



KILIMANJARO MACHAME ROUTE CLIMB

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DURATION

**7 Days /
6 Nights**

Kilimanjaro
Trekking
Adventure

TRIP STYLE

**Private
Kilimanjaro
Climb**

Machame Route
Trek with Summit
Attempt

KEY DESTINATIONS

**Moshi, Machame
Gate, Shira Camp,
Barranco, Karanga,
Barafu, Uhuru Peak,
Mweka Gate**

Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

BEST FOR

**British
Travellers**

Active Hikers,
Trekking Groups and
First-Time Kilimanjaro
Climbers

Overview

This Kilimanjaro Machame Route package is designed for British travellers who want a scenic, well-paced climb on one of Mount Kilimanjaro's most popular trekking routes. The 7-day itinerary gives more time for acclimatisation than the shorter version, making it a stronger choice for hikers who want a more measured approach to the summit. Starting at Machame Gate, the route passes through rainforest, Shira Plateau, Lava Tower, Barranco Wall, Karanga Valley, and Barafu Camp before the final ascent to Uhuru Peak. The Kilimanjaro Machame Route is ideal for active British tourists looking for dramatic landscapes, a proper mountain challenge, and professional local support throughout the climb.

Highlights

- Kilimanjaro Machame Route climb designed for British tourists
- 7 days on the mountain for a better acclimatisation profile than the shorter 6-day option
- Trek through rainforest, heath, moorland, alpine desert, and summit zone landscapes
- Follow one of Mount Kilimanjaro's most scenic routes, often known for its varied views and strong trekking experience
- Includes the important climb-high, sleep-low acclimatisation section around Lava Tower and Barranco Camp
- Summit attempt via Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa
- Private mountain support with professional English-speaking guides, cooks, and porters
- Suitable for active travellers who want a rewarding Kilimanjaro climb with structured pacing
- Can be combined with a Tanzania safari or Zanzibar beach stay after the climb

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Private Kilimanjaro mountain climb arrangement
- Professional English-speaking mountain guides
- Assistant guides, cook, and porter support according to group size
- Kilimanjaro National Park fees
- Camping fees during the climb
- Rescue fees required for Kilimanjaro climbs
- All meals during the mountain trek
- Drinking water during the climb after treatment or boiling
- Mountain tents and dining tent
- Airport transfers as arranged
- Pre-climb briefing in Moshi or Arusha
- Government taxes and levies related to the climb

EXCLUSIONS

- International flights from the United Kingdom
- Tanzania visa fees
- Travel insurance, including high-altitude trekking cover
- Personal trekking equipment and clothing
- Sleeping bag unless hired separately
- Tips for guides, cook, and porters
- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, and souvenirs
- Extra hotel nights before or after the climb unless added
- Safari or Zanzibar extension unless included separately

Itinerary

Day 1

Machame Gate to Machame Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Machame Camp

After breakfast, drive from Moshi or Arusha to Machame Gate for registration and the start of your Kilimanjaro Machame Route climb. The first trekking day moves through lush rainforest, with a steady ascent on a clear mountain trail. This is a good introduction to the route, allowing British travellers to settle into the rhythm of the climb while the mountain crew manages camp arrangements ahead.

ACCOMMODATION

Machame Camp

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Day 2**Machame Camp to Shira Camp**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Shira Camp

Leave the rainforest behind and continue into heath and moorland vegetation as the trail rises towards the Shira Plateau. The scenery opens up with wider views across Kilimanjaro's slopes and surrounding landscapes. The pace remains steady to support acclimatisation, with time to rest at camp in the afternoon.

ACCOMMODATION Shira Camp	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 3**Shira Camp to Barranco Camp via Lava Tower**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Barranco Camp

Today is one of the most important acclimatisation days on the Kilimanjaro Machame Route. Trek towards Lava Tower, reaching a higher altitude before descending to Barranco Camp for the night. This climb-high, sleep-low pattern helps the body adapt while giving you dramatic views of Kilimanjaro's alpine landscape.

ACCOMMODATION Barranco Camp	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 4**Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Karanga Camp

Start the day by climbing the Barranco Wall, a memorable section of the Machame Route that looks more difficult from below than it usually feels on the trail. After reaching the top, continue across ridges and valleys towards Karanga Camp. This shorter trekking day supports acclimatisation and gives useful recovery time before moving higher.

ACCOMMODATION Karanga Camp	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 5**Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Barafu Camp

Trek from Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp, the base camp for the summit attempt. The landscape becomes drier and more alpine as you approach the higher slopes of Kilimanjaro. After an early dinner and summit briefing, rest as much as possible before beginning the final ascent later in the night.

ACCOMMODATION Barafu Camp	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 6**Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak, then Descend to Mweka Camp**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Mweka Camp

Begin the summit attempt shortly after midnight, trekking slowly towards Stella Point and then onwards to Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa. The climb is demanding, but your guides manage the pace carefully and monitor the group throughout. After summit photos and time to take in the achievement, descend back towards Barafu and continue to Mweka Camp for a well-earned rest.

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Day 7**Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate and Return to Moshi**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Complete the final descent through forest to Mweka Gate, where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. After saying goodbye to the mountain crew, transfer back to Moshi or Arusha. This marks the end of your Kilimanjaro Machame Route climb, with the option to continue to a Tanzania safari or Zanzibar beach extension.

FAQs

Is the Kilimanjaro Machame Route suitable for British tourists?

Yes. The Kilimanjaro Machame Route is a strong choice for British tourists who are reasonably fit, enjoy trekking, and want a scenic route with a structured acclimatisation profile.

How many days are best for the Kilimanjaro Machame Route?

The 7-day Machame Route is generally preferred over the 6-day version because it allows better acclimatisation and a more measured approach to the summit.

Do I need previous mountain climbing experience?

Technical climbing experience is not required, but good fitness, preparation, and suitable trekking equipment are important because Kilimanjaro is a high-altitude mountain.

What makes the Machame Route different from other Kilimanjaro routes?

The Machame Route is known for varied scenery, strong trekking appeal, and the climb-high, sleep-low acclimatisation section around Lava Tower and Barranco Camp.

Can this Kilimanjaro climb be combined with a safari or Zanzibar?

Yes. Many British travellers combine the Kilimanjaro Machame Route with a northern Tanzania safari or a Zanzibar beach stay after the climb.
