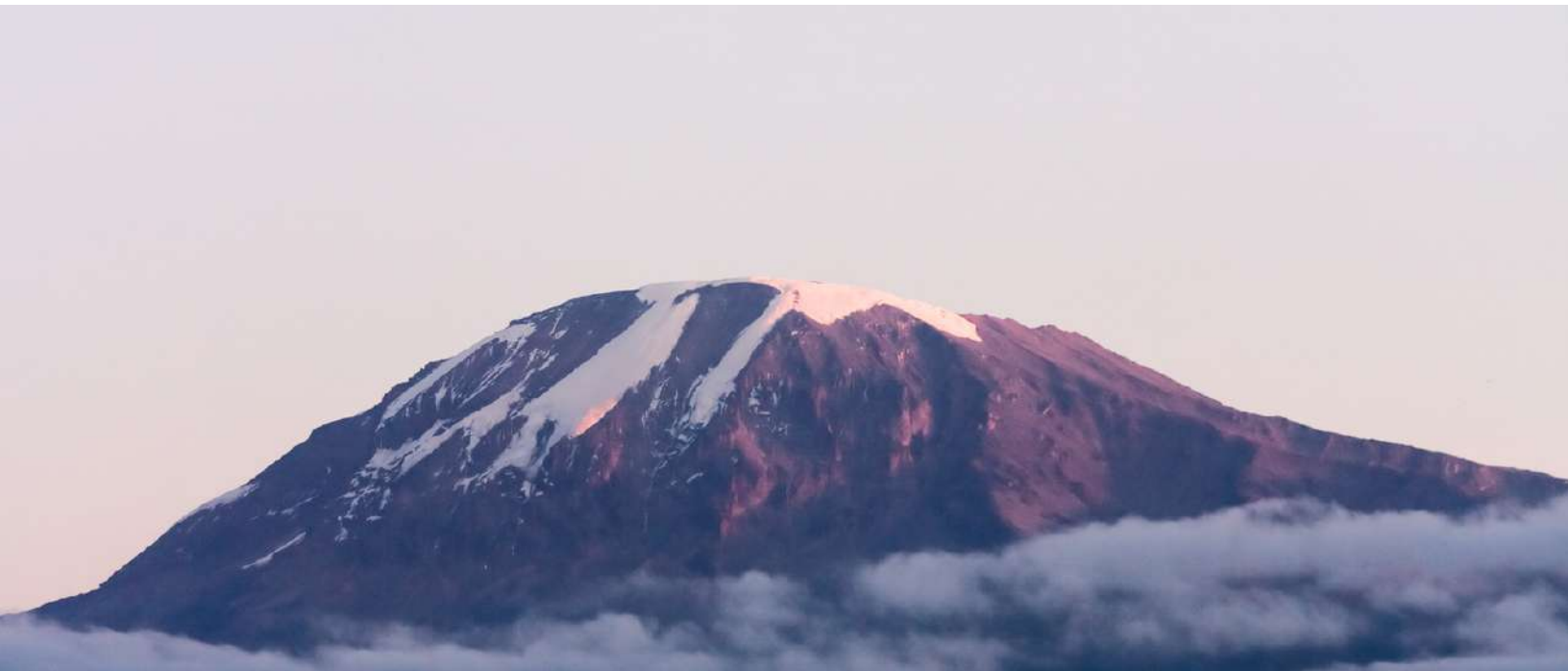
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Overview

The Marangu Route, also commonly referred to as the “Coca-Cola” route, is the most luxurious route on Kilimanjaro. Many choose the Marangu route because it is the only route which offers sleeping huts rather than traditional tent camping in. In addition, hikers are inclined to choose Marangu because it is considered to be one of the easier paths, with more gradual slopes, to the summit. However, that's not to say it doesn't come with its difficulties. For some, the short time frame itinerary makes altitude acclimatization a difficult task.

Route Details

Starting from Marangu Gate, you will traverse from the Southeast side of the mountain before summiting from Kibo Hut. After summiting, you will descend back to Marangu Gate via the same route you ascended on.



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The Trip of a Lifetime!

I went to climb Kilimanjaro with a decent amount of worry - worried that I might not make it to the top, worried about the strenuous hiking, just all of it. I climbed with Kopa Tours again not really knowing what to expect. However, an employee named Kellie kept in touch with me every step of the way and called me before my flight, and we talked through my concerns. I summited the mountain successfully. Along the way, the staff was incredible. Everyone I have met has been extremely professional and kind. A trip to remember forever!

"I was very confident up the mountain, they were very professional, super guys and the whole hike was fantastic. Kopa Tours is the way to go."

Summit Mount Kilimanjaro

I went with Kopa Tours on my Kilimanjaro trek. The porters and guides were so helpful and really took good care of our party. We made it to the summit with much encouragement from our guides.

