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MT.KILIMANJARO - MACHAME ROUTE

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Information Background

Sometimes called the **Whisky Route**. This is a popular route up steep paths through magnificent forests to gain a ridge leading through the moorland zones to the Shira Plateau. It then traverses beneath the glaciated precipices of the Southern Ice fields to join the Barafu Route to the summit. The Mweka Route is used for the descent.

Accommodation on the mountain is in tents, which the porters will pitch for you. You will need a sleeping bag, warm clothes and walking poles. This is a steep, tough trek within the limits of a fit individual used to walking in mountain areas.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive at Kilimanjaro airport and then transferred to Hotel, for overnight bed and breakfast.

DAY 2: Machame Gate to Machame Camp.

Your day starts early with a briefing, followed by breakfast and a 45-minute drive from Moshi (910m) to the Machame village (1490m). The guides and porters prepare and pack the supplies and your equipment in the village. Depending on the condition of the road, it is possible to drive from the village to the Machame gate, but if not, the muddy 3 km walk will take about 1 hour to complete. After registering at the gate office, you start your ascent and enter the rain forest. You will receive a lunch pack at the gate. There is a possibility of rain in the forest, which will transform the trail into a very soggy, muddy and slippery experience. In the evening the porters will boil drinking and washing water and the cook will prepare dinner, before you retire to your tent for the night. Night temperatures can already drop to freezing point at Machame campsite.

DAY 3: Machame Camp to Shira Camp.

You rise early at Machame camp and after breakfast you climb an hour or so to the top of the forest and then for 2 hours at a gentler gradient through the moorland zone. After a short lunch and rest, you continue up a rocky ridge onto the Shira plateau. By now you will be able to see in an easterly direction, the Western Breach with its stunning glaciers. You are now due west of Kibo and after a short hike you will reach the **Shira campsite** at 3840m. The porters will boil drinking and washing water, before serving dinner. The night at this exposed camp will be colder than the previous night, with temperatures dropping to well below freezing.

DAY 4: Shira Camp to Barranco Camp.

The route now turns east into a semi desert and rocky landscape surrounding Lava Tower, where you reach an altitude of 4630m after about a 5 hours walk. Lunch is served in a designated area before ascending the rocky scree path to Lava Tower (4630m). Definitely the toughest day so far. It is normally around this point, where for the first time, some climbers will start to feel symptoms of breathlessness, irritability and headaches. After lunch you descent again by almost 680m to the Barranco camping area and after reaching the high altitude of 4600m at Lava Tower, the true acclimatization benefit of this day becomes clear. This descent to Barranco camp takes about 2 hours and offers great opportunities to take some beautiful photographs of the Western Breach and Breach Wall. The camp is situated in a valley below



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the Breach and Great Barranco Wall, which should provide you with a memorable view of the sunset while you wait for the preparation of your dinner and overnight at **Barranco Camp site**.

DAY 5: Barranco / Karanga Valley Camp to Barafu Camp.

Totally exposed to the ever-present gales the tents are pitched on a narrow, stony, and dangerous ridge. Make sure that you familiarize yourself with the terrain before dark to avoid any accidents. The summit is now a further 1345m up and you will make the final ascent the same night. Prepare your equipment, ski stick and thermal clothing for your summit attempt. This should include the replacement of your headlamp and camera batteries and make sure you have a spare set available as well. To prevent freezing it will be wise **to carry your water in a thermal flask**. Go to bed at about 1900 hrs and try to get some precious rest and sleep for not more than 5 Hours.

DAY 6: Barafu Camp/ To Summit and Descend.

You will rise around 23.30 hrs, and after some tea and biscuits you shuffle off into the night. You will head in a north-westerly 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. The time you will spend on the summit will depend on the weather conditions. Do not stop here for too long, as it will be extremely difficult to start again due to cold and fatigue. Enjoy your accomplishment and a day to remember for the rest of your life. The walk back to Barafu from the summit, takes about 3 hours. Here you will have a well-earned but short rest and collect the rest of your gear, before heading down to Mweka Camp (3100m) for Dinner and Overnight.

DAY 7: Final descent from Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate.

After Breakfast, From the Mweka Gate you will continue down into the Mweka village, normally a muddy and long hour walk. In the Mweka village drive to the Hotel and you will be served a delicious hot lunch!! You now drive back to Moshi for a long overdue hot shower. It is recommended and tips are highly appreciated at the end of their trip. Tips can be given to the Guide at the Hotel. This is also where successful climbers receive their **summit certificates**. Those climbers who reached Stella Point (5685m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak (5895m) receive gold certificates. Dinner & breakfast (HB)

DAY 8: Transfer to JRO for the flight back home

Prices are inclusive of:

- 2 Nights' accommodation at Moshi – Bed & Breakfast Basis
- All park fees
- National Park approved guides and porters
- GST
- Accommodation on the mountain (Three-man mountain tents used for two people)
- Stools, a mess tent and hot water for washing are provided on the mountain
- Meals on the mountain



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- Transport from Moshi to the Starting point of the mountain and return to Moshi

Prices do not include:

- Flight tickets
- Transfer from Pune to Mumbai Airport & back.
- Tips to driver, porters and guide.
- Visas
- Insurance
- Items of personal nature
- Climbing gear – sleeping bags, shoes etc.