



Mt Kilimanjaro Detailed itinerary/Route:

SHIRA/LEMOSHO ROUTE & 5 DAYS SAFARI

Park Visiting: Mt Kilimanjaro National Park, Lake Manyara National Park, Serengeti National Park and the Ngorongoro Crater

Activity: Game Drive & Optional Balloon Safari

1
DAY
ONE

Arrival to Tanzania

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro air port and finish all formalities and visa you will be welcoming by Wilderness First Travel staff with the display of your names, then you will have about 1 hour drive to the hotel in Arusha town.

2
DAY
TWO

Arusha to Shira 1 Camp

After breakfast at the hotel we will pick you up at 8am drive to Lemosho/Londorossi gate will be about 2 hours and 30minutes drive. We will enjoy beautiful scenery on the way since we will be driving between Mt Kilimanjaro and Mt Meru. Upon arrival we will finish park formalities and drive up to starting point which will take about 45minutes drive, and start our hike this day will be the shortest day in our 7 days adventure, with walking time of 1-2hours to the camp. Altitude: (3050 m/10000 ft), Shira 1 Camp.

3
DAY
THREE

Shira 1 Camp to Shira 2 Camp

After breakfast, a gentle hike across the plateau leads to Shira 2 camp on moorland meadows by a stream. A variety of hikes are available on the Plateau, making this an excellent acclimatization day. Altitude: (3850 m/12630 ft), walking distance: 12 km/7.5 miles, walking time: 4-6 hours, Altitude gain: 800 m/2630 ft. We will enjoy a hot lunch in the camp but we will have some snacks on the way before lunch.

4
DAY
FOUR

Shira 2 Camp to Barranco Hut (Via Lava Tower)

From the Shira Plateau we continue to the east, passing the junction near the peak of Kibo. As we continue, our direction changes to the South East towards the Lava Tower, called the "Shark's Tooth." Shortly after the tower, we come to the second junction, which brings us up to the Arrow Glacier (15,997 ft / 4,876 m). We now continue down to the Barranco Hut (12,664 ft / 3,860 m). Although you end the day at the same elevation as when you began, this day is very important for acclimatization. Altitude (3985 m/13070 ft), Walking distance: 9 km/5.6 miles, Walking time: 6-8 hours, Altitude gain: 135 m/440 ft (790 m/2590 ft to Lava Tower)

DAY FIVE

Barranco Hut to Karanga Hut

After breakfast, we leave Barranco and continue on a steep ridge passing the Barranco Wall to the Karanga Valley campsite. The route will begin with a scramble up Barranco Wall (which is easier than it looks) to top out just below the Heim Glacier. The route then heads to the Karanga Valley for overnight at Karanga Campsite

Altitude (4040 m/13255 ft), Walking distance: 5.5 km/3.5 miles, Walking time: 4-5 hours, Altitude gain: 55 m/185 ft

DAY SIX

Karanga Camp to Barafu Hut

After breakfast, we leave the Karanga Valley and pass the junction which connects with the Mweka Trail. We continue to the Barafu Hut (15,092 ft / 4,600 m). You have completed the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we make camp, rest, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the summit day. The two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo can be seen from our campsite.

Altitude (4680 m/15360 ft), Walking distance: 3.5 km/ 2.2 miles, Walking time: 3-5 hours, Altitude gain: 640 m/2105 ft

DAY SEVEN

Barafu Hut to Summit then Millennium Camp

Waking up very early (midnight to 12 am) we continue our way to the summit of Uhuru Peak (19,636 ft / 5,985 m). This part of the climb takes about 6 hours. It can be very cold at night at these elevations, but it will be quite warm by the end of the hiking day. You will want clothing for both extremes with you. At Uhuru Peak, we have reached the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa. Faster hikers may be able to see the sunrise from the summit. From the summit, we make our descent, continuing straight down to the Mweka Hut camp site (10,171 ft / 3,100 m). This part of the descent takes about 5 hours. You will want gaiters and trekking poles for the loose gravel going down. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned rest.

Stella Point (5752 m/18871 ft) to Uhuru Peak (5895 m/19340 ft) and descent to Millennium Camp (3820 m/12530 ft)

DAY EIGHT

Millennium Hut to Mweka Gate to Arusha

After breakfast, we continue the descent down to the Mweka Park Gate. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. Gaiters and trekking poles will help. Shorts and t-shirts will probably be good to wear (keep rain gear and warmer clothing handy). At the gate we will have a celebration for our successful summit and make toasts with a crew and handling tips for all the crew members. Thereafter we drive back to Arusha for a good warm shower and celebration dinner!! **Luxury Hotel: African Tulip Hotel**

DAY NINE

Arusha- to Lake Manyara National Park to Ngorongoro Crater

We depart from Arusha at 08:00 am and drive to Lake Manyara national park half-day game drive. Lake Manyara is well known for its primate's population such as blue monkey, velvet monkey and Olive Baboon, also some browsers such as impala, giraffe and some grazers such as wildebeest and zebras and many birds' species with three different vegetation type of underground water forest, acacia woodland and open grassland. Thereafter we drive to the lodge for overnight.

10 DAY TEN

Ngorongoro Crater game drive to Ndutu Area

We will enjoy breakfast at the lodge and then drive to Ngorongoro Crater for a game drive, with only 250 square km the Ngorongoro Craters rich soil and abundant year round water supply account for the large populations. There is an estimated 20,000 animals here at any given time which constitute of carnivores including lions, hyenas & jackal; herbivores including buffalo, wildebeest, gazelle & zebra

Primates including baboons and birds including ostrich, kori bastard, crane & egret. Then we start our drive to Ndutu, The Ndutu area is visited mostly from December to April because the Wildebeest and Zebra Migration herds are in the area for giving birth, however attract a lot of big cats in the area overnight.

11 DAY ELEVEN

Ndutu Area to Central Serengeti

We will have half-day game drive in Ndutu area then drive to Central Serengeti after lunch for overnight. During this time of the year the Wildbeest migration are gathered in the area to give birth, however attract big cats in the area like lions, hyena and also is great area for Cheetah.

12 DAY TWELVE

Serengeti National park

The Serengeti National Park is a UNESCO world heritage site and the most famous wildlife sanctuary in the world. With over 14,700 sq kms of savanna and woodlands, it is famed for its epic annual migration of vast herds of wildebeest, gazelles and zebras, followed by their predators.

We will have an option of early morning game drive with lunch at the lodge or drive out with picnic lunch and drive back late afternoon for afternoon relaxation at the pool.

13 DAY THIRTEEN

Serengeti to Kilimanjaro Air port

We will enjoy our last game drive in central Serengeti; we will start very early morning for half day game drive then drive back to the lodge for lunch and check out, transferred to Seronera air strip fly back to Kilimanjaro air port to connect to your international flight back home.

