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## **7-DAYS LEMOSHO ROUTE & 5-DAYS WILDLIFE SAFARI**

### **Day 0: Arrive in Tanzania**

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your hotel in Moshi town; you will meet your guide who will brief you on your upcoming trek and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gear. The missing gear can be rented on this day. Meals: No Meals Included.

### **Day 1: Drive to Kilimanjaro National Park Londorossi Gate, Hike to Mti Mkubwa Camp**

After breakfast and briefing, drive to Londorossi Park Gate for park registration and check the bags. (About a 4-hour drive). After doing everything at Londorossi gate. Then drive back to starting point here a forest track requiring a 4WD vehicle leads to Lemosho starting point. For the lunch then start Walking along forest trails to Mti Mkubwa (big tree) campsite.

## **Day 2: Hike Mti Mkubwa Camp to Shira 1 Camp**

Early breakfast and Medical checkup we leave the camp, and start the climb towards the heath and moorland zone. A couple hours after lunch we cross into the Shira Caldera, a high altitude desert plateau, very different from the rain forest. A high altitude desert, Shira is the one among the three peaks which erupted in Kilimanjaro ecosystem. The peak later collapsed and formed a crater which eventually became filled with the lava flow from Kibo peak. Its rim is eroded and blasted away by weather and volcanic action. Weather and volcanic action have decimated the crater rim. Today you'll get your first close views of Kibo – the summit of Kilimanjaro.

## **Day 3: Hike Shira 1 Camp to Shira 2**

This day after breakfast then medical checkup you will trek to east across Shira plateau visiting Shira Cathedral Peak (3850m) for acclimatization. At this peak you will have great views of both Mt. Meru and Kibo Peak and other many spectacular special features then continue walk to Shira Two camp for hot meal then having a short rest before going for acclimatization after back to the camp for tea, coffee, hot chocolates with popcorn or nuts, dinner and overnight here.

## **Day 4: Shira Camp to Lava Tower to Barranco Camp**

From the Shira Plateau we continue to the east up a ridge, passing the junction towards the peak of Kibo. As we continue, our direction changes to the South East towards the Lava Tower, called the "Shark's Tooth" (elev 4650m/15,250ft). Shortly after the tower we come to the second junction which goes to the Arrow Glacier. We now continue down to the Barranco Camp. Although you end the day around the same elevation as when you began, this day is very important for acclimatization and will help your body prepare for summit day.

## **Day 5: Barranco Camp to Barafu Camp**

Early morning breakfast, as it going to be a long walking day, we leave Barranco and continue on a steep ridge up the Barranco Wall (elev 4250m/13,900ft), through the Karanga Valley (elev 4050m/13,250ft) to the junction which connects with the Mweka Trail. We continue up to the Barafu Camp. You have completed the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we make camp with views of the summit in the distance.

### **Day 6: Barafu Camp to Summit, down to Mweka Camp**

Very early in the morning (midnight to 2 am), we continue our way to the summit between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers. You head in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. At Stella Point you will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see. Faster hikers may view the sunrise from the summit. From Stella Point, you may encounter snow all the way on your 1-hour ascent to the summit. Once you reach Uhuru peak the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa!

From the summit we begin our descent by continuing straight down to the Mweka Camp, stopping at Barafu for lunch. You may want gaiters and trekking poles for the loose gravel going down. We arrive at Mweka Camp and enjoy our last evening on the mountain.

### **Day 7: Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate, drive to Moshi**

After breakfast we continue the descent down to the Mweka Park Gate to receive your summit certificates. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. Gaiters and trekking poles will help. Shorts and t-shirts will probably be plenty to wear (keep rain gear and warmer clothing handy). Your team will be waiting for at the gate as they will receive with the Kilimanjaro songs plus traditionally songs while receiving your certificate from Kilimanjaro National park.

African Traces vehicle will be waiting for you at Mweka gate to drive you back to your hotel in Moshi (about 30 minutes)

### **Day 8: Tarangire National Park**

After a breakfast in the morning your safari guide will give a short briefing, you will be taken to the Tarangire National Park. The park with its endless tree savannah including the impressive baobab trees and seasonal marshes is also home to the largest elephant herds in northern Tanzania. In addition to elephants you are also likely to spot giraffes, buffaloes, lions, zebras, gnus and other types of antelopes and gazelles. Upon arrival at the park, your guide will open the roof of the vehicle and the extensive wildlife viewing will begin. Lunch will be taken at a picnic spot and in the afternoon you will get to see more of this amazing and beautiful park. In the late afternoon you will start driving to MTO WA MBU nearby Lake Manyara or straight to karatu for dinner and overnight at Marera valley lodge

### **Day 9: Serengeti National Park**

After breakfast you will depart towards the Rift Valley, passing through Mto Wa Mbu and Karatu, in the cooler regions of the crater highlands. You will enter the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and stop for a short look into the crater from a viewing point. Continuing your journey around the crater, you will descend the other side, enjoying your free “African massage” (raff road) on the bumpy road, passing Maasai villages on your way to the Serengeti National Park. Depending on the month if it will be the time that all the animals will be in the NDUTU you will go for game drive before entering at the Naabi Hill entrance gate. You can walk to a viewpoint with spectacular views across the plains of the Serengeti savannah. You will then continue towards the Seronera Area in the central part of the Serengeti. The park offers a multitude of wildlife including the Big Five – lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard. Late in the evening after the sunset you will arrive at the Serengeti Serena safari lodge or at the campsite. For dinner and overnight

### **Day 10: Serengeti National Park**

After breakfast, you will spend the whole day on a game drive in the Serengeti National Park and have lunch at a picnic spot en-route. Depending upon the time of year, you might even have the chance to witness the great migration with hundred thousands of wildebeests, zebras and Thompson gazelles. During the small rainy season in October and November, you will typically see these herds moving from the Kenyan Maasai Mara through the northwest of the Serengeti to the plains in the south. After the great rainy season in April, May and June, the herds slowly travel back through the western and north-western part of the Serengeti. With fluctuations in rainfall, this timetable can of course change, resulting in the animals migrating during different times and routes. Your guide will try his outmost to find the animals and will make sure that you can see them from the best spot in the national park. Naturally, the migration also attracts predators and with luck you might see a kill in action. You will spend another night at the Serengeti Serena safari lodge or camping

Something to know

**Please note that** should you travel between the beginnings of January until mid-March, you will stay at the Ndutu lake Masek Tented lodge. As this place there's no public campsite. Also situated in the Serengeti National Park but closer to the border of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in the Ndutu Area. As the herds can

either be on the Serengeti or Ngorongoro side this increases your chance of seeing the famous migration.

### **Day 11: Serengeti National Park – Ngorongoro Crater – Karatu**

After early breakfast you will start your outward journey from the Serengeti back to the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, leaving behind the beautiful Seronera Valley. As predators are livelier on the road in morning hours of the day, you might even see them in action. Game en-route to Ngorongoro crater for game drive until lunch time. Where you will drive at a designated picnic spot for your lunch. The descending way into the crater on an adventurous trail. This World Heritage Site is seasonally home to over 25,000 animals in including a wide variety of birds, hyenas and the “Big Five” – lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard. Exiting the crater on a different ascent road, you will drive to Karatu in the Ngorongoro highlands, where you will spend the night at Marera valley or acacia form lodge for dinner and overnight.

### **Day 12: Karatu – Lake Manyara national park**

After breakfasts drive down to the Rift valley heading to Lake Manyara national park for game drive. The park is known for its over 500 bird species, primate-filled forests and grassy plains. A large area of the park is covered by the alkaline but Lake Manyara national park won't let you down when it comes to wildlife spotting. The seasonal breeding grounds for large colonies of flamingos and many more waterfowls. The park is also home to giraffes, hippos, wildebeests, impalas and groups of noisy monkeys and baboons. After an extensive game drive you will have your lunch then you will start driving back to Arusha, Moshi or Kilimanjaro airport this will be the end of the trip.

## **Price Include**

- >>All transfers, all tours & excursion.
- >>Lunch during tours & excursion.
- >>All entrance fees at historical sites and conservation areas plus equipment for snorkeling.
- >>Accommodation is bed & breakfast

## **Price Exclude**

- >>Extras at the lodges i.e. drinks, telephone, laundry etc.
- >>International and internal flight

>>Tips – recommended.

>>Extra activities.

>>And all not listed above.