

Mount Kilimanjaro Climb and Safari, Tanzania, Africa

Kilimanjaro Climb - Lemosho Route - 11 Days - Safari - 3 Days

Date: 19 January – 29 January 2026

Safari Extension: 29 January – 01 February 2026

Price: USD 4,590.00

Per Person/Twin Share

(Price subject to change due to exchange rate fluctuation and minimum group numbers).

* A USD 400.00 single room/tent supplement is available (please request at the time of booking).

Safari Tour – 4 Days/3 nights

Great Northern Highlights – features Tarangire National Park & Ngorongoro Crater.

Dates: 29 January – 01 February 2026

Price: USD 1,390.00

Per Person/Twin Share

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About Kilimanjaro

Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa, rising 5,895m above sea level in the Kilimanjaro National Park, Tanzania. It is one of the acclaimed 'Seven Summits of the World' and a tourist haven for adventurous travellers.

It rises abruptly from the open plains to form the snow-capped peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi, frequently fringed by clouds. Kilimanjaro, with its three volcanic cones, Kibo, Mawenzi, and Shira, is a dormant volcanic mountain that developed hundreds of thousands of years ago. Sulphur fumes can emit pungent smells inside the crater, and fumaroles escape the inner Ash Pit. The origin of the name "Kilimanjaro" is shrouded in mystery. In Kiswahili, the word kilima means "small hill," while -njaro means "greatness." The last word also means "caravan" in Kichagga, the language of the skilled people who settled around the lower slopes.

According to ancient myths, Njaro is also the name of a fearful demon believed to have lived on the summit. Last but not least, for the Waswahili people, who have been caravan drivers for centuries, the word Kilimanjaro meant "landmark." Kilimanjaro, by any name, is a metaphor for the compelling beauty of East Africa and the crown of Tanzania.

When you see it, you understand why. Not only is this the highest peak on the African continent, but it is also the tallest free-standing mountain in the world. Rising in breathtaking isolation from the surrounding coastal scrubland around 900m to an imperious 5,895m on the summit of Uhuru Peak/Kibo Peak, Kilimanjaro is one of the world's most accessible high summits, a beacon for visitors from around the world.

There are different routes to climb Kilimanjaro, the roof of Africa's great mountain. Most climbers reach the Crater rim with little more than a pair of trekking poles, proper clothing, and determination. Those who reach Uhuru Point, the actual summit of Kilimanjaro, will have earned their climbing certificates and cherished memories to last a lifetime.

But there is so much more to Kilimanjaro than her summit. The ascent of the slopes is a virtual climatic world tour from the tropics to the Arctic. Before you cross the national park boundary at about 2,700m, the cultivated foot slopes give way to a lush montane forest inhabited by elusive elephants, leopards, buffaloes, the endangered Abbot's duiker, and other small antelopes and primates.

The surrounding rainforest ensures the fertility of the lush, lower-lying Shamba country, where the Chagga people cultivate coffee, maize, and bananas. Higher still lies the moorland zone, where giant lobelias cover immense heather. Above 4,000m, a surreal alpine desert supports little life besides a few hardy mosses and lichens. Finally, the last inherent vegetation gives way to a winter wonderland of ice and snow and the magnificent beauty of the roof of the African continent.

The eight-day trekking Northern Circuit – Lemosho – Route itinerary gives the maximum possible acclimatisation and flexibility to enjoy the magnificent mountain scenery that extends from the volcanic summit to the vast African plains.

The remote Lemosho Route I guide my clients on is a breathtaking option for trekkers eager to explore less-stamped trails through diverse mountain conditions. We trek through forest and moorland to the caldera of the Shira volcano and explore the captivating rock formations on the Shira Plateau before traversing beneath the southern ice fields of Kilimanjaro.

We enjoy spectacular early morning views of Kibo as we follow the main route to the summit of Uhuru Peak (5,895m) on the Crater rim. Climbing the magnificent mountain, you will pass from a tropical to an arctic climate in a few thrilling days, proudly standing on the roof of Africa!

Itinerary

Day 1: Monday, January 19th

Arrive at Kilimanjaro National Airport (JRO), Tanzania – *Under The Shade Safari Lodge*, Arusha (1,387m)

Drive time: 1 hour

Meal Plan: Dinner at *Under the Shade Safari Lodge*

Day 2: Tuesday, January 20th

Under The Shade Safari Lodge, Arusha (1,387m)—This is an African time zone acclimatisation day in Arusha. Climb orientation with Cherie and African guides—clothing and equipment check.

Meal Plan: Breakfast and Dinner at *Under The Shade Safari Lodge*

Day 3: Wednesday, January 21st

Under The Shade Safari Lodge (1,387m) – Londorossi Park Gate (2,250m) – Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,750m)

Meal Plan: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Drive time: 3-4 hours driving from Arusha

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Day 4: Thursday, January 22nd

Mti Mkubwa (2,750m) – Shira 1 Camp (3,550m)

Meal Plan: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Walking time: 5-6 hours

Day 5: Friday, January 23rd

Shira 1 Camp (3,550m) – Shira 2 Camp (3,840m)

Meal Plan: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Walking time: 4-5 hours

Day 6: Saturday, January 24th

Shira 2 Camp (3,840m) – Barranco Camp (3,950m)

Meal Plan: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Walking time: 6-7 hours

Day 7: Sunday, January 25th

Barranco Camp (3,950m) – Karanga Valley Camp (4,000m)

Meal Plan: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Walking time: 4-5 hours

Day 8: Monday, January 26th

Karanga Valley Camp (4,000m) – Barafu Camp (4,600m)

Meal Plan: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Walking time: 4-5 hours

Day 9: Tuesday, January 27th

Barafu Camp (4,600m) – Summit Uhuru Peak (5,895m) – Millennium Camp (3,900m)

Meal Plan: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Walking time: 6 - 7 hours to the Crater rim of Stella Point, 1 hour to the summit, 3- 4 hours to Barafu, 3-4 hours to Millennium Camp (3,900m)

Day 10: Wednesday, January 28th

Millennium Camp (3,900m) – Mweka Park Gate (1,650m) – *Under The Shade Safari Lodge*, Arusha (1,387m)

Meal Plan: Breakfast: Mweka Camp/Lunch: Mweka Gate/Dinner: *Under The Shade Safari Lodge*

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Drive time: 2-3 hours

Day 11: Thursday, January 29th

Under The Shade Safari Lodge, Arusha – Kilimanjaro National Airport, Tanzania, or Safari Extension – *Marera Valley Lodge*, Karatu

Meal Plan: Breakfast/Lunch: *Under The Shade Safari Lodge*/Dinner: *Marera Valley Lodge*, Karatu

Drive time: 2-3 hours

Day 12: Safari, Friday, January 30th

Marera Valley Lodge, Karatu, – Ngorongoro Crater – *Marera Valley Lodge*, Karatu

Meal Plan: Breakfast at *Marera Valley Lodge*/Picnic Lunch/Dinner at *Marera Valley Lodge*

Drive time: Full-day Safari tour

Day 13: Safari, Saturday, January 31st

Marera Valley Lodge, Karatu, Safari – Tarangire National Park – *Kibo Palace Hotel*, Arusha.

Meal Plan: Breakfast at *Marera Valley Lodge*, Karatu, Picnic Lunch, and dinner at *Kibo Palace Hotel*, Arusha.

Drive time: Full-day Safari tour

Day 14: Sunday, February 01st

Departure – *Kibo Palace Hotel*, Arusha. Depart to Kilimanjaro National Airport, Tanzania

Meal Plan: Breakfast at *Kibo Palace Hotel*, Arusha

Drive time: 0.5 hours

End of the expedition, **KARIBU TANZANIA**

* Itinerary subject to change

* Minimum number of people for guaranteed expedition departure: 6 people

* Single room/tent supplement available at an additional cost of USD 600

*** Trek itinerary, clothing & equipment list; medical information, vaccinations, and Q&A will be provided upon booking.**

Trek Inclusions:

- Arrival/Departure transfers on both domestic and international flights
- Professional African mountain guides
- Experienced camping chef, kitchen assistants, and porters for the trek
- Camping and catering equipment
- Meet and Greet
- Trip briefing
- AMREF: Emergency Medical Evacuation
- Quality Hotel accommodation in Arusha before and after the trek (twin share)
- Three unlimited meals per day during the trek
- Breakfast and dinner in Arusha before and after the trek
- All Park fees (approx. USD 1000)
- All government taxes for the indicated services
- Rescue fee on the trek
- 1.5-litre bottled water on the first day of the trek and 4- 5 L of boiled water each day during the trek
- Transfer to Londorossi Gate and pick up from Mweka Gates
- Forest fees at the Londorossi Gate
- Transfers from and to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- Pre-trek training advice prescribed by Cherie, including mentoring and support from the moment you commit to the expedition
- Professional & experienced African trekking co-guide & assistant guides well trained in Wilderness First Aid
- Porters are to carry all personal gear and group camping equipment
- Comprehensive First Aid Kit
- Portable Oxygen Cylinder
- Trip Certificate

Trek Exclusions:

- Internal and international flights
- International airport departure taxes

- Tips for African guides and porters
- Drinks (excluding boiled water during the trek)
- Alcoholic and carbonated beverages at *Under The Shade Safari Lodge*, Arusha
- Lunches at *Under The Shade Safari Lodge*, Arusha – Days 1, 2, 10.
- Single room/tent supplement
- Visa and travel insurance
- Vaccinations and malaria medication
- Any add-on tours or activities not mentioned in the program
- All personal clothing for the climb
- Sleeping bag
- Flat sleeping mattress
- Personal expenses (laundry, phone calls)

Safari Tour

I have arranged a fantastic Great Northern Highlights Safari that will take place immediately after the Kilimanjaro Climb.

This captivating tour features thrilling game viewing in the Tarangire, South Serengeti National Parks, and the Ngorongoro Crater.

Ngorongoro Crater

Ngorongoro Crater is an extraordinary natural wonder and boasts the most unique ecosystem on Earth. It hosts over 20,000 large grazing animals and has the highest density of predators in the world. Among the nine volcanoes in the conservation area, Oldonyo Lengai is particularly notable for being the only active volcano. Spanning 8300 square kilometers, the conservation area encompasses the crater with an average diameter of 23 kilometers. The crater covers 250 square kilometers and reaches an average depth of 600 meters. Numerous activities in the surrounding area enrich understanding of its historical, geographical, and cultural significance.

Tarangire National Park

This park is renowned for its abundant wildlife, visible from numerous vantage points. Here, herds of elephants roam freely. You'll also encounter other game such as buffalo, elands, warthogs, fringe-eared oryx, lesser and greater kudus, gerenuks, and many impalas.

Throughout the year, a remarkable variety of colorful birds flit and flutter along the rugged paths. You'll also find many Baobab trees (often called upside-down trees) here. Furthermore, the diverse colors of vegetation, supported by the ecosystem, contribute to a breathtaking landscape.

Safari Inclusions:

- AMREF: Emergency Medical Evacuation
- Full Board Lodge accommodation on Safari
- Three meals per day during Safari
- Professional English-speaking Driver/Guide

- Game drives in 4WD vehicles with a pop-up roof for optimal game viewing and photography.
- All Park fees
- All government taxes for the indicated services
- Crater fees
- 5 litres of bottled water per person per day during Safari
- Transfers to the Airport

Safari Exclusions:

- International flights
- International airport departure taxes
- Tips and gratitude to the guide
- Drinks
- Laundry
- Visas and travel insurance
- Vaccinations and malaria medication
- Any additional tours or activities not mentioned in the program
- Balloon Safari in Serengeti: USD 546 per person
- Olduvai Museum fee: USD 36 per person

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