

ADVENTURE | TANZANIA

8 Days Hike Machame Route

DURATION	FROM (PER PERSON)	TRIP STYLE	TRIP CODE
8 days / 7 nights	£1,939.20	Adventure	WTE-3767

Overview

Nicknamed the "Whiskey Route," the Machame Route is one of the most scenic and popular ways to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. It is more demanding than Marangu, but rewards you with constantly changing landscapes and some of the best views on the mountain.

Over eight days you climb from lush rainforest through moorland and alpine desert to the summit of Uhuru Peak (5,895m). The itinerary follows the proven "climb high, sleep low" approach, with a day up to Lava Tower (4,630m) before descending to Barranco Camp to help you acclimatise.

Highlights

- Rainforest trails from Machame Gate
- Dramatic views of Shira Ridge and Kibo Peak
- Acclimatisation at Lava Tower (4,630m)
- The thrilling, non-technical Barranco Wall climb
- A midnight summit push via Stella Point to Uhuru Peak, then descent via Mweka

Who it suits

Fit, adventurous trekkers and photographers who want variety and a real sense of challenge. It is a camping route, fully supported by our guides, cooks and porters.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrival in Arusha / Moshi

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport, where you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha for a pre-climb briefing and gear check with your mountain guide. Rest and prepare for your hiking adventure.

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

Accommodation: Hotel in Moshi / Arusha

DAY 02

Machame Gate (1,800m) – Machame Camp (3,000m)

After breakfast, drive to Machame Gate for registration and meet your crew of guides and porters. Begin your hike through the lush montane rainforest, where you may spot blue monkeys and exotic birds. Arrive at Machame Camp, situated just above the forest zone.

Trek Time: 5–7 hours

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Machame Camp

DAY 03

Machame Camp (3,000m) – Shira Camp (3,840m)

Today's trek takes you out of the forest and into the moorland zone. The trail climbs steadily, revealing dramatic views of Shira Ridge and Kibo Peak. Reach Shira Camp, located on a beautiful plateau, and enjoy an evening above the clouds.

Trek Time: 4–6 hours

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Shira Camp

DAY 04

Shira Camp (3,840m) – Lava Tower (4,630m) – Barranco Camp (3,950m)

A key acclimatization day. You'll ascend to Lava Tower (4,630m) for lunch, then descend through the scenic valley to Barranco Camp. This "climb high, sleep low" approach greatly aids in acclimatization.

Trek Time: 6–8 hours

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Barranco Camp

DAY 05

Barranco Camp (3,950m) – Karanga Camp (4,035m)

Start with the thrilling Barranco Wall climb — a highlight of the route! The path zigzags up the rock face with rewarding views. Continue through alpine desert landscapes to Karanga Camp, perched between valleys below Kibo Peak.

Trek Time: 4–5 hours

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Karanga Camp

DAY 06

Karanga Camp (4,035m) – Barafu Camp (4,640m)

A short but steep hike brings you to Barafu Camp, the base for your summit push. Rest, eat, and prepare your gear for the midnight ascent to Uhuru Peak.

Trek Time: 3–4 hours

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Barafu Camp

DAY 07

Barafu Camp (4,640m) – Uhuru Peak (5,895m) – Mweka Camp (3,100m)

Summit Day! Start your climb around midnight under a sky full of stars. Ascend steadily to Stella Point (5,756m) and continue along the crater rim to reach Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa! Enjoy your moment at the top before descending to Mweka Camp for a well-earned rest.

Trek Time: 10–14 hours total

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Mweka Camp

DAY 08

Mweka Camp (3,100m) – Mweka Gate (1,640m) – Departure

After breakfast, descend through the lush rainforest to Mweka Gate, where you'll receive your summit certificate. Drive back to Moshi or Arusha for a hot shower and relaxation, or continue your adventure with a Tanzania safari or Zanzibar extension.

Trek Time: 3–4 hours

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Lunch

Ready to book this trip?

From £1,939.20 per person. Dates and private departures available on request.

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