



HIGHEST POINT
BEST FREE-STANDING MOUNTAIN

TANZANIA

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS DAYS

Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit — 9-Day Grand Traverse

The ultimate Kilimanjaro experience — a complete circumnavigation of the mountain offering unrivalled acclimatisation, solitude, and a near-perfect summit rate.



EDITORIAL OVERVIEW

Experience Overview

The Northern Circuit is the longest and most immersive route on Kilimanjaro — a grand traverse that circumnavigates the entire mountain before the summit push. At nine days, it provides the best acclimatisation of any route, resulting in a near-perfect summit success rate exceeding 95%. Beginning on the Lemosho approach from the west, the route traverses the Shira Plateau before breaking north — entering terrain that fewer than 5% of Kilimanjaro climbers ever see. The Northern Circuit passes through pristine alpine desert with views of the northern glaciers, the imposing Northern Icefields, and on clear mornings, both Mount Meru and Kenya's expanse visible simultaneously. The extra days allow your body to acclimatise naturally and thoroughly, turning the mountain into an extended wilderness retreat rather than a race to the top. Camp sites are virtually private, the silence is profound, and the connection to the mountain is deeply personal. Converging with the traditional routes at Barafu Camp, the summit attempt follows the proven midnight approach to Stella Point and Uhuru Peak. This is the definitive Kilimanjaro experience for those who want to savour every step.

SIGNATURE MOMENTS

Highlights

- ★ Near-perfect summit success rate (95%+)
- ★ Complete circumnavigation of Kilimanjaro
- ★ Terrain seen by fewer than 5% of climbers
- ★ Northern Icefields and glaciers up close
- ★ Best natural acclimatisation of any route
- ★ Virtually private campsites and profound wilderness solitude
- ★ Simultaneous views of Mount Meru and Kenya



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Journey Route

Follow your journey across Tanzania's iconic landscapes

SAFARI ROUTE OVERVIEW

■ Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

Day 1–9 — Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

ROUTE SUMMARY

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Itinerary

Your day-by-day journey through Tanzania

DAY 1

Londorossi Gate to Mti Mkubwa (2,895 m)

Register at Londorossi Gate and trek through ancient forest to Big Tree Camp. The Lemosho starting point offers the most pristine wilderness approach.

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DAY 2

Mti Mkubwa to Shira 2 Camp (3,840 m)

Long but gentle climb through heather onto the expansive Shira Plateau. Camp with sunset views of the summit.

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DAY 3

Shira 2 to Lava Tower & Moir Hut (4,200 m)

Acclimatisation hike to Lava Tower (4,630 m). Descend to camp at Moir Hut in a remote valley on Kilimanjaro's northern face.

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DAY 4

Moir Hut to Buffalo Camp (4,020 m)

Traverse the rarely-trekking northern circuit with views into Kenya and the Northern Ice Field. Few other trekkers — pure wilderness.

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DAY 5

Buffalo Camp to Third Cave (3,870 m)

Continue the northern traverse across lava ridges. Camp at Third Cave with views of Mawenzi's pinnacles and the Saddle.

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DAY 6

Third Cave to School Hut (4,750 m)

Cross the Saddle — a high-altitude desert between Mawenzi and Kibo. Arrive at School Hut for final preparations.

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DAY 7

Summit Day — Uhuru Peak (5,895 m)

Midnight summit push via Gilman's Point and Stella Point to Uhuru Peak at sunrise. Descend to Millennium Camp to rest.

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DAY 8

Millennium Camp to Mweka Camp

Descent through alpine desert and heather zones to Mweka Camp in the upper rainforest. Celebration dinner with crew.

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DAY 9

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

Final trek through rainforest to Mweka Gate. Receive your summit certificate and transfer to Arusha for celebration.

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WHERE YOU'LL STAY

Accommodation

Accommodation recommendations will be finalized with your chosen travel dates.



PACKAGE DETAILS

What's Included

Included

- ✓ All KINAPA park fees
- ✓ KINAPA-licensed lead guide and assistants
- ✓ Porters and private camp chef
- ✓ Premium camping equipment (4-season tents, thick sleeping mats)
- ✓ All meals on the mountain
- ✓ Purified drinking water
- ✓ Daily pulse oximetry and health monitoring
- ✓ Summit certificate
- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ Pre-trek hotel night in Moshi

Excluded

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Travel insurance (mandatory)
- ✗ Personal climbing gear
- ✗ Gratuities for mountain crew
- ✗ Personal snacks and extras

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Share your preferred travel dates and let us tailor this experience around your
pace, interests, and preferences.

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