
GEEO ITINERARY

X- MT KILIMANJARO TREK – Winter

Day 1: Moshi Arrive at any time, but we recommend coming a day early. We can book you a pre-night if you like.

As today is the arrival day, you may arrive at any time. There are no planned activities until an evening welcome meeting. Check the notice boards or ask at reception for the exact time and location of the group meeting, typically 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. After the meeting, you might take the opportunity to head out for a meal in a nearby local restaurant to get to know your tour leader and traveling companions further. Please make every effort to arrive on time for this welcome meeting. If you are delayed and will arrive late, please inform us. Your tour leader will then leave you a message at the front desk informing you of where and when to meet up.

Day 2: Moshi/Simba Camp (B, L, D) Climb up the less-visited northern slopes through varied ecosystems.

Drive from Moshi to Nalemoru Gate. Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle. On foot, follow a small path through farmland from the village of Nalemoru (1950m, or 6397 ft). Travel through pine forest mostly in the montane forest habitat, with a gentle but consistent incline. Keep a lookout for the Colobus monkeys of the area with their long white hair that looks like a cape. Camp for the night at the edge of the moorland zone (2750m, or 87632ft), from here the forest thins considerably and there's a great, wide view of the plains of Kenya. Approximate travel time: 3-4 hrs by private vehicle; 8 km (3-4 hrs) on foot

Day 3: Simba Camp/Kikelelwa Camp (B, L, D) Continue ascending with superb views of the eastern ice fields.

Leave from Simba Camp in the morning with a steady ascent that's approximately 8km (6mi) from Kikelewa Camp. Arrive at the second cave around lunchtime and take in the views of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields. After lunch, hike for 3-5 hours across the moorland off the main trail heading towards the peaks of Mawenzi. Camp for the night in the sheltered valley of the Kikelewa Camp. Approximate travel time: 10 km (5-6 hrs) on foot

Day 4: Kikelelwa Camp/Mawenzi Tarn Camp (B, L, D) Ascend through grassy slopes up to an area with majestic views.

Climb the steep trail towards the Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4303m, or 14115 ft) through the wilderness and semi-desert habitat. Don't listen to that "don't look down" rule, the view behind is superb so make sure you enjoy it. Exit the vegetation zone shortly before reaching camp in the afternoon. Take a rest or explore the area around camp to help acclimate. Approximate travel time: 3 km (3-4 hrs) on foot

Day 5: Mawenzi Tarn Camp/Kibo Camp (B, L, D) Hike slowly through the famous "saddle" between the Mawenzi and Kibo peaks.

Cross the lunar desert of the 'Saddle' between Mawenzi and Kibo (4700m, or 15486 ft) at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. Spend the remainder of the day resting in preparation for the final ascent before a very early start. Approximate travel time: 8-9 km (5-6 hrs) on foot

Day 6: Kibo Camp/Horombo Camp (B, L, D) Night hike to the Summit via Gillman's Point. Appreciate the beautiful sunrise before descending to Horombo Huts Camp.

Start the final and, by far, the steepest and most demanding part of the climb by torchlight around

12:00. Go very slowly in the darkness on a switchback trail through loose volcanic scree to reach the crater rim at Gillman's Point (5685m, or 18651 ft). Rest there for a short time to enjoy the spectacular sunrise over Mawenzi. If you are still feeling strong, make the two hour round trip to Uhuru Peak (5895m, or 19340 ft), passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that still occupy most of the summit area. Descend to Kibo (4720m, or 15486 ft), which is surprisingly fast, and after some refreshment continue the descent to reach our final campsite at Horombo (3720m, or 12204 ft). Enjoy a well-deserved rest during the last night on the mountain. Approximate travel time: 28 km (10-15 hrs) on foot

Day 7: Horombo Camp/Marangu (B, L) Continue the descent through forested lower slopes to Moshi. Meet the mamas of the Moshi Women's Cooperative for a climbing ceremony.

Continue down through moorland to Mandara Hut (2770m), the first stopping place on the Marangu route. Descend through lovely lush forest on a good path to the National Park gate at Marangu (1879m). Hikers who successfully reached Uhuru Peak will receive a summit certificate. Transfer by private vehicle to the hotel in Moshi for a well-deserved night in relative comfort. Time to relax, take a shower, and celebrate with a drink. Cheers to climbing Mt Kilimanjaro! Before dinner, you will be welcomed and congratulated on your climb by the mamas of the Moshi Women's Cooperative. They will present you with a gift and a certificate to remember all your efforts on the mountain. Your visit to the Moshi Women's Cooperative helps support this educational initiative. Women and girls are often the first to be excluded from educational programs in Tanzania, with most girls being pulled out of school by Grade 3 to help out around the home. Our ground partners provide free adult business education for women in Moshi and have rented a cooperative space to allow these students to practice their academic skills and save income to start their own business. Feel free to shop for souvenirs and speak to the women who run the cooperative about their lives and how the project has assisted in building a brighter future. Approximate travel time: 20 km (5-6 hrs) on foot; 45 min by private vehicle

Day 8: Moshi (B) Depart at any time.

Depart at any time. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO trips in the same year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs). If you don't see a program that interests you that pairs with this trip, but still would like to extend your time abroad, let us know. We will work with you to find a non-teacher trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Even better, if you are an educator, we can still offer you a discounted price on the trip you choose!