



LEMOSHO ROUTE

**8 Day
Itinerary**



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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.

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 Macahame route on day 4 at Barranco.

From here, you will traverse to higher elevation before summiting from Barafu Camp.

The scenery is beautiful and the trail are overall less crowded than alternative routes. After converging with the Machame route, the Lemosho route does become more crowded. Unlike other routes, Lemosho has a longer itinerary allotted for climbing. That makes this route best for people who have lacked high altitude experience beforehand and might need extra time to acclimatize.

Kopa Tours® offers Lemosho as an eight day climb. Those feeling apprehensive or lacking high altitude experience typically book the Lemosho route, especially due to its high summit success rate.

MAP

Elevation Graph



Climate Zones of Kilimanjaro:

- Cultivation
- Rainforest
- Heather and Moorland
- Alpine Desert
- Arctic



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DAY 1

LONDOROSSI GATE TO MTI MKUBWA CAMP

We will drive from Springlands Hotel to Londerossi Gate, which takes 4 hours. Our hike begins at the gate. From here, we will walk through the dense rain forest to Mti Mkubwa Camp.



DAY 2

MTI MKUBWA CAMP TO SHIRA 1 CAMP

Already, you leave the rain forest behind and the trail will begin to steepen as you enter the heather and moorland zone. You will cross the Shira ridge and then slowly descend into the Shira 1 camp which is located by a stream on the Shira plateau.



DAY 3

SHIRA 1 CAMP TO SHIRA 2 CAMP

Today's hike is a gentle walk through the moorland with its tall grasses and volcanic rocks. You will then cross a plateau to reach Shira 2 camp. This day is best used for acclimatization. There are a variety of walks available to do in the afternoon near the plateau. Talk with your guide to hear about all of your options.



DAY 4

SHIRA 2 CAMP TO LAVA TOWER TO BARRANCO CAMP

Today's hike will begin uphill and then descend into Barranco camp in the afternoon. First, you head up a gradual ridge until you reach Lava Tower, a 300 ft free-standing volcanic rock formation. Upon reaching Lava tower, you will descend through the Senecio Forest to Barranco camp.



DAY 5

BARRANCO CAMP TO KARANGA

You begin your morning scrambling up the 900 ft vertical, yet nontechnical Barranco wall. Then, you will venture through valleys and make one more climb to Karanga camp. Spend the afternoon resting and acclimatizing.



"MEMORIES MADE IN THE MOUNTAINS
STAY IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER."



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DAY 6

KARANGA TO BARAFU CAMP

You leave Karanga camp and reach a junction that connects with the Mweka trail. You will continue up a rocky section to Barafu Camp. Now, you can see the summit straight ahead. Rest up and for your midnight summit attempt.



4-5 hours, 3 miles



2,225 ft elevation gain



alpine desert climate zone

DAY 7 PART 1

BARAFU CAMP TO UHURU PEAK

You start your ascent at midnight to reach Stella Point (18,900 ft) in time for an amazing sunrise. It will be steep and full of switchbacks over loose volcanic scree. From here, continue 1 more hour to Uhuru Peak - the highest point in Africa!



7-8 hours, 3 miles



4,000 ft elevation gain



arctic climate zone

DAY 7 PART 2

UHURU PEAK TO MWEKA CAMP

From Uhuru, descend to Barafu Camp - gather your belongings, rest and continue on to Mweka Camp. The trail is rocky and can be hard on the knees; trekking poles are advised. At night, let your incredible journey settle in.



4-6 hours, 7 miles



Down 9,276 ft in elevation



rainforest climate zone

DAY 8

MWEKA CAMP TO MWEKA GATE

On your last day, enjoy the fresh breakfast from the village, pack up and remember to bring your hiking poles as the trail can be muddy and wet in the rain forest. Back at lower elevation, receive your summit certificates!



3-4 hours, 6 miles



Down 4,685 ft in elevation



rainforest climate zone

98% SUCCESS RATE

