



Kilimanjaro – 12 Day Lemosho Route - October 2013

Tentative Itinerary

Depart Canada

DAY 1: Arrive Africa - Transfer & Overnight at the Snow Crest Hotel or equivalent

The Lemosho Glades route via the Western Breach is among the least used combination of routes on Kilimanjaro. The trail leads up to the western edge of the Shira Plateau, and the hike across the plateau is said to be one of the most stunningly beautiful hikes in Africa. With 8 nights on the mountain, your chances of reaching the "Roof of Africa" are very good.

Standout-Adventures takes pride in providing gourmet food and comfortable camps throughout the climb, and porters will carry your equipment. All of these factors combine to maintain our high success rate--98%.

Snow Crest Hotel is located along the Arusha – Moshi Highway at Kwangulelo Area in Arusha, Tanzania. The Hotel is approximately 10 minutes (7Km) drive from the Arusha City and 30 minutes (45Km) from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). The Hotel has a splendid view of lush banana plantations that blends with a whispering breeze to create a stillness of utter relaxation. Its locality makes it a Gate – way centre to the famous Tanzania National Parks on this northern circuit. <http://www.snowcresthotel.com>

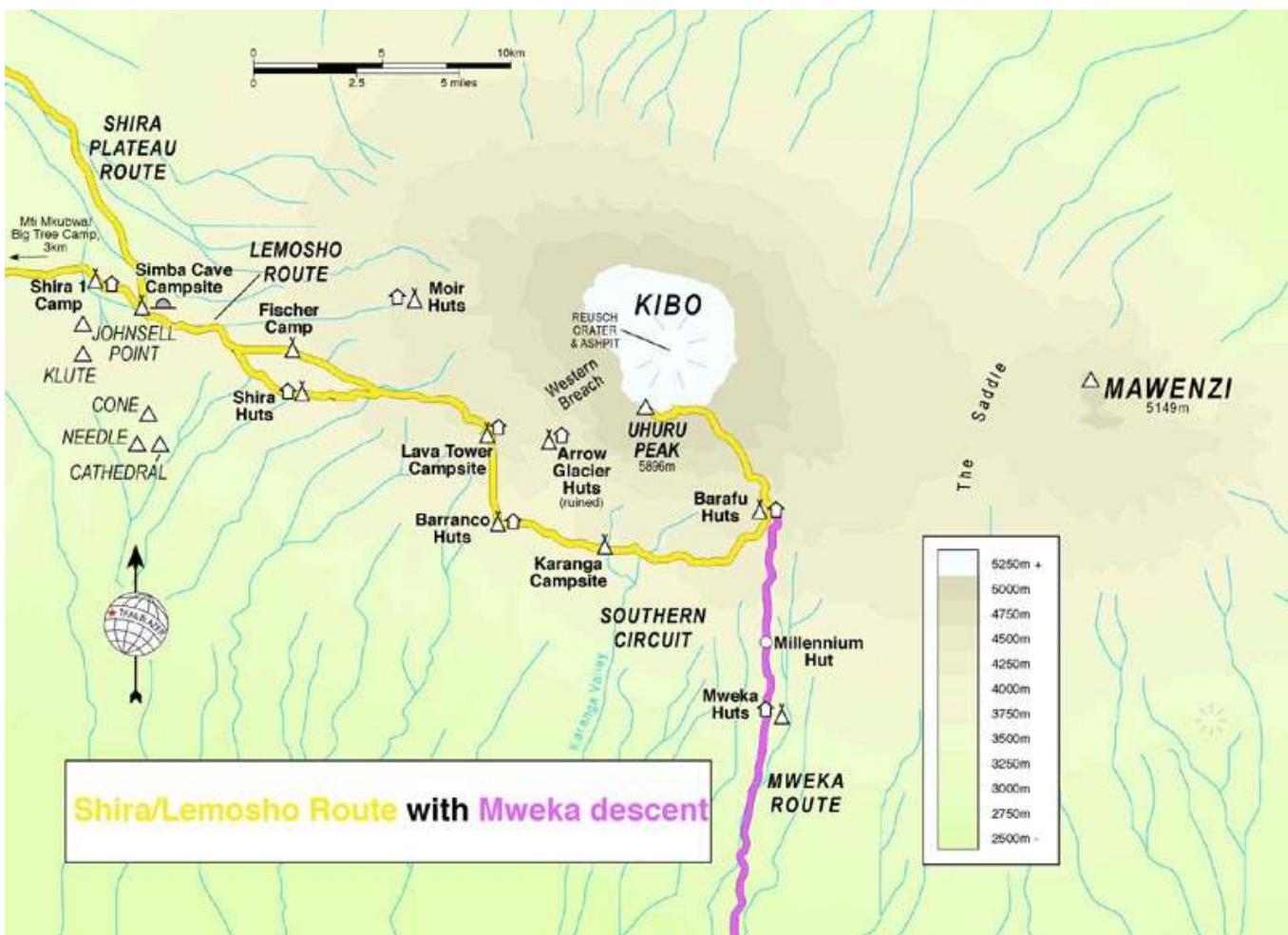
DAY 2: EXTRA Rest Day – Additional Rest & Acclimatization Day – This extra day is included on Group Tour

DAY 3: Acclimatization Day: ARUSHA NATIONAL PARK

A day to acclimatize to the time zone, on this day we recommend our clients to go to Arusha National Park, for a guided walk by game rangers. Nothing strenuous but a chance to enjoy game while walking in the National Park with picnic lunch boxes from the Snow Crest Hotel. Back to your hotel for dinner and overnight



Lemosho Route with Mweka Descent



DAY 4: Londorossi Gate to Mt Mkubwa Camp

Elevation: 2100m to 2650m

Elevation Change: +550m

Distance: 10 km

Hiking Time: 3 hours

Habitat: Montane Forest

Pick up at your hotel after breakfast, drive to the trailhead you'll spend the first day with an armed ranger due to the animal population in this forest area, setting up the tents at the Mt Mkumbwa Camp after only about 3 hours of climbing.



DAY 5: Mti Mkubwa Camp to Shira One Camp

Elevation: 2650m to 3609m

Elevation Change: +959m

Distance: 12 km

Hiking Time: 5 - 6 hours

Habitat: Moorland

Once out of the forest, take a steep track into a Savannah of tall grasses, heather, and volcanic rock draped with lichen beards. Ascend through the lush rolling hills below the Shira plateau, finally reaching camp at the edge of the plateau. The view of Kibo from across the plateau is amazing.

DAY 6: Shira One Camp to Shira Two Camp

Elevation: 3609m to 3849m

Elevation Change: +240m

Distance: 5 km

Hiking Time: 5-6 hours

Habitat: Alpine Desert

This day takes you on a gentle walk across the plateau for some excellent scenery while your body continues to acclimatize.

Note: From Shira Two Camp onwards, this route is identical to Machame Route.

DAY 7: Shira Two Camp to Barranco Hut

Elevation (m): 3849m to 4630m to 3948m

Elevation Change: +136m

Distance: 6 km

Hiking Time: 5-6 hours

Habitat: Alpine desert

The morning climb is somewhat steep on this day as you ascend to Lava Tower at 4,600 meters at midday before descending again on the scenic route to Barranco Camp. This is a great example of the climb high/sleep low rule that helps people acclimatize safely.



DAY 8: Barranco Hut to Karanga Valley Camp

Elevation: 3948m to 3963m

Elevation Change: +minimal

Distance: 4 km

Hiking Time: 4 hours

Habitat: Alpine Desert

You climb the Great Barranco Wall, which looks more intimidating than it really is, and down into the Karanga Valley. This day has many ups and downs and crosses many small streams before crossing the Karanga River just before camp.

DAY 9: Karanga Valley Camp to Barafu Hut

Elevation (m): 3963m to 4600m

Elevation Change: +600m

Distance: 4 km

Hiking Time: 4-5 hours

Habitat: Alpine Desert

From Karanga the tour heads up a moraine ridge taking your time and going slowly. The views here can be spectacular on the southern glaciers and of the glacial valleys that snake their way down the mountain. The final stage to Barafu is quite steep, and as always it's taken it very slowly.

DAY 10: Barafu Acclimatization & Rest Day

Elevation (m): 4600

Distance: Acclimatization hike & rest day

Hiking Time: 2 hours

Habitat: Alpine Desert

Acclimatization day-After breakfast we climb higher up for 2hrs and then back to Barafu camp for lunch and a brief info as we prepare to sleep early for the summit.



DAY 11: Barafu to SUMMIT / Mweka Camp

Elevation (m): 4600m to 5895m to 3100m

Elevation change: +1295m; -2795m

Distance: 5 km Ascent 12 km Descent

Hiking Time: 6- 8 hours ascent; 5 hours descent

Habitat: Alpine Desert

You will rise around 23h30, and after some tea and biscuits you shuffle off into the night. You will head in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. This 6-hour walk to Stella point is for many climbers, mentally and physically the most challenging on the route. At Stella Point (5685m) you will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see (weather permitting). From Stella Point you will normally encounter snow all the way on your 2-hour ascent to Uhuru Peak. After a short time at the summit, descend along the gently sloping crater rim to Stella Point, and then descend the Mweka Route down a steep scree slope to Barafu Camp 4,600 m for lunch. In the afternoon continue the descent into the Heather Zone to Mweka Camp for the night.

DAY 12: Mweka Camp – Mweka gate

Elevation (m): 3100m to 1828m

Distance: 10 km

Hiking Time: 4-5 hours

Habitat: Forest

From the camp to the gate, you'll have 4 to 5 hours of walking. Upon your arrival at the gate you'll have lunch and then will be transferred to Arusha.

Depart Africa

Africa Extensions are Available

You may want to stay on for additional days to enjoy the Kilimanjaro area, or take in a safari or gorgeous Zanzibar. Extensions are available upon request and are at an additional charge.