

# KILIMANJARO ASCENT

## Kilimanjaro 5895m trekking and ascent

Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa with 5895 meters high. It consists of three craters, the Shira 3962 meters, 5149 meters of the Mawenzi and Kibo or higher Uhuru 5895 meters, is one of the world's tallest volcanic massifs. This massif is protected by a National Park declared by UNESCO in 1987.

On this expedition the route we'll take it's Machame route. A little more demanding than the other routes, also known as the route of Whisky, as it is considered to be more phissically difficult and more "intoxicating" than Marangu route, this one called the Coca-Cola route.

The climb starts at the Machame Gate in the rainforest of Kilimanjaro, and climb up along the western side of the massif to reach the plateau of Shira, where you can enjoy stunning views over the altiplano. In three more days of from this field, we'll reach to the Kilimanjaro's summit.

This trip is expandable to to make a three-day safari in the Masai Mara Reserve.

Come with us to climb the highest Africa's mountain!



## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Barcelona o Madrid – Nairobi.**

Transfer to the hotel. Depending on arrival time still have the afternoon free.

*Hotel (B).*

### **Day 2: Nairobi – Moshi.**

Transfer during 5 hours by private car from Nairobi to Moshi.

*Hotel. (B).*

### **Day 3: Moshi – Machame Gate, 1830m – Machame Camp, 3030m.**

Morning transfer to Machame Park gate. Set off climbing gently through the south-western slopes of the mountain. This is original mountain forest, carpeted with unique "busy lizzie" flowers, begonias and ferns. First camp amongst the giant heather at 3.000m. From 5 to 6 hours and 1200 meters.

*Camp. (B, L, D).*

### **Day 4: Machame Camp, 3030m – Shira Camp, 3850m.**

Emerging from the forest into the giant heather zone and out onto fine open moorland to camp by the Shira Cave at 3,840m. You'll see herds of eland up here and there are fascinating geological features in the old volcanic caldera which can be viewed during a half hour optional walk in the afternoon. From 4 to 5 hours and 820 meters.

*Camp. (B, L, D).*

### **Day 5: Shira Camp, 3850m – Barranco Camp, 3985m.**

From Shira climb towards the main peak Kibo, with the western glaciers clearly visible across the rugged high-altitude desert of volcanic rocks and boulders. Skirting around its base and under the imposing western Breach, descend into the sheltered Barranco Valley for mid-way camp at 3,950m. 5-7 hours walking but having climbed much higher and dropped back down assists acclimatization. From 6 to 7 hours, 790 meters up and 650 meters down.

*Camp. (B, L, D).*

### **Day 6: Barranco Camp, 3985m – Barafu Camp, 4680m.**

Up the steep Barranco wall with some sections of very easy scrambling and drop down again to the Karanga Valley. This is a short walking day, 3-4 hours, with an optional acclimatization hike in afternoon up onto the scree below the glaciers. From 7 to 8 hours and 830 meters.

*Camp. (B, L, D).*

### **Day 7: Barafu Camp, 4680m – Kilimanjaro' summit, 5895m – Mweka hut, 3180m.**

Just after midnight you start off a challenging trek. You begin trekking after midnight, passing between the Rebmann and Tarzel glaciers to the rim at Stella Point. As dawn nears, you'll summit at Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa at 5.895m. Uhuru will be the culmination of 6-7 hours of strenuous hiking. You'll then descend back to Barafu Camp, resting for a while before continuing your descent for 3-4 hours to Mweka Camp for dinner and overnight. From 10 to 12 hours in total, 1215 meters up and 2800 down.

*Camp. (B, L, D).*

### **Day 8: Mweka hut, 3180m – Mweka Gate, 2100m.**

You'll make your final descent to the park gate, a walk of about 3 or 4 hours. After bidding farewell to porters, you drive back to Moshi for overnight. Moshi.

*Hotel (B).*

### **Day 9: Moshi - Nairobi**

Transfer from Moshi to Nairobi by private transport.

*Hotel (B).*

### **Day 10: Nairobi – Barcelona o Madrid**

Transfer from the hotel to the airport and flight to home. (B).