



## **10 days Kilimanjaro Lemosho hike including night in Kibo caldera!**

### **Why this itinerary?**

The Kilimanjaro Lemosho Route is the best ascent route but this offers the complete Kilimanjaro experience, more acclimatization time, more culture, more spectacular scenery and even a night in Kibo caldera. Note: this itinerary ascends via Stella Point and NOT the Western Breach and is for that reason considered to be a safer route.

### **Description**

Starting on the Western side of Kilimanjaro this ascent covers all of the most spectacular areas of Kilimanjaro. The trip is fully supported with spacious guest tents, mattress and pillow as well as a mess tent with lightweight tables and chairs and all cutlery. Our trips also include a toilet tent in camp and most importantly knowledgeable professional guides that go through bi annual training. Our logistics team at our base monitors your trip from start to finish.

### **Highlights**

THE MOST SCENIC KILIMANJARO ROUTE! Lemosho ascent of Kilimanjaro, afro-montane forest, Shira plateau, glacial valleys and alpine desert, views of Mawenzi, ascent of Kibo and possible views of Kibo caldera and ash pit. Glaciers and the roof of Africa!

### **DAY 1**

#### **KILIMANJARO - FOREST**

From our hotel we set out in vehicles to the starting point of our Kilimanjaro climb, the Lemosho trail. Here you meet the rest of your crew and set off at a leisurely pace into afro-montane forest. Lunch is taken on trail and camp is reached mid afternoon.

Overnight Forest Camp (breakfast- lunch – dinner(9200 ft/ 2804m)

### **DAY 2**

#### **KILIMANJARO - SHIRA 1**

From the forested slopes of Lemosho you ascend through Podocarpus and Juniper forest and break out of the forest on to the heath zone and the Shira Plateau. Lunch is taken on trail and you arrive in camp mid afternoon.

Overnight Shira 1 Camp (breakfast- lunch – dinner(11450ft/ 3500 mt)

### **DAY 3**

#### **KILIMANJARO – MOIR**

Today we move even higher to Moir camp,13500ft (4114m).This spectacular camp is located beneath the Northern ice field of Kilimanjaro.Overnight Moir camp.

### **DAY 4**

**KILIMANJARO - LAVA TOWER** The route to Lava Tower takes you out of the heath zone in to the alpine desert zone. Here relatively little flora or fauna can survive the extreme temperature ranges and conditions that typify this zone. Lunch is taken in camp. In the afternoon, dependant on weather conditions, there is an option to scramble to the top of the nearby Lava Tower.

Overnight Lava Tower Camp (breakfast- lunch - dinner) 15090ft/4600mt.

**DAY 5****KILIMANJARO - BARANCO**

Today we go downhill to Baranco camp overnight Baranco camp(breakfast-lunch-dinner(3985mt)2-3hrs

**DAY 6****KILIMANJARO –KARANGA**

Travel from Baranco to Karanga camp, 13900feet (4235mt)3-4hrs

**DAY 7****KILIMANJARO-KOSOVO**

Today is another half day ascending to Kosovo camp. Once again lunch is taken in at Barafu camp camp allowing plenty of time to relax before the summit bid. Desolate alpine desert and at times strong winds rip over this camp and yet in the evening splendid views of Mawenzi volcano are the norm.16500ft-4-5hrs Overnight Kosovo Camp (breakfast- lunch - dinner)

**DAY 8****KILIMANJARO - CRATER**

Unlike other routes with a night time ascent, your hike selection affords you a day time ascent to Kibo crater. The going is slow but with constant encouragement from your climb team the rim of Kibo is reached before descending a little way into the caldera to Crater camp. The afternoon is spent relaxing and short walks can be taken with one of your guides.18700ft/5700mt 5-6hrs Overnight Crater Camp (breakfast- lunch - dinner)

**DAY 9****KILIMANJARO - MWEKA**

After a night in the crater you now have the shortest final summit bid of any route. With such a short distance to the summit from the crater (around 1 hour) means that timing arrival with the sunrise is much easier and quite spectacular. The summit of Kilimanjaro is the top of the highest freestanding mountain in the world 19339ft/5894mts. After your summit bid you then descend for a final night on the mountain at Mweka Camp 10,000ft passing back through the heath zone. Endemic Proteas, pollinated by Malachite Sunbirds are plentiful.6-7hrs Overnight Mweka Camp (breakfast- lunch - dinner)

**DAY 10****KILIMANJARO - FINISH - ARUSHA**

After breakfast you descend once again through montane forest and around mid day after saying farewell to your crew, you are picked up and transfer back to your hotel for a well deserved shower!

**Includes**

- Trained Kilimanjaro guides (1 guide to 2 clients)
- Guides, Porters and cooks salaries
- Kilimanjaro entry fees
- Emergency medical evacuation (Intensive care Air Ambulance)
- All accommodation as described in the itinerary
- Transfers as described in the itinerary
- Snacks and drinks on the hike (potable water, tea, coffee & hot chocolate)
- Gratuities