



MACHAME ROUTE

Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 6 Days

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FROM

**USD
1,850**

Per
person

DURATION

**6 Days / 5
Nights**

TRIP STYLE

**Kilimanjaro
Trekking**

Camping Route

DESTINATIONS

**Mount Kilimanjaro,
Machame Route,
Mweka Route**

Tanzania

BEST FOR

**Adventure
Climbers**

Scenic Summit
Route

Overview

Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 6 Days with Serengeti Wild Tours and follow the famous Whiskey Route, one of the most scenic camping trails on Mount Kilimanjaro. This trek begins at Machame Gate, crosses rainforest, moorland, Shira Plateau, Lava Tower, Barranco Wall, and Barafu Camp before the summit push to Uhuru Peak. It is ideal for fit climbers who want a challenging, beautiful, and well-organized Kilimanjaro climb.

Highlights

- Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 6 Days on one of the most popular scenic trails to Uhuru Peak
- Start from Machame Gate and trek through rainforest to Machame Camp
- Cross the Shira Plateau with wide views of Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro's upper slopes
- Follow the climb-high, sleep-low acclimatization trail through Lava Tower and Barranco Camp
- Climb the famous Barranco Wall and continue through Karanga Valley to Barafu Camp
- Make the summit attempt from Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa
- Descend through Mweka Camp and finish at Mweka Gate before returning to Moshi
- Guided by experienced mountain crew with camping support, meals, safety checks, oxygen, and first aid support

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Private transfer from your Moshi hotel to Machame Gate and return transfer from Mweka Gate to Moshi
- Airport pickup and drop-off
- Professional and experienced mountain guides
- Assistant guides, porters, and professional cook
- Guide, porter, and cook salaries
- All Kilimanjaro National Park entry fees
- Camping fees and rescue fees
- Quality waterproof four-season mountain tents on twin sharing basis
- Sleeping mattress
- Quality mess tent with table and chairs
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and hot drinks while on the mountain
- Clean and treated drinking water during the climb
- Supplementary emergency oxygen cylinder
- Complete first aid kit
- Pulse oximeter checks carried by chief guides
- Kilimanjaro National Park summit certificate for successful climbers
- Government taxes and VAT where applicable
- Pre-climb briefing and trekking gear check

EXCLUSIONS

- International flights
- Tanzania visa
- Personal hiking and trekking gear such as sleeping bag, hiking boots, clothing, and rain gear
- Tips for guides, assistant guides, porters, and cook
- Snacks and personal medicine
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone, beverages, and souvenirs
- Drinks, lunch, and dinner at the hotel unless stated
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Optional tours such as a short safari after the climb
- Portable toilet unless requested at extra cost

Itinerary

Day 1

Moshi to Machame Gate & Machame Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Machame Camp

After breakfast, your Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 6 Days adventure begins with a transfer from your hotel in Moshi to Machame Gate. After park registration, luggage weighing, and permit procedures, start trekking through the lush rainforest zone. The trail can be wet and muddy, but it gives an excellent first introduction to Kilimanjaro's lower mountain forest. Continue steadily to Machame Camp at about 3,100 meters for dinner and overnight. Trekking time is usually 4 to 6 hours over approximately 9 kilometers, with about 740 meters of altitude gain.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION IMAGE
Machame Camp	—

Day 2

Machame Camp to Shira Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Shira Camp

After breakfast, leave the rainforest behind and continue upward through heather and moorland toward the Shira Plateau. The trail becomes steeper in sections, but the views become more rewarding as Mount Meru rises behind you and Kilimanjaro's upper slopes come into view. Reach Shira Camp at about 3,840 meters, where you will camp near the Shira caves area. An optional short acclimatization walk may be done in the evening to help your body adjust by walking high and sleeping low. Trekking time is usually 4 to 6 hours over approximately 9 kilometers.

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Shira Camp	—

Day 3

Shira Camp to Lava Tower & Barranco Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Barranco Camp

Today's trek follows the important acclimatization principle of climbing high and sleeping lower. From Shira Camp, the trail heads east across alpine terrain toward Lava Tower at about 4,630 meters. After lunch near Lava Tower, descend toward Barranco Camp at about 3,960 meters. This descent helps your body adapt to altitude while offering dramatic views of valleys, ridges, and Kilimanjaro's southern slopes. This is one of the most important acclimatization days on the Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 6 Days itinerary. Trekking time is normally 6 to 7 hours.

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Barranco Camp	—

Day 4

Barranco Camp to Karanga Valley & Barafu Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Barafu Camp

After breakfast, climb the famous Barranco Wall with careful guidance from your mountain crew. The trail then crosses ridges and valleys along the Southern Circuit before reaching Karanga Valley. After a rest and lunch break, continue toward Barafu Camp at about 4,600 meters. This is the summit base camp, with views of Kibo and Mawenzi when the weather is clear. After dinner, prepare your summit gear and rest early before the midnight summit attempt. Trekking time is usually 7 to 9 hours on this shorter 6-day Machame schedule.

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Barafu Camp	—

Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak & Mweka Camp

Day 5

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Mweka Camp

Around midnight, begin the final ascent toward Stella Point on the crater rim. The climb is steep, cold, and physically demanding, requiring a slow and steady pace. From Stella Point, continue along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak at 5,895 meters, the highest point in Africa. After summit photos and a short celebration, descend back to Barafu Camp for a brief rest and lunch, then continue down through the moorland zone to Mweka Camp. This is the longest and hardest day of the route, usually taking 11 to 15 hours depending on pace and conditions.

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Mweka Camp	—

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate & Return to Moshi

Day 6

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Accommodation: Moshi Hotel

After breakfast, complete the final descent through forest trails to Mweka Gate. At lower elevations, the trail may be wet and slippery, so trekking poles and careful footing are useful. At the gate, successful climbers receive their Kilimanjaro summit certificates before meeting the Serengeti Wild Tours vehicle for the drive back to Moshi. This marks the end of your Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 6 Days trek. Hiking time is normally 3 to 4 hours over approximately 10 kilometers.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION IMAGE
Moshi Hotel	—

Frequently Asked Questions

How difficult is Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 6 Days?

The 6-day Machame Route is challenging because it has a faster schedule than the 7-day version and includes long trekking days, high altitude, and a demanding summit night. It is best for fit climbers with good preparation.

Why is the Machame Route called the Whiskey Route?

The Machame Route is often called the Whiskey Route because it is considered more challenging and more scenic than the Marangu Route. It uses camping accommodation and follows varied mountain landscapes.

Does the 6-day Machame Route include Lava Tower?

Yes. The standard 6-day Machame itinerary goes from Shira Camp to Lava Tower before descending to Barranco Camp. This climb-high, sleep-low section helps with acclimatization.

Where does the Machame Route descend?

The Machame Route normally descends through Mweka Camp and finishes at Mweka Gate, where climbers receive summit certificates before returning to Moshi.

What is included in the Serengeti Wild Tours Machame package?

The package includes mountain transfers, professional guides, porters, cook, park fees, camping fees, rescue fees, mountain tents, meals on the mountain, drinking water, emergency oxygen, first aid support, and pre-climb briefing.

Is the 6-day Machame Route good for first-time Kilimanjaro climbers?

It can be suitable for fit first-time climbers, but the 7-day Machame Route gives better acclimatization. The 6-day option is better for climbers with strong fitness and limited time.
