



## ITINERARY DETAILS FOR SHIRA ROUTE 7 DAYS.

**DESTINATION:** Kilimanjaro via Shira Route.

**Major Attractions:** Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain

**Tour Guide's Language:** English

**Starting Point:** Moshi

**Ending Point:** Moshi

**Route Accessibility:** This route approaches the mountain from west through Shira ridge. Less people use the route since it doesn't provide much acclimatization time. Descent is done through Mweka route.

**Additional info:** We provide porters and cooks for guidance and assistance while on the mountain.

### **Day1: Londorisi Gate to Shira Hut 1 (3610M).**

Transfer from your accommodation in Moshi and drive to Londorisi gate for registration processes and trekking preparations. After signing in the gate you are being taken by car until you reach starting point then you will start walking towards the Shira 1. Start hiking "pole pole" through shrubs and giant heather to arrive at Shira hut 1 in the evening and drink enough water. Dinner and overnight stay at the campsite.

**Distance:** 3 Kilometers

**Time:** 2 Hours walking

**Zone:** Moorland

**Day2: Shira Hut 1 (3610M) to Shira Hut 2 (3850M).**

Climb onto the moorland zone while approaching the volcanic rocks formations on Shira plateau. The path passes through shira cathedral 3872M for acclimatization which finally leads to Shira hut 2. And this is not must if you are not strong enough you can go direct to the campsite and after a short brake still you can have some time to take a short detour for an hour and back to the campsite. Dinner and overnight stay at the campsite.

**Distance: 10 Kilometers**

**Time: 5 Hours walking**

**Zone: Moorland**

**Day3: Shira Hut 2 (3850M) to Lava Tower (4600M) to Baranco Hut (3900M).**

Start by ascending up towards Lava tower which provides an extra day for acclimatization. Have some rest and time for lunch while at the tower. Descend down “pole pole” and proceed with the trail to reach at baranco hut for an evening arrival. Dinner and overnight stay at the campsite.

**Distance: 10 Kilometers**

**Time: 7 Hours walking**

**Zone: Moorland**

**Day4: Baranco Hut (3900M) to Karanga Hut (3995M).**

Descend down to the base of baranco wall and proceed with passing through series of hills leading to Karanga valley. The trail reaches out to Karanga hut which is a shorter day for acclimatization. Dinner and sleep at the campsite.

**Distance: 6 Kilometers**

**Time: 4 Hours walking**

**Zone: Alpine desert**

### **Day5: Baranco Hut (3900M) Barafu Hut (4673M).**

Descend down to the base of Baranco wall and proceed with passing through series of hills leading to Karanga valley. The trail reaches out to Karanga hut for the hot lunch and a short rest for 10 or 15 minutes just to have a good digestion. Start again after lunch “pole pole” to climb the Karanga clef while getting a good looking of the mountain to base camp of Barafu. Get the hot lunch at the camp and have a short rest while waiting for the dinner. After dinner overnight at the camp and sleep early for the summit preparations.

**Distance: 10 Kilometers**

**Time: 7 Hours walking**

**Zone: Alpine desert**

### **Day6: Ascend to Uhuru Peak (5895).**

Wake up around 11:00pm for adding more warm clothes and head lamp. Leave the campsite and start summiting by midnight into the glacial zone. The path leads to Stella point 5756M, have time for pictures while take a short rest for hot tea or drinking water. However for those who interested can take a round trip along the crater rim to reach Uhuru Peak 5896M. For climbers who have experienced AMS are advised to start to descend down. Proceed by descending from the summit “pole pole” for 3 hours till to the base camp again and have a short rest for 2 hours before lunch. Wake up after a short rest, have some brunch, start to repack all your staffs and start to descend down at Mweka hut.

**Distance: 5 Kilometers**

**Time: 6/7 Hours walking**

**Zone: Alpine/Glacial zone**

## **Day7: Mweka Hut (3100M) to Mweka Gate (1640M).**

After a hot breakfast, continue hiking through the beautiful rain forest to arrive at Mweka gate. Get awarded with certificates whereby golden certificates are given to hikers who reached Uhuru peak and green certificates for Stella point hikers. Retreat back to Mweka village for a drive to Moshi town for resting or airport for a flight back at home. “Normally tipping can be done to the last campsite or at the certain gate”

**Distance: 10 Kilometers**

**Time: 3 Hours walking**

**Zone: Rain forest**

## **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- 2 nights of accommodation in Moshi
- Transportation to & from the Kilimanjaro gate
- Park entry fees, Camping fees
- Team Kilimanjaro Rescue fees
- 18% VAT on tour fees & services
- 4 Season mountain tents
- Double layered Sleeping Mats
- Friendly and professional mountain guides, cook and porters
- 3 hot meals daily while on the mountain
- Enough treated & filtered drinking water throughout the trek
- Hot water for washing
- Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- Government taxes

- Portable oxygen tanks & ox meter
- Emergency first-aid kit

## **PRICE EXCLUDES**

- Lunches, dinners and drinks at your hotel before and after climb
- Travel insurance
- Portable flush toilet with a toilet tent is available for extra charges \$ 70 for the entire trek
- Flights
- Laundry (Available at hotel)
- Personal items and toiletries
- Tips for guides, porters and cook (this is a guide to tipping on the mountain)

## **GROUP SIZE AND PRICE PER PERSON**

**1 PERSON \$1850 / 2-4 PEOPLE \$1750 / 5-7 PEOPLE \$1700 / 8-10 PEOPLE \$1650**

Tips on Mountain Kilimanjaro are recommended for group sharing as follows:

- **Guide \$20/guide/day**
- **Cook \$15/day**
- **Porters \$10/porter/day**

**Note:** Tipping is not included in the quoted price.

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