



8 Day Lemosho 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 GME Expeditions Mountain 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 Londorosi gate for registration (about 2 hours), we will drive through varied farmland with open views over the plains to reach the Lemosho trailhead. We often have our lunch at the gate before starting to walk. It is an easy day of walking up a small path through the beautiful forest. This area has a variety of game, and you are likely to see monkeys and may even see elephants. 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.

Dinner and overnight at Mti Mkubwa camp (Big Tree) (9,500 ft).
Trekking time: 2-3 hours walking, depending on the weather and the fitness of the climbers, though we encourage "pole pole" climbing from the start.

DAY 2 After breakfast, while the porters pack up our camp, we start walking for about an hour and half, then we soon leave the forest behind and enter the moorland zone. As we continue walking the trail climbs steadily with wide views as we reach the rim of the Shira Plateau. Along the trail it is easy to view the Shira Plateau, especially in afternoon if there is no rain or fog.

Dinner and overnight at Shira One camp (11,500 ft).
Trekking time: 6-7 hours walking, with a packed lunch on the way.

DAY 3 After breakfast we will have an easy day to help acclimatization and to explore the volcanic rock. Here we will have the optional day to walk to the summit of Shira Cathedral (12,600 ft) before reaching the next camp at Shira Hut (12,800 ft). Or go direct from the Shira One to Shira Two. Once we get to the campsite we will enjoy nice views of the Shira plateau. The views from here of Mt. Meru floating on the clouds are simply unforgettable.

Dinner and overnight at Shira Hut (12,800 ft).

Trekking time: 5 - 6 hours walking, plus an optional short walk of 3 - 4 hours.

DAY 4 We will enjoy a morning of gentle ascent and panoramic views, leaving the moorland plateau behind to walk on lava ridges beneath the glaciers of the Western Breach. After lunch at Lava Tower, we will descend to the bottom of the Barranco Valley to camp. Lava Tower takes us up to 15, 220 ft), promoting acclimatization, as we then descend to sleep at 12,790 ft.

Dinner and overnight at Barranco Camp (12,790 ft),

Trekking time: 6 -7 hours walking

DAY 5 A steep climb up the Barranco Wall leads to the trail on the south-eastern side of Kibo, along the southern ice fields. You will enjoy the unique vegetation as you transition from the moorlands to the high alpine desert. The Barranco Wall does involve a fair bit of scrambling up the rock face, while not a technical climb, many see this as some of the most challenging terrain. From the top of the wall, there is only a short distance to our camp at Karanga.

Dinner and overnight at Karanga Camp (13,100 ft), the last water point on the way to the summit.

Trekking time: 4-5 hours walking

DAY 6 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 (15,239 ft)

Trekking time: 3 - 5 hours walking

DAY 7 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 8 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 9 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