



WHISKEY ROUTE

Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 7 Days

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<p>FROM USD 1,598 Per person</p>	<p>DURATION 7 Days / 6 Nights</p>	<p>TRIP STYLE Kilimanjaro Trekking Camping Route</p>	<p>DESTINATIONS Mount Kilimanjaro, Machame Route, Mweka Route Tanzania</p>	<p>BEST FOR Scenic Climbers Acclimatization Trek</p>
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Overview

Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 7 Days with Serengeti Wild Tours and follow the famous Whiskey Route, one of the most scenic camping trails on Mount Kilimanjaro. This itinerary gives climbers better acclimatization through Shira Plateau, Lava Tower, Barranco Wall, Karanga Valley, and Barafu Camp before the summit push to Uhuru Peak. It is ideal for trekkers who want a challenging, beautiful, and well-paced Kilimanjaro climb.

Highlights

- Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 7 Days on the famous Whiskey Route
- Trek through rainforest, moorland, alpine desert, and the summit zone
- Cross the Shira Plateau with views toward Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro's upper slopes
- Use the climb-high, sleep-low approach through Lava Tower and Barranco Camp
- Climb the Barranco Wall and continue through Karanga Valley for better acclimatization
- Summit Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa at 5,895 meters
- Descend through the Mweka Route after the summit attempt
- Includes professional mountain crew, park fees, camping equipment, mountain meals, airport transfers, and safety support

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Private transport from the hotel to Machame Gate and transport back after the climb
- Qualified medical guides
- Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, porters, and cook
- Guide, cook, and porter salaries
- Airport pickup and drop-off
- All Kilimanjaro National Park entry fees
- All camping fees
- Accommodation before and after the climb
- Kilimanjaro National Park summit certificate for successful climbers
- Rescue fees
- Government taxes
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and hot drinks on the mountain
- Evacuation services
- Three fresh meals daily while trekking
- Hot drinks and hot water for washing on the mountain
- Quality spacious tents, sleeping mats, camping tables, camping chairs, and mess tent
- Supplementary portable oxygen and complete first aid kit for emergencies
- Pulse oximeter carried by chief guides
- Three to four liters of treated or mineral water per climber per day during the climb

EXCLUSIONS

- Items of a personal nature
- Portable toilet at USD 150
- Tanzania entry visa
- International and domestic flights
- Tips for guides, porters, and cook
- Personal hiking and trekking gear
- Travel insurance
- Laundry
- Snacks and personal medicine
- Optional tours or short safari after the climb
- Meals, drinks, or services not clearly listed in the package

Itinerary

Day 1

Moshi to Machame Gate & Machame Camp

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

Your Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 7 Days adventure begins with a transfer from Moshi to Machame Gate for registration, park formalities, and luggage weighing. After clearance, start trekking through the lush rainforest at the lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. The trail is often wet and muddy, but it gives a strong first impression of the mountain's green forest zone. Continue steadily to Machame Camp at about 3,100 meters for dinner and your first night on the mountain. Trekking time is usually 4 to 6 hours over approximately 9 kilometers, with an altitude gain of about 740 meters.

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Machame Camp	—

Day 2

Machame Camp to Shira Camp

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

After breakfast, leave the forest behind and continue upward toward the Shira Plateau. The route becomes steeper as the vegetation changes from rainforest to moorland, opening wide views of Mount Kilimanjaro and, on clear days, Mount Meru rising above Arusha. Reach Shira Camp at around 3,840 meters and enjoy an acclimatization walk in the evening, following the useful mountain principle of walking high and sleeping low. This section covers about 9 kilometers and normally takes 4 to 6 hours, with an altitude gain of around 740 meters.

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Shira Camp	—

Day 3

Shira Camp to Lava Tower & Barranco Camp

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

Today the landscape changes dramatically as you trek across high moorland and alpine terrain on the southwest side of Mount Kilimanjaro. The trail passes below Lava Tower, reaching high altitude before descending toward Barranco Camp at about 3,900 meters. Although the day ends near a similar sleeping elevation, the time spent higher on the mountain supports acclimatization and helps prepare your body for the summit attempt. This important climb-high, sleep-low day is one of the key strengths of the Machame Route. Trekking time is usually 6 to 7 hours over about 15 kilometers.

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Barranco Camp	—

Day 4**Barranco Camp to Karanga Valley**

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

After breakfast, begin with the famous Barranco Wall, a steep but manageable scramble that may require using your hands in a few sections. Your guides will lead the pace carefully as you climb above Barranco and enjoy excellent views of the surrounding valleys and glaciers. After reaching the top, descend into the greener Karanga Valley and continue to camp on the ridge above the valley. This shorter day supports acclimatization before moving higher toward Barafu. The distance is about 4 kilometers, with an elevation gain of around 250 meters.

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Karanga Camp	—

Day 5**Karanga Valley to Barafu Camp**

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

Leave Karanga after breakfast and continue through alpine desert toward Barafu Camp at about 4,600 meters. Along the way, you may see several of Kibo's glaciers and the junction where the Mweka descent route connects with the Machame trail. Barafu Camp is exposed and rocky, but it offers powerful views of Kibo and Mawenzi when the weather is clear. After arriving, eat early, prepare your summit gear, and rest as much as possible before the midnight summit attempt. Trekking time is usually 3 to 4 hours over approximately 4.5 kilometers, with an altitude gain of about 400 meters.

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Barafu Camp	—

Day 6**Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak & Mweka Camp**

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

Around midnight, begin the most demanding stage of your Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 7 Days trek. Using headlamps, ascend slowly over loose volcanic scree toward Stella Point on the crater rim. After a short rest and sunrise views over Mawenzi, continue along the crater rim toward Uhuru Peak at 5,895 meters, the highest point in Africa. After summit photos and celebration, descend back to Barafu for lunch and refreshments before continuing down to Mweka Camp at around 3,100 meters. This is a long and tiring day, usually taking 11 to 14 hours in total, but it is also the main achievement of the climb.

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Mweka Camp	—

Day 7**Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate & Return to Moshi**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Moshi Hotel

After breakfast, complete your final descent through Kilimanjaro's forest zone to Mweka Gate. The trail can be slippery, so careful footing is important, especially after rain. At the gate, successful climbers sign the register and receive certificates. Climbers who reach Stella Point receive green certificates, while those who reach Uhuru Peak receive gold certificates. After park formalities, Serengeti Wild Tours will transfer you back to Moshi for a hot shower, dinner, rest, and celebration after completing the Machame Route.

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Moshi Hotel	—

Frequently Asked Questions

Is Climb Kilimanjaro Machame Route 7 Days good for acclimatization?

Yes. The 7-day Machame itinerary is better paced than the 6-day option because it includes Karanga Camp before Barafu Camp, giving climbers more time to adjust before the summit attempt.

Why is the Machame Route called the Whiskey Route?

The Machame Route is commonly called the Whiskey Route because it is more challenging than the Marangu Route, with camping accommodation, steeper trails, and more varied terrain.

Where does the Machame Route start and end?

The route starts at Machame Gate on the southern side of Mount Kilimanjaro and descends through the Mweka Route, ending at Mweka Gate before returning to Moshi.

What is included in this Serengeti Wild Tours package?

The package includes airport pickup and drop-off, mountain transfers, professional guides, porters, cook, park fees, camping fees, accommodation before and after the climb, meals on the mountain, rescue fees, safety equipment, and treated drinking water.

How difficult is the 7-day Machame Route?

It is a challenging Kilimanjaro camping route suitable for fit trekkers. The longest and hardest section is summit night from Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak and down to Mweka Camp.

What is not included in the package price?

The price does not include Tanzania visa, flights, tips, portable toilet, personal trekking gear, laundry, snacks, personal medicine, travel insurance, or optional tours after the climb.
