



7 Day Machame Route

DAY 0 When you arrive you will be met at the airport by our driver- with a sign bearing your name, then you will drive to SG Resort in Arusha for dinner and overnight.

In the afternoon or evening your Kilimanjaro Guide will meet you for a Kilimanjaro climb briefing and an equipment check.

Dinner on your own, overnight at SG Resort



DAY 1 After breakfast we will start to drive to Machame gate for registration and to meet our porters. At Machame gate, we will weigh the luggage. We often have our lunch in the start gate before starting to walk. It is a long day of walking before we get to camp in evening.

When you arrive in camp you will see your tents set up and dinner being prepared for you. You will have warm water to wash up and tea will be readily available.



Dinner and overnight at Machame Camp (9,940 ft)

Trekking time: 5-6 hours walking

DAY 2

After breakfast, while the porters pack up our camp, we start our short day's walk to Shira. Soon we leave the forest behind and enter the moorland zone. The trail will start to get very steep from camp as we climb steadily through rocky hills with wide views of the Shira Plateau. We will have a packed lunch on the way before camp. This camp has a nice view of Mt. Meru.



Dinner and overnight at Shira Hut (12,650 ft)
Trekking time: 4-5 hours walking

DAY 3

In the morning we will start to ascend slowly, with beautiful views of Shira Plateau and the Western Breach, bringing us up to lunch at Lava Tower (15,220 ft). The trail then descends to the bottom of the Barranco Valley. This will be a long day, but the views will make it pass quickly.

Dinner and overnight Barranco Camp (12,790 ft)
Trekking time: 7-9 hours walking

DAY 4

A steep climb up the Barranco Wall leads us on the south-eastern side of Kibo, with super views of the southern ice fields. The terrain changes to scree, with adaptive vegetation. Then there is only a short distance to our camp at Karanga Camp. This is an added acclimatization day.



Dinner and overnight at Karanga camp (13,100ft) this is the last water point on the approach to the summit.
Trekking time: 4 - 5 hours walking

DAY 5

After breakfast we follow an easy path on compacted earth, with wide views, as we gain altitude to reach the Barafu Hut for lunch. Then following a full briefing of what we need for summit (how to dress and how to pack) and a health and safety briefing, we have an early supper and try to get some sleep.



Dinner and overnight at Barafu Camp (15,239 ft)
Trekking time: 3 - 5 hours walking

DAY 6

We start our ascent at about midnight to 1 am, depending on the fitness and speed of the climbers, so that we can be up on the crater rim by sunrise. The steep climb over loose volcanic scree and nice graded zig-zags and a slow but steady pace will take us to Stella Point (18,800 ft), in about five or six hours. We



will rest there for a short time to enjoy the sunrise over Mawenzi. For those are still feeling strong we will continue with the two-hour round trip from here along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (19,340 ft), passing close to glaciers and ice cliffs that still occupy most of the summit area. Following ample time for pictures at the summit, we begin the descent back to Barafu for lunch, and after some refreshments, we



continue to descend to reach our final campsite at Mweka Camp.

Dinner and overnight at Mweka Camp (10,204 ft)

Trekking time: 11-15 hours walking (it is a very long day!)

DAY 7

A sustained descent on a well-constructed path takes us through a lovely tropical forest alive with bird-song. Our route winds down to Mweka gate at 5423ft. We will have lunch at the Gate, a ceremony with the porters congratulating you as you receive your certificate, issued at the gate. We will then drive back to the SG Resort, for a well-deserved shower.

Dinner on your own, overnight at the SG Resort
Trekking time: 2-3 hours, Drive: 1 hour

DAY 8

After breakfast, for those who plan to join us on safari, we will be there for your safari departure, or transfer to the airport for your trip back home or to your next destination.

End of this GMExpeditions service