

ADVENTURE | TANZANIA

9 Days Hike Lemosho Route

DURATION	FROM (PER PERSON)	TRIP STYLE	TRIP CODE
9 days / 8 nights	£2,348.40	Adventure	WTE-3769

Overview

The Lemosho Route is widely regarded as the most beautiful and well-balanced way to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. Starting on the remote western side of the mountain, it crosses the vast Shira Plateau and circles beneath Kibo's southern glaciers before reaching Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa.

With nine days on the itinerary, this is one of our most gradual climbs. The slow gain in altitude, two nights on the Shira Plateau and a "walk high, sleep low" day via Lava Tower give your body excellent time to acclimatise, which is the key to a successful summit.

Highlights

- Quiet, uncrowded trails through rainforest on the western slopes
- Panoramic views of Kibo from the Shira Plateau
- Acclimatisation at Lava Tower (4,630m) before descending to Barranco Camp
- The famous Barranco Wall scramble, with views of the southern glaciers
- A midnight summit push via Stella Point to Uhuru Peak

Who it suits

First-time and experienced climbers who want the best balance of scenery, fewer crowds and a strong chance of reaching the summit. It is a camping route, supported by our experienced guides, cooks and porters.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrival in Arusha / Moshi

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport, where our AML team will warmly welcome you and transfer you to your lodge in Arusha or Moshi. Your mountain guide will conduct a thorough briefing and equipment check in preparation for the climb.

Accommodation: Hotel in Arusha / Moshi

Meal Plan: Bed & Breakfast

DAY 02

Arusha – Londorossi Gate – Mti Mkubwa Camp

Depart after breakfast for Londorossi Gate for registration and a briefing from the rangers. Begin your trek through dense rainforest filled with wildlife and unique flora until you reach Mti Mkubwa Camp (Big Tree Camp) for your first night on the mountain.

Drive: 3–4 hours

Hike: 3–4 hours |

Distance: 6 km |

Elevation: 2,100m to 2,785m

Accommodation: Mti Mkubwa Camp

Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 03

Mti Mkubwa Camp – Shira 1 Camp

Leave the forest behind and enter the moorland zone, crossing streams and open landscapes with views of the Shira Plateau. Arrive at Shira 1 Camp, where you'll start feeling the altitude and enjoy incredible mountain vistas.

Hike: 5–6 hours |

Distance: 8 km |

Elevation: 2,785m to 3,500m

Accommodation: Shira 1 Camp

Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 04

Shira 1 Camp – Shira 2 Camp

A gentle walk across the plateau brings you to Shira 2 Camp, offering panoramic views of Kibo Peak. This day helps with acclimatization and allows time to explore the Shira Plateau — one of the most scenic areas on Kilimanjaro.

Hike: 4–5 hours |

Distance: 7 km |

Elevation: 3,500m to 3,840m

Accommodation: Shira 2 Camp

Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 05

Shira 2 Camp – Lava Tower – Barranco Camp

Trek toward the Lava Tower (4,630m), a key acclimatization point where you'll rest for lunch before descending to Barranco Camp. The day follows the "walk high, sleep low" principle, crucial for adapting to higher altitudes.

Hike: 6–7 hours |
Distance: 10 km |
Elevation: 3,840m to 4,630m (Lava Tower), then down to 3,950m
Accommodation: Barranco Camp
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 06

Barranco Camp – Karanga Camp

Start the day by conquering the famous Barranco Wall — a thrilling yet safe scramble that rewards you with stunning views of the southern glaciers. Continue through alpine terrain to reach Karanga Camp, where you'll rest before the summit push.

Hike: 4–5 hours |
Distance: 6 km |
Elevation: 3,950m to 4,200m
Accommodation: Karanga Camp
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 07

Karanga Camp – Barafu Camp

A short but steep climb brings you to Barafu Camp, your final stop before the summit. Prepare your gear, have an early dinner, and rest before your midnight summit attempt.

Hike: 3–4 hours |
Distance: 4 km |
Elevation: 4,200m to 4,680m
Accommodation: Barafu Camp
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 08

Barafu Camp – Uhuru Peak – Mweka Camp

Begin your ascent around midnight, trekking under starlight toward Stella Point (5,756m) and continuing to Uhuru Peak (5,895m) — the Roof of Africa! Celebrate your success with breathtaking sunrise views before descending to Mweka Camp for overnight rest.

Hike: 10–14 hours |
Distance: 17 km |
Elevation: 4,680m to 5,895m (Uhuru Peak), then down to 3,100m
Accommodation: Mweka Camp
Meal Plan: Full Board

DAY 09

Mweka Camp – Mweka Gate – Arusha / Moshi

A steady descent through the lush rainforest brings you to Mweka Gate, where you'll receive your summit certificate. Transfer back to Arusha or Moshi for a hot shower, relaxation, and celebration dinner.

Hike: 3–4 hours |
Distance: 10 km |

Elevation: 3,100m to 1,640m
Accommodation: Hotel in Arusha / Moshi
Meal Plan: Breakfast & Lunch

Ready to book this trip?

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