Mount Kilimanjaro Climb

Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest peak in Africa and the highest freestanding mountain in the world, and is located in the Eastern Africa nation of Tanzania, close to the border with Kenya (more specifically in the Moshi region of the country).

Mount Kilimanjaro is 5895 meters high and is composed of three different volcanoes. This beautiful mountain is also surrounded by different types of vegetation and also has snow on its peak. A lot of climbers prefer to reach the summit during the full moon, which occurs once a month, as the clear view is simply breathtaking.

People from all over the world visit Tanzania for safaris, but also come to the country to do the famous climb of the mountain with hopes of reaching Uhuru peak.

Savannah Tours offers the option to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and give clients an unforgettable experience in Tanzania. With our professional and experienced team, we guarantee clients a once in a lifetime climb of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Routes

Climbers have the option of using 7 different routes to climb the mountain. Each has a different level of difficulty and a different length, so it all comes down to personal preferences and ability to handle the climb. The different routes are as follow:
- **MARANGU ROUTE**

This is the oldest and most well established route of the mountain. It is considered by many to be the easiest route because of its gradual slope, and is also the only route of Kilimanjaro which offers dormitory huts as an accommodation.

This route requires a minimum of 5 days of climbing, but many people chose not to use it because it is the most crowded (mainly because the ascent and descent are done on the same path). It is therefore only favored during the rainy seasons due to the hut accommodation available.

- **LEMOŠHO ROUTE**

This route is one of the most recommended ones due to its high success rate. It is one of the newest routes on the mountain and offers panoramic views to climbers. 6 to 8 days are recommended for this route, and climbers must keep in mind that the most days taken to climb, the higher the success rate.

The route generally has low traffic, offers beautiful views, and has a high summit success rate. It is used by a large number of climbers.

- **RONGAI ROUTE**

The Rongai route is located close to the border with Kenya and is the only route out of the 7, which approaches Kilimanjaro from the North. It is preferred by mainly because it has low traffic and is quieter than other ones. It is also a recommended route for people with less backpacking experience.

This route requires 6 days but 7 to 8 days are recommended for the hike to go smoothly. Its difficulty is quite moderate, and the success rate of the route is quite high.

- **NORTHERN CIRCUIT**

This route is the newest and most recommended route to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. It approaches Mount Kilimanjaro from the West and traverses the mountain around the north where the slopes are quieter.

It is the longest route, taking 9 days to reach the summit, but is however the one resulting in the highest success rate. It offers varied scenery and beautiful views, and is one of the best because it is rarely visited (due to the longer days needed).

- **SHIRA ROUTE**

This route is very identical to Lemosho route, which is the improved version of Shira Route. Both approach the mountain from the West, but the Shira route is much more difficult and is only recommended for people who are confident in their ability to climb and who have backpacking experience.

- **MACHAME ROUTE**

Machame Route is the most popular one on the mountain. Machame has steeper routes and requires longer days, so it is a quite difficult one and is recommended for people with backpacking and hiking experience.

This route requires 6 days but 7 are recommended, and offers very beautiful views to climbers. However, it remains a crowded route so it is not recommended for people looking to have a quiet climb.

- **UMBWE ROUTE**

This route is short, direct and steep and is therefore considered to have a very high level of difficulty. Being very challenging, it has very low chances of reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro. The days necessary are 6, but 7 are recommended to have better chances.

The Umbwe Route is only recommended for very confident hikers with a lot of experience in climbing, and is not recommended for the rest of the people due to its low success rates and high difficulty.
Day Trips:

• For those that do NOT want to attempt to climb the Mountain to the peak but yet would like to experience part of it choose from these short excursions,

**A day trip to Mandara hut**

**Day 1**
Transfer from your hotel in Moshi town at 08:30 hrs to Marangu Gate at Kilimanjaro. On completion of registration formalities commence the hike through rainforest to Mandara Hut (9000 ft), taking about 3 - 4 hours. Stop half way for a packed lunch. On arrival at Mandara Hut short tour of the area before descending back to Marangu gate where you will be met and transferred back to your hotel in Moshi

**A day trip tour to Machame**

**Day 1**
Transfer from your hotel in Moshi town through Machame village and the forest before reaching Kilimanjaro Machame gate. The Machame route is regarded as the most beautiful route up Kilimanjaro. The walk goes through plantation and tropical rain forest. Likely you will meet black and white Columbus monkey, blue monkey, duiker and bush buck. A packed lunch will be provided in the middle of the forest surrounded by incredible bird life and the most beautiful view you can imagine.

**2 days trip Tour to Mandara hut**

**Day 1**
Transfer from your hotel in Moshi town at 08:30 hrs to Marangu Gate at Kilimanjaro. On completion of registration formalities at the Park gate commence the hike through rainforest to Mandara Hut (9000 ft), taking about 3 - 4 hours. Stop half way for a packed lunch. On arrival at Mandara Huts short tour of the area before dinner and overnight at the Mandara Hut.

**Day 2**
After breakfast depart from Mandara Hut and descend back down to Marangu gate where you will be met and transferred back to your hotel in Moshi town.

**3 day trip tour to Mandara hut (9,000ft) & Horombo hut (12,000ft)**

**Day 1**
Transfer from your hotel in Moshi town at 08:30 hrs to Marangu Gate at Kilimanjaro. On completion of registration formalities at the Park gate commence the hike through rainforest to Mandara Hut (9000 ft), taking about 3 - 4 hours. Stop half way for a packed lunch. On arrival at Mandara Huts short tour of the area before dinner and overnight at the Mandara Hut.

**Day 2**
Wake to breakfast and pack for the next leg. Leave the Hut at about 8:30am and hike to Horombo Hut (12,000 ft). This leg should take 5 to 6 hrs. You hike through lower heath land with small shrubs being the main vegetation. Stop half way for lunch. Views of Mawenzi are amazing. The summit of Kibo can be seen from Horombo Huts. **Arrive Horombo Hut**, rest, unpack and prepare for dinner.

**Day 3**
Wake up to breakfast, pack and descend to Mandara Huts. Take lunch there and continue on to the park gate where you will be met by your transport back to Moshi.
When to go?

It is best to climb Mount Kilimanjaro during warm and dry months as it is safer and much easier. Rainy months bring safety issues and low chances to reach the summit. Also, the rain, snow and mud can have very bad consequences for the body. Therefore, the chances of success increase with nicer weather.

The best months to climb the mountain are January, February and September due to the good weather, but are also very busy months on the mountain. June, July and August are also good months, but are colder so it may not be ideal for a lot of people. The rest of the months all coincide with rainy seasons and are therefore not recommended to climbers.

A lot of climbers also prefer to summit during a full moon, as it is very beautiful and the moonlight shines on the mountain so no torches are needed. The full moon occurs once a month, so the schedule must be checked in advance in order to organize the climb accordingly.

How many days do I need?

Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro has one main rule: the greater the number of days taken to climb the mountain, the higher the success rates of reaching the peak. It is always recommended to add 2 extra days to minimum number of days required for a route, in order to increase chances of success and to allow your body to adapt slowly to the altitude. Usually, routes require 5 to 9 days on average to reach Uhuru Peak.

How difficult is the climb?

The difficulty of the climb depends on two things: the days taken to climb the mountain, and the climber’s ability to acclimatize to the altitude (as well as their personal health and endurance). Taking the minimum number of days to climb the mountain will increase the difficulty as the climber will be in a rush, will put too much effort on their body (sometimes more than it can handle), and will not give time for the body to acclimatize and to adapt to the altitude. Therefore, to make the climb easier, it is recommended to add 2 more days to the climb, and to train a for a few weeks before starting the climb in order to get the body used to the physical exercise and to increase endurance.

Rates are inclusive of

- Tours start and end in Moshi town
- Transfers Moshi town to the park gate and return.
- Mountain Climbing Fees
- Park fees / Hut Fees / Rescue Fees
- English speaking guide on the Mountain.
- Potter
- Accommodation in the Huts on the mountain
- Meals on the Mountain

Rates are exclusive of

- Transportation to and from Moshi
- Accommodation and meals in Moshi.
- Beverages
- Laundry
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Personal / Medical / Travel / Baggage insurance
- Mountain Climbing clothing and equipment
- Gratuities for Guide / Potter / Cook / Driver
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