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SAMPLE ITINERARY

10 Days Kilimanjaro Shira Route Trek

A drive-in start high on the Shira Plateau, skipping the forest for wide views from the very first day.

DURATION	STARTS	STYLE	PRICE
10 Days / 9 Nights	Arusha	Mid-range	On request

Route: Arusha → Kilimanjaro

Makao Mapya, Arusha, Tanzania

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YOUR JOURNEY

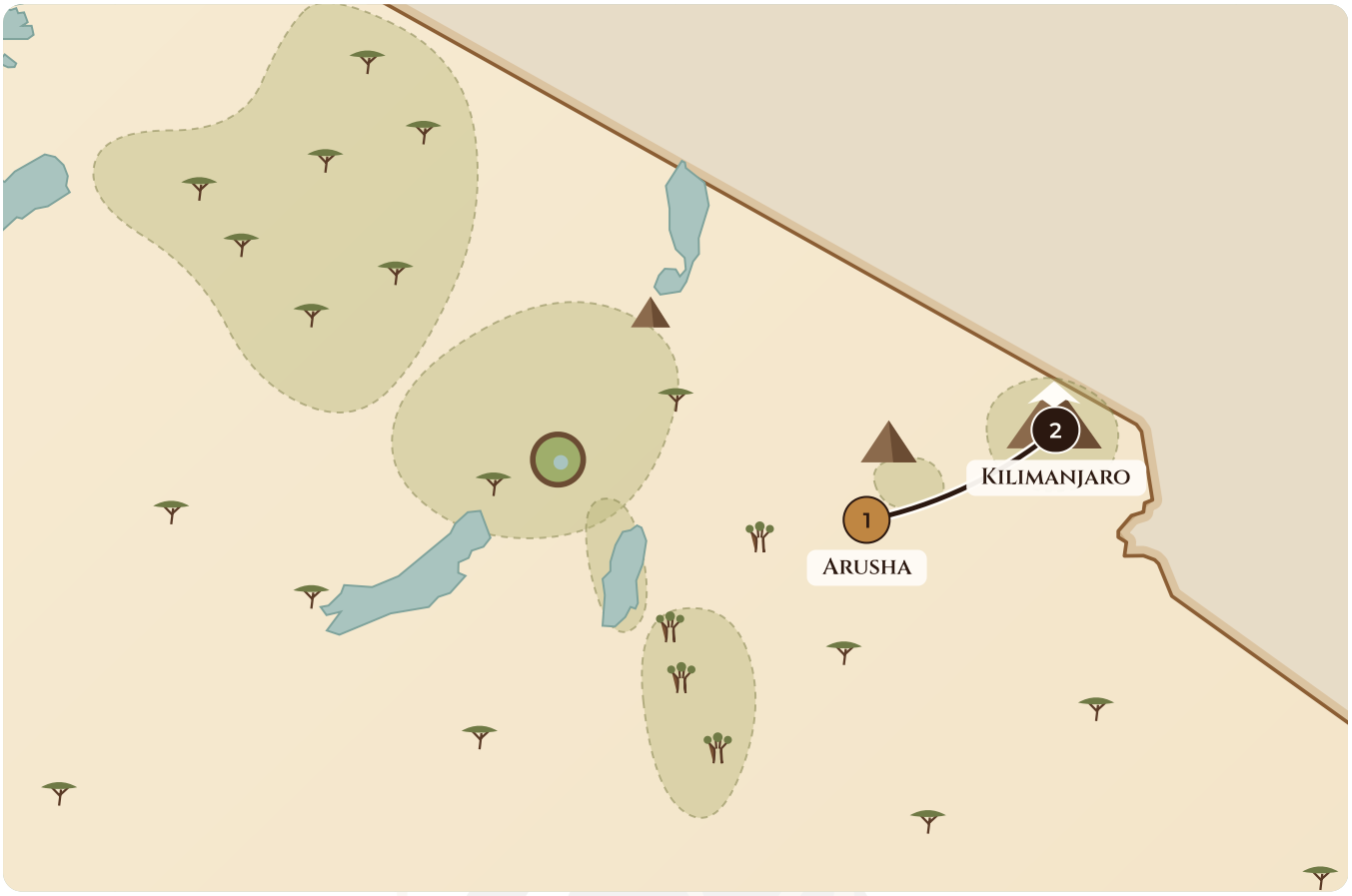
THE OVERVIEW

Shira begins by vehicle high on the western plateau, so you start at about 3,600 m. It joins the southern circuit at Barranco. Starting so high makes the first days harder on the body, which is why we add a warm-up day first.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive-in start on the plateau
- Open views from day one
- Lava Tower and Barranco
- Uhuru Peak at about 5,895 m
- Warm-up day before the climb

YOUR ROUTE



Journey start · Stop · By road

Illustrative map, not to be used for navigation.

Day 1	Arrival in Arusha
Day 2	Warm-Up Day in Arusha National Park
Day 3	Shira Gate – Shira 1 Camp
Day 4	Shira 1 – Shira 2 Camp
Day 5	Shira 2 – Lava Tower – Barranco Camp
Day 6	Barranco Camp – Karanga Camp
Day 7	Karanga Camp – Barafu Camp
Day 8	Summit Day: Uhuru Peak – Mweka Camp
Day 9	Mweka Camp – Mweka Gate – Arusha
Day 10	Departure from Arusha

Day by day

DAY 1

Arrival in Arusha

Arrive in northern Tanzania, where a Hartebeest Safaris representative welcomes you and provides a private transfer to your Arusha accommodation. Settle in, recover from the flight and go through the plan for the days ahead.

Personal airport welcome | Private transfer | Briefing and route review

TRAVEL
Approximately 45–75 minutes from Kilimanjaro International Airport, depending on traffic.

MEALS
Dinner, depending on arrival time

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 2

Warm-Up Day in Arusha National Park

Stretch your legs on a ranger-guided walk among giraffe and buffalo near the Momella Lakes, beneath Mount Meru. Back at your hotel, your guide checks your gear and goes through the climb.

Walking among wildlife | Mount Meru views | Gear check and climb briefing

TRAVEL
Usually about 1 hour by road each way, and 2–3 hours of easy walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 3

Shira Gate – Shira 1 Camp

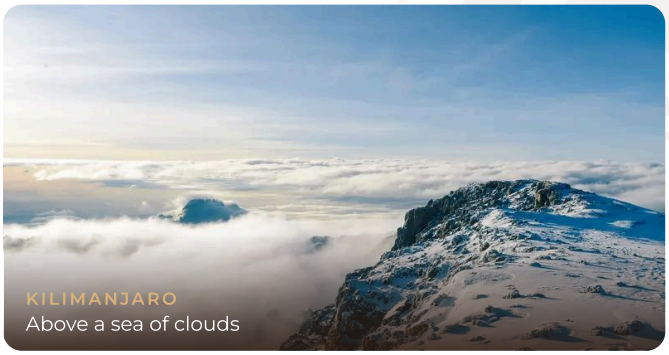
Register at Londorossi and drive up to the plateau, then enjoy a short first walk across the moorland to camp, watching for eland tracks.

Drive onto the plateau | Wide moorland | First views of Kibo

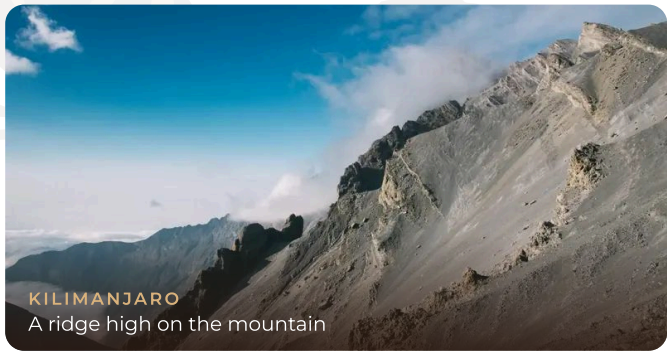
TRAVEL
A long road transfer, then usually 1–2 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Shira 1 Camp, about 3,500 m.



KILIMANJARO
Above a sea of clouds



KILIMANJARO
A ridge high on the mountain

DAY 4

Shira 1 – Shira 2 Camp

Cross the plateau at an easy pace, with a side walk to Shira Cathedral possible if you feel strong.

The Shira Plateau | Optional Shira Cathedral | An easy pace

TRAVEL
Usually 4–6 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Shira 2 Camp, about 3,850 m.

DAY 5

Shira 2 – Lava Tower – Barranco Camp

Climb to Lava Tower at about 4,600 m, then descend through giant groundsel to Barranco.

Lava Tower | Climb high, sleep low | Giant groundsel

TRAVEL
Usually 6–8 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Barranco Camp, about 3,950 m.

DAY 6

Barranco Camp – Karanga Camp

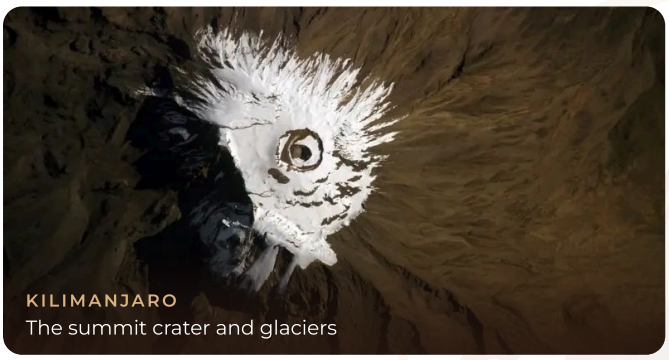
Scramble up the famous Barranco Wall, then follow a rolling path around the mountain. This shorter day leaves the afternoon free to rest.

The Barranco Wall | South-face views | A shorter recovery day

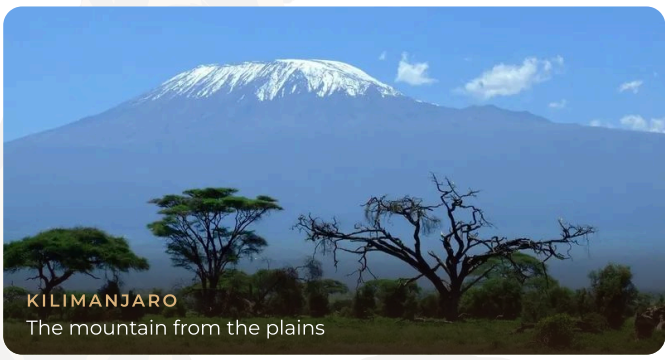
TRAVEL
Usually 4–5 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Karanga Camp, about 3,995 m.



KILIMANJARO
The summit crater and glaciers



KILIMANJARO
The mountain from the plains

DAY 7

Karanga Camp – Barafu Camp

Walk through stark alpine desert to Barafu, the base for your summit attempt. Eat early, prepare your gear and rest before the midnight start.

Alpine desert | Summit briefing | Early night

TRAVEL
Usually 3–5 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Barafu Camp, about 4,673 m.

DAY 8

Summit Day: Uhuru Peak – Mweka Camp

Set off around midnight from Barafu, climbing by headlamp to Stella Point and on to Uhuru Peak at about 5,895 m, ideally around sunrise. Then descend for a long rest at Mweka Camp.

Sunrise near the Roof of Africa | Uhuru Peak | Long descent to Mweka

TRAVEL
Usually 11–15 hours in total. Your guide may turn back if conditions or your health require it.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Mweka Camp, about 3,100 m.

DAY 9

Mweka Camp – Mweka Gate – Arusha

Walk down through the rainforest to Mweka Gate to collect your summit certificate, then transfer to Arusha for a hot shower and a comfortable bed.

Rainforest descent | Summit certificates | Return to Arusha

TRAVEL
Usually 3–4 hours of walking, then the road transfer.

MEALS
Breakfast and lunch

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 10

Departure from Arusha

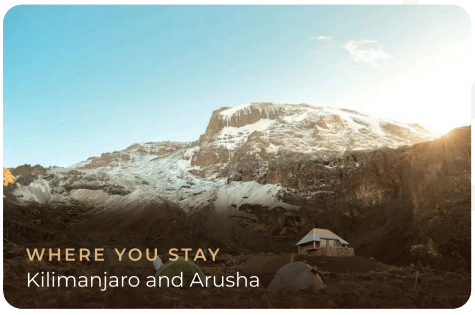
Enjoy a relaxed final breakfast before your private transfer to the airport, or continue to a safari or Zanzibar extension.

Relaxed final morning | Private departure transfer | Optional extensions

TRAVEL
Transfer timing is confirmed once final flight details are supplied.

MEALS
Breakfast

STAY
No accommodation included unless an extension is requested.



Mid-range

Mountain camps and Arusha hotel

Tented camps on the mountain, with a hotel in Arusha before and after the trek. Your hotel is confirmed in your tailored quotation.

Included

- Licensed mountain guides, assistant guides, cook and porters
- Kilimanjaro park, camping and rescue fees
- Tents and shared camp equipment on the mountain
- All meals and treated drinking water while trekking
- Hotel nights in Arusha before and after the trek
- Airport and trailhead transfers
- Warm-up day in Arusha National Park with an armed ranger

Not included

- International flights
- Tanzania visa and travel insurance covering high-altitude trekking
- Personal trekking clothing, boots and sleeping bag
- Crew tips and personal expenses
- Meals in Arusha not listed as included

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This itinerary is a starting point. Tell us your dates, travellers and interests, and we will reply with a tailored proposal and quotation, usually within 24 hours.

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