

Typical Lemosho Eight Days Kilimanjaro Itinerary

Flights

Flight	Date	From	To	Depart	Arrive	Airline
KQ101		Heathrow	Nairobi	2000	0630	Kenya Airways
KQ6722		Nairobi	Kilimanjaro	1000	1050	Kenya Airways
KQ6725		Kilimanjaro	Nairobi	1940	2030	Kenya Airways
KQ102		Nairobi	Heathrow	2350	0645	Kenya Airways

Sat 12 Sep Fly Heathrow to Kilimanjaro

Sun 13 Sep 1 night, Ilboru Safari Lodge, Kilimanjaro, Standard Room, Bed & Breakfast

On arrival at the airport, you will be met by a driver/guide who will transfer you to Ilboru Safari Lodge, where you will be staying the following evening.



At Ilboru Safari Lodge Relax under the shade of well-placed trees in the gardens with the landscape dazzling your senses with vibrant colours accompanied by the sweet melodies of Tropical Bou Bou, Ibis and several other birds.

The lower main gardens provide the ideal spot for Cocktail and Barbeque parties as well as for group discussions or workshops.

The lodge setting has been designed to match the traditional surroundings without compromising international quality services. The rooms are situated in rondavels set in traditional style that is uniquely African, each with two self-contained

large rooms. Delightful in the extra space, every room is significantly larger than the normal standard found in similar tourist hotels and lodges, with twin beds and a balcony which provide picturesque views to the well kept grounds. There are 30 rooms in total of which some may be converted to cater for four VIP suites or family accommodation. They are tastefully decorated with traditional design themes. Each is appointed with native art and furniture. All rooms have telephones and private balconies with vistas of quiet, meticulously maintained gardens.

Mon 14 Sep Start of the 8 Day Lemosho Route, Kilimanjaro, Full Board

The itinerary below gives an eight day climb via Shira Plateau, the southern flank, Barranco Wall and Barafu route. The descent is via the new wilderness Mweka Route.



After orientation and kit check, register at Londorossi Gate (*Please ensure we have your passport number and date of birth **before** the tour starts.*) Then drive to road head near Lemosho Glades and start the trek through the rain forest to the rain forest camp near Big Tree (9200ft/2800mts.).

This is an exciting wilderness route. It is being used to avoid potential overcrowding on the Machame Route & to take the climbers to true wilderness zones. Our trek this day will be along a little used track known as Chamber's Route. In places the vegetation is so undisturbed by humans that it grows right across the narrow track. Flora and fauna are richer here than on other more popular routes through the rain forest.

Day 2

A full days trek with a height gain of over 2000 ft. /600mts, taking us to a lunch stop at G&M One a beautiful valley just outside the Shira Crater at around 10,000 ft./3050mts. After lunch we cross into the Shira Caldera a high altitude desert plateau rarely visited by man. Shira is the third of Kilimanjaro's volcanic cones. It is both filled with lava flow from Kibo, and its rim eroded and blasted away by weather and volcanic action. Camp at Shira One (11500ft/3500mts.) This day expect the first close views of Kibo - the dramatic summit cone of Kilimanjaro.



Day 3

Two to three hour trek east across Shira Plateau, via Simba Camp to our camp on the eastern slopes of Shira The camp is located about 1 hours walk from Simba at around 12200ft./3720mts. Camp at G&M Two or Shira Hut (11500ft/3500mts.) *Optional and recommended early AM start for those wanting to try the acclimatizing trek to Shira Cathedral (12200ft. /3720mts.). The views from the top of this ridge are very special. Those with vertigo should take care.*

Day 4

A superb days trekking that takes us to the southern flank, passing down the Barranco Valley to the camp at Barranco Wall. Here we camp at 12800 ft. /3900 mts. not much higher than our camp at Shira; but the walk will have taken us well over 15000 ft. /4570 mts. offering valuable altitude acclimatization. The camp at Barranco is one of the most spectacular on Kilimanjaro. This days trek will take approximately 7 hours.



Day 5

Early morning climb up Barranco Wall (14,000ft./4270 mts.with a height gain of 800ft. steep and 400ft. easy ascent) to admire the views of Meru and the plains far below. Then continue across the ridges and valleys to Karanga Valley Camp (13500ft./4100mts.) where we will have a relaxing afternoon and dinner.

Optional and highly useful acclimatization trek to trek just below the glaciers and try scree walking.

Day 6

Today take the traverse route to reach Barafu Ridge camp (16,000ft./4870mts.) Now moving very slowly because of the altitude, the trek up Barafu Ridge is tough and exposed to cross winds and the elements. Dinner will be early with an afternoon sleep to rest before the summit trek. *Optional trek a few hundred feet higher for those who wish to optimize altitude acclimatization? Do not take up this option if you are welcome to rest instead.*



Day 7

Rise around midnight to commence at around 10'cloc the trek up scree slopes to Stella Point on the rim. We should reach this point at dawn and then continue around the rim to the highest point Uhuru Point. A few precious moments to enjoy the amazing views before we return to Stella point & descend the scree via Barafu Ridge to Mweka High Camp (11,500ft./3500mts.).

This is to be the toughest day that most trekkers have ever experienced, involving 3340ft./1020mts. of ascent, nearly 10,000ft. Descent, and 12 to 15 hours walking. It is victory day.

Mon 21 Sep 1 night, Ilboru Lodge, Near Arusha, Standard Room, Half Board



Walk down across the Alpine moor land to Mweka Gate for picnic, presentation of certificates & photos. Please note that this is a long 5 to 6 hours walk-off (some trekkers need even longer) especially if there is rain on the route. As the southern flank tends to be wet, it is quite likely that you will encounter wet and very muddy conditions in the rainforest section on this last day. Please be prepared for this and do not expect an easy jaunt back to the gate! Nevertheless the route is very beautiful and worth the effort. After a picnic lunch drive to

Ilboru Lodge for a welcome hot shower.

Sat 21 Jun Flight Home or continue with safari or beach

Spend the morning at leisure at Ilboru Lodge. After lunch, late afternoon you will be met by a representative for the transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport for your flight to London Heathrow via Amsterdam.

Safari Add-On

Numerous options for safaris can be arranged to follow your climb. All at affordable prices, from one day to one week safaris, camping or lodge, or both.



Zanzibar Add-On

A four night visit to the tropical island of Zanzibar will add upwards from £400 to your tour cost. This includes all regional flights, transfers, and half board in a simple East Coast hotel.



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