

Sponsor Our Founder's Mount Kilimanjaro Climb benefitting 7 Benefit's Veterans Support non-profit

**** This sponsorship is 100% tax deductible. Thu Stubbs is donating her time and expenses to climb Kilimanjaro for our Veterans and 7 Benefit LTD.*

Machame Route- 7 days Itinerary

Day 1Moshi

Arrive at any time.

Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travelers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Accommodation

Below is an example of the hotel we may use in this city. For the actual hotel your specific departure will be using, please check your voucher.

Stella Maris Lodge (or similar Hotel)

Day 2Moshi/Machame camp

Hike the lower slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro to Machame Camp.

Most of the day is spent in the gorgeous and fascinating, forested slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, most of which is considered to be rainforest zone.

Depending on the weather, the trail will be soggy and possibly muddy if it rains.

Private Vehicle

Moshi – Machame Gate1h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Machame Gate to Machame Camp

Machame Gate – Machame camp5h-7h 11km

Start at the Machame Gate where the group will register and begin hiking. The slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro are a rainforest zone, so trails can be wet and muddy. Keep a look-out for black and white colobus monkeys and exotic birds. On the first day of hiking the group covers a long distance with a gradual gradient. End the day at the Machame Campsite above the rainforest.

Day 3 Machame camp/Shira 2 Camp

Hike through lower alpine moorland to Shira 2 camp and observe the spectacular views of Kibo Peak.

Machame Camp to Shira 2 Camp

Machame camp – Shira 2 Camp 5h-6h 5km

Start with a steep ascent towards the edge of the forest. Climb the steep ridge and stop for a break. Before reaching camp, continue hiking to **Shira Cathedral 12,687 ft** and enjoy the view of the peaks.

Day 4 Shira 2 Camp/Barranco Camp

Hike to Barranco Camp via Lava Tower. Enjoy the fantastic view of Western Breach and the Breach Wall.

Shira 2 Camp to Lava Tower

Shira 2 Camp – Lava Tower 3h-4h 7km

Climb slowly through the rocky terrain to the Lava Tower (4600m, 15,092 ft) from the Shira 2 Camp. The route becomes increasingly challenging and steep. Some hikers might start to feel weak or short of breath from the altitude so go slowly—“pole pole” as they say in Swahili—to avoid exasperating the symptoms.

Lava Tower to Barranco Camp

Lava Tower – Barranco Camp 1h30m-2h 3km

Descend from the Lava Tower 650m (2133 ft) to the Great Barranco Valley. Hike about 2 hours to reach the valley, acclimate to the elevation and take in the view of the Western Breach and Breach Wall along the way. Reach the Barranco Camp and enjoy the beautiful landscape as a reward for the day’s difficult hike. The Breach Wall surrounds the Camp on three sides and the area has an amazing view of hanging glaciers and the Kibo massif.

Day 5 Barranco Camp/Barafu Camp

View the Great Barranco Wall and climb up the eastern wall, passing below the Helm Glacier.

Barranco Camp to Barafu Camp

Barranco Camp – Barafu Camp 8h-9h 9km

Take a look at the view of the Great Barranco Wall from camp then get ready to climb up the eastern wall. The route is a steady incline that passes below the Helm Glacier and meets with the Mweka route on the way down. Get some rest at the **Barafu camp 15,330 ft**, the site is on a narrow, rocky, ridge with no barriers to block the wind. Get equipment like headlamps, hiking poles and thermal clothing ready to go for the very early morning start the next day.

Day 6 Barafu Camp/Mweka Camp

Hike during the night to the Summit via Stella Point. Watch the sunrise before descending to Mweka Camp.

The route from Barafu Camp to the summit is mentally and physically, the longest, most challenging day of the entire trek. Despite the difficulty, the memory of conquering Mt Kilimanjaro will stay with you forever.

Barafu Camp to Stella Point

Barafu Camp – Stella Point 6h 4km

Wake up call today is at 11pm in order to reach **Stella Point (5756m, 18,885 ft)** in time for the spectacular view of the sunrise (depending on weather). Enjoy a snack and warm drink and get ready for the ascent in the dark up the northwest scree. Go slowly as the terrain is rocky and difficult, pass between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers before arriving at Stella Point.

Stella Point to Summit

Stella Point – Uhuru 1h-1h30m 1km Start the 1 hour, gradual ascent to **Uhuru peak (5895m, 19341 ft)** along the snow-covered trail. Temperatures near the summit can range from **-23° C (-9°f)** in the morning to just below freezing overnight. Arrive at the summit at last! Take a deep breath and celebrate a successful climb.

Summit to Mweka Camp

Uhuru – Mweka Camp 4h-6h 12km

Begin the descent from the summit towards the Barafu camp, where the group will pack up and enjoy a quick rest. The route down will use the same rock and scree path as the ascent and will pass back through moorland and forest terrain. Reach Mweka hut in the late afternoon.

Day 7 Mweka Camp/Moshi

Continue descent through the forested, lower slopes to Moshi. Meet the mamas of the Moshi Women's Cooperative, a G supported project, for a climbing ceremony.

Arrive to Moshi in the afternoon. Time to relax, take a shower, and celebrate with a drink. Cheers to climbing Mt Kilimanjaro! Before dinner, you will be welcomed and congratulated on your climb by the

mamas of the Moshi Women’s Cooperative, a project supported by G Adventures. They will present you with a gift and a certificate to remember all your efforts on the mountain.

Opt to pre-book the Moshi Mamas Massage by adding it to your checkout page, or ask your GCO or travel agent for assistance.

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

Mweka Camp – Mweka Gate 4h-5h 10km

Hike downhill to the Mweka Gate. Enjoy the lower altitude and the view of the forested slopes of Mt Kilimanjaro. The route can be muddy underfoot so take care. From the Mweka Gate you will continue down into the Mweka village for lunch, normally a muddy 1 hour hike. Upon arrival to Moshi in the afternoon, relax, or opt to have that much-deserved shower and congratulatory beverage.

Sponsor Level Donations to Veterans Services

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| 1. Shira Cathedral | \$100 |
| 2. Lava Tower | \$250 |
| 3. Barafu Camp | \$300 |
| 4. Stela Point | \$400 |
| 5. Uhuru Peak | \$500 |
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