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## ITINERARY DETAILS FOR SHIRA ROUTE 6 DAYS.

### Itinerary Overview

- **Length:** 7 Days
- **Category:** Trekking
- **Destination:** Kilimanjaro via Shira Route
- **Major Attractions:** Kilimanjaro mountain, Africa's highest mountain
- **Tour Guides Language:** English
- **Starting Point:** Moshi
- **Ending Point:** Moshi
- **Route Accessibility:** It approaches the mountain from west side through Shira ridges. Less people use this route since it doesn't provide much acclimatization time. Descent is done through Mweka route.
- **Additional info:** It provides guides, porters and cooks for the guidance and assistance while on the mountain.

### Itinerary Details

#### **Day 1: Londorosi Gate To Shira Hut 1 (3610M)**

Starting from Moshi/Arusha to Londorosi Gate, which takes about 4 hours, where you will complete entry formalities while guides and porters prepare equipment. After lunch at the gate, drive for about 2 hours further up to where you're hiking trail begins (Starting Point). The trek starts through shrubs and giant heather until you reach Shira 1 Camp.

- **Distance:** 3 Kilometers.
- **Time:** 2 Hours walking.
- **Zone:** Moorland.

#### **Day 2: Shira Hut 1 (3610M) To Shira Hut 2 (3850M).**



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You explore the Shira plateau for a day. It is a gentle walk east toward Kibo's glaciated peak, across the plateau, which leads to Shira 2 camp on moorland meadows by a stream. Shira is one of the highest plateaus on earth. You will cross Shira Cathedral for acclimatization and if the weather permits, Mount Meru (the fifth summit of Africa) is clearly seeing from Shira 2.

- **Distance:10 Kilometers.**
- **Time:5 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Moorland.**

**Day 3: Shira Hut 2 (3850M) To Lava Tower (4600M) To Barranco Hut (3900M).**

From the Shira Plateau, you continue to the east up a ridge, passing the junction towards the peak of Kibo. As you continue, our direction changes to the South East towards the Lava Tower, called the "Shark's Tooth." Shortly after the tower, you come to the second junction that brings us up to the Arrow Glacier at an altitude of 16,000ft. You now continue down to the Barranco Hut at an altitude of almost 13,000ft. Here you will rest, enjoy dinner, and overnight. Although you end the day at the same elevation as you started, this day is very important for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit day.

- **Distance:10 Kilometers.**
- **Time:7 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Moorland.**

**Day 4: Baranco Hut(3900M) To Karanga Hut(3995M).**



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You begin the day by descending into a canyon to the base of the Great Barranco Wall. Then you climb the non-technical but steep, nearly 900 ft cliff. From the top of the Barranco Wall you cross a series of hills and valleys until you go downhill sharply into Karanga Valley. One steeper climb up leads us to Karanga Camp. This is a shorter day meant for acclimatization.

- **Distance:6 Kilometers.**
- **Time:4 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine desesrt.**

#### **Day 5: Karanga Hut (3995M) To Barafu Hut (4673M)**

You descend into the start of the Great Barranco and then exit steeply up onto the southern slopes of Kibo. You pass beneath the Heim and Kersten glaciers and head up to the Karanga Valley, the last place where you can find water below the summit. You will pass Karanga campsite and the junction of the Mweka Trail before a final push across some scree to the Barafu campsite. From here you can see both the peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo.

- **Distance:4 Kilometers.**
- **Time:3 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine desesrt.**

#### **Day 6: Ascend To Uhuru Peak (5895M)**

At 11:30 PM, you will wake up to steaming tea and biscuits. You will then take off into the night. Your 6-hour climb northwest through heavy scree between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers to Stella Point on the crater rim is the most challenging part of the route for most climbers. At Stella Point (5,685m/18,650ft) you stop for a short rest and a chance to see an outstanding sunrise. You cannot stop for long, as it will be extremely difficult



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to start again due to fatigue and cold. Depending on the season and recent storm activity, you may encounter snow on the remaining part of your hike along the Uhuru Peak rim.

On the summit, you can enjoy your accomplishment, knowing you are creating a day you will remember for the rest of your life. After a 3-hour descent from the summit back to Barafu Camp, you will have a well-earned but short rest, collect your gears, and hike down a rock and scree path to the moorland below and enter the forest to Mweka Camp (3,100m/10,170ft). This camp is in the upper forest, where you can expect rain and mist in the late afternoon.

- **Distance:5 Kilometers.**
- **Time:6/7 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine/Glacial zone.**

#### **Day 7: Mweka Hut (3100M) To Mweka Gate (1640M).**

After breakfast, you will take a short scenic 3-hour hike back to the park gate. At Mweka Gate, you can sign your name and add details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive summit certificates. Climbers who reached Stella Point are issued green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak receive gold certificates. From the Mweka Gate, you will continue down to Mweka Village for Hot Lunch with your Mountain Crew and a small celebration before your drive to your hotel for warm shower and leisure.

- **Distance:10 Kilometers**
- **Time:3 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Rain forest.**



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## **PRICE INCLUDE & EXCLUDE**

### **INCLUDE**

- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- Kilimanjaro Park rescue team fees.
- Government taxes.
- 3 freshly-prepared delicious meals daily on the mountain prepared by professional cooks who are happy to accommodate your dietary needs.
- 3-4 liters of mineral/treated water per person per day.
- Hot drinks on the mountain and hot water for washing.
- Private transport to and from the hotel to the Kilimanjaro Park Gate.
- National Park entry fees and hut fees.
- Portable oxygen tanks, ox meter and emergency first-aid kit.
- Porter's Cook's and Guide's Salary.
- 2 nights of accommodation at Hotel Moshi.
- Friendly and highly qualified mountain guides, assistant guides and professional cooks.
- Enough Porters to carry camping gear and additional baggage.
- Accommodation in Huts/camping.
- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- 4 Season mountain tents
- Double layered Sleeping Mats



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- Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority
- (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- Emergency first-aid kit

### **EXCLUDE**

- Flights
- Laundry Services
- A doctor for the group
- Lunches, dinners and drinks at your hotel in Moshi before climb and after climb.
- Personal items and toiletries.
- Tips for guides, porters and cook (this is a guide to tipping on the mountain)
- Tips on Mountain Kilimanjaro are recommended for group sharing as follows:
  - Guides: US \$20/day/guide.
  - Cook : US \$15/day.
  - Porter: US \$10/day/porter.

**Note:** Tipping is not included in the quoted price.

NOTE: Our Guides, cooks and Porters are always satisfied with your thanks giving (tip) you have and not beyond your ability.

