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SAMPLE ITINERARY

11 Days Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit Trek

The longest way up: nine days circling almost the whole mountain, with the most time of any route to adapt.

DURATION	STARTS	STYLE	PRICE
11 Days / 10 Nights	Arusha	Mid-range	On request

Route: Arusha → Kilimanjaro

Makao Mapya, Arusha, Tanzania

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YOUR JOURNEY

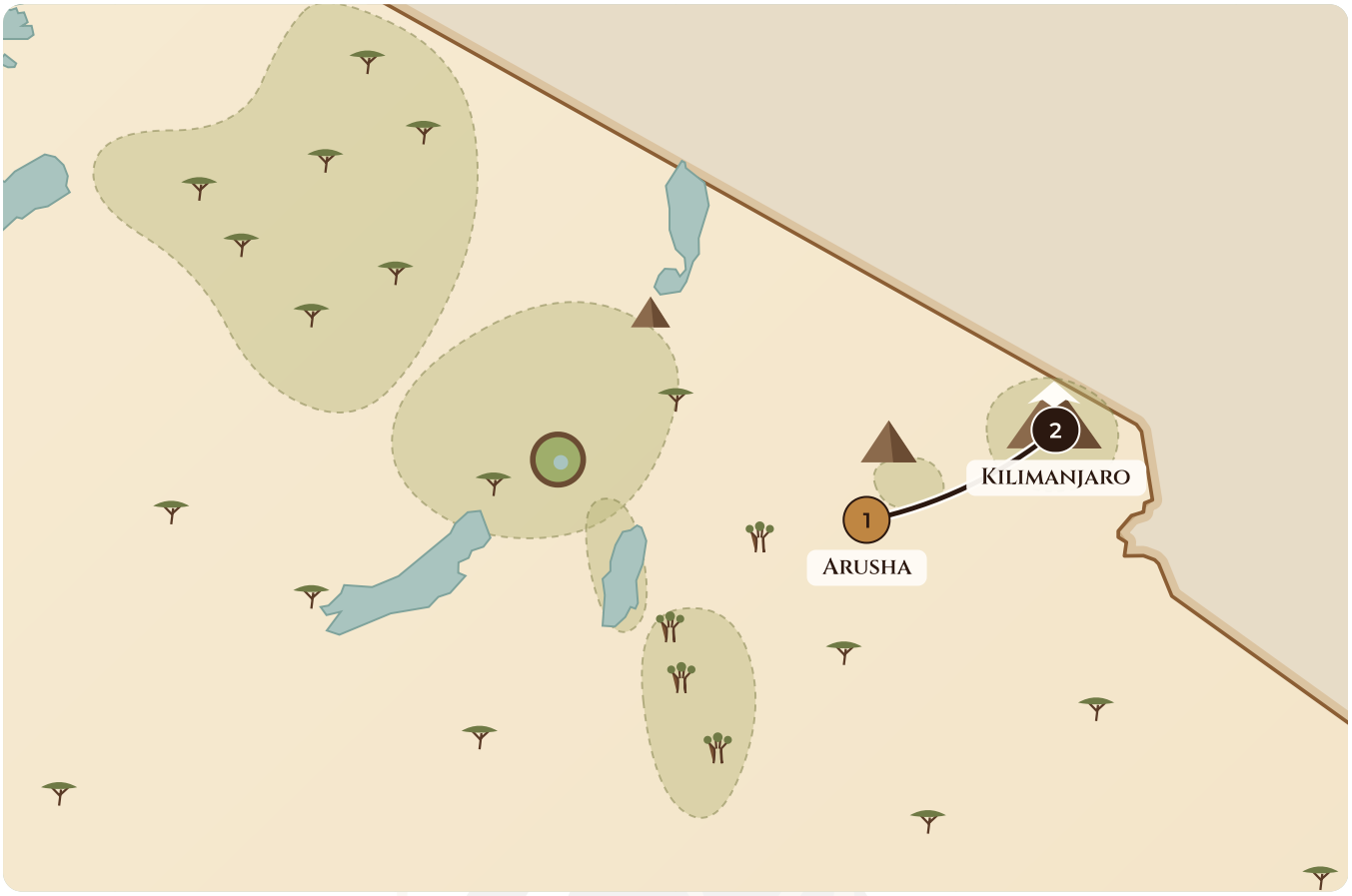
THE OVERVIEW

The Northern Circuit starts in the west like Lemosho, then circles the quiet northern slopes that most climbers never see. Its length gives your body the most time to adjust, making it a strong option if your priority is reaching the top.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Nine days on the mountain
- Circles almost the whole peak
- Very few other climbers
- Shira Plateau and Lava Tower
- Uhuru Peak at about 5,895 m

YOUR ROUTE



Journey start · Stop · By road

Illustrative map, not to be used for navigation.

Day 1	Arrival in Arusha
Day 2	Londorossi Gate – Mti Mkubwa Camp
Day 3	Mti Mkubwa – Shira 1 Camp
Day 4	Shira 1 – Shira 2 Camp
Day 5	Shira 2 – Lava Tower – Moir Hut
Day 6	Moir Hut – Buffalo Camp
Day 7	Buffalo Camp – Third Cave
Day 8	Third Cave – School Hut
Day 9	Summit Day: Uhuru Peak – Millennium Camp
Day 10	Millennium Camp – Mweka Gate – Arusha
Day 11	Departure from Arusha

Day by day

DAY 1

Arrival in Arusha

Arrive in northern Tanzania, where a Hartebeest Safaris representative welcomes you and provides a private transfer to your Arusha accommodation. Settle in, recover from the flight and go through the plan for the days ahead.

Personal airport welcome | Private transfer | Briefing and route review

TRAVEL
Approximately 45–75 minutes from Kilimanjaro International Airport, depending on traffic.

MEALS
Dinner, depending on arrival time

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 2

Londorossi Gate – Mti Mkubwa Camp

Drive to Londorossi Gate to register, continue to the trailhead and walk through quiet western rainforest to your first camp.

Remote western forest | Possible colobus sightings | First night on the mountain

TRAVEL
A long road transfer, then usually 3–4 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Mti Mkubwa Camp, about 2,820 m.

DAY 3

Mti Mkubwa – Shira 1 Camp

Climb out of the forest into giant heather, then cross the Shira Ridge for your first sweeping views of Kibo.

Giant heather | Shira Ridge | First views of Kibo

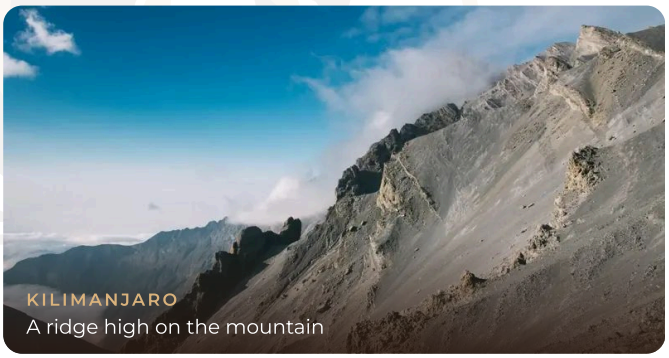
TRAVEL
Usually 5–7 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Shira 1 Camp, about 3,500 m.



KILIMANJARO
Above a sea of clouds



KILIMANJARO
A ridge high on the mountain

DAY 4

Shira 1 – Shira 2 Camp

A gentle day across the wide Shira Plateau, finding a steady pace and letting your body adjust.

The Shira Plateau | A gentle day | Open mountain views

TRAVEL
Usually 3–5 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Shira 2 Camp, about 3,850 m.

DAY 5

Shira 2 – Lava Tower – Moir Hut

Climb to Lava Tower at about 4,600 m, then bear north, away from the busy southern route, down to the sheltered valley at Moir Hut.

Lava Tower | Climb high, sleep low | Leaving the crowds behind

TRAVEL
Usually 5–7 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Moir Hut Camp, about 4,200 m.

DAY 6

Moir Hut – Buffalo Camp

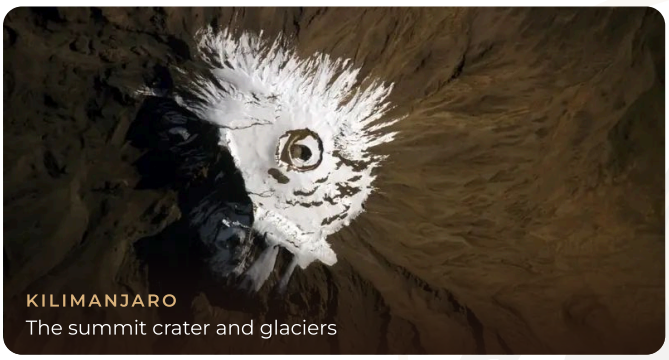
Climb Lent Hills for wide views, then traverse the rolling northern slopes, with Kenya's plains far below.

Northern slopes | Views into Kenya | Solitude

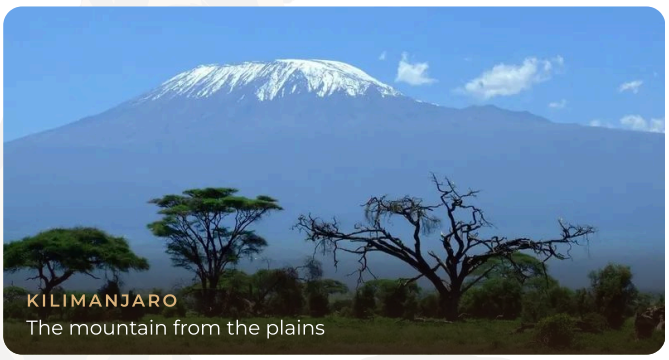
TRAVEL
Usually 5–7 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Buffalo Camp, about 4,020 m.



KILIMANJARO
The summit crater and glaciers



KILIMANJARO
The mountain from the plains

DAY 7

Buffalo Camp – Third Cave

Continue around the quiet northern side of the mountain, crossing ridges and small valleys.

Quiet traverse | Rolling high desert | Time to adapt

TRAVEL
Usually 5–6 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Third Cave Camp, about 3,870 m.

DAY 8

Third Cave – School Hut

Climb across the Saddle to School Hut, your base for the summit attempt. Eat early and rest before the midnight start.

Crossing the Saddle | Summit briefing | Early night

TRAVEL
Usually 4–6 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
School Hut Camp, about 4,750 m.

DAY 9

Summit Day: Uhuru Peak – Millennium Camp

Start around midnight, joining the rim at Gilman's Point and walking on to Uhuru Peak for sunrise. Descend on the southern side to Millennium Camp.

Gilman's Point | Uhuru Peak | Descent to Millennium Camp

TRAVEL
Usually 12–15 hours in total. Your guide may turn back if conditions or your health require it.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Millennium Camp, about 3,820 m.

DAY 10

Millennium Camp – Mweka Gate – Arusha

Walk down through moorland and rainforest to Mweka Gate to collect your certificate, then transfer to Arusha.

Rainforest descent | Summit certificates | Return to Arusha

TRAVEL
Usually 5–6 hours of walking, then the road transfer.

MEALS
Breakfast and lunch

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 11

Departure from Arusha

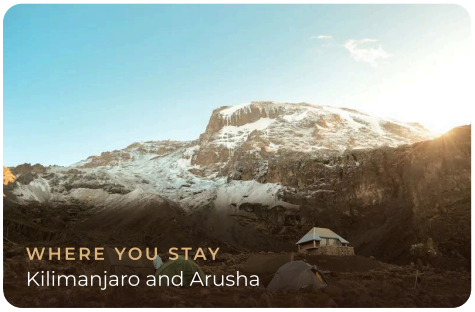
Enjoy a relaxed final breakfast before your private transfer to the airport, or continue to a safari or Zanzibar extension.

Relaxed final morning | Private departure transfer | Optional extensions

TRAVEL
Transfer timing is confirmed once final flight details are supplied.

MEALS
Breakfast

STAY
No accommodation included unless an extension is requested.



Mid-range

Mountain camps and Arusha hotel

Tented camps on the mountain, with a hotel in Arusha before and after the trek. Your hotel is confirmed in your tailored quotation.

Included

- Licensed mountain guides, assistant guides, cook and porters
- Kilimanjaro park, camping and rescue fees
- Tents and shared camp equipment on the mountain
- All meals and treated drinking water while trekking
- Hotel nights in Arusha before and after the trek
- Airport and trailhead transfers

Not included

- International flights
- Tanzania visa and travel insurance covering high-altitude trekking
- Personal trekking clothing, boots and sleeping bag
- Crew tips and personal expenses
- Meals in Arusha not listed as included

Make this journey yours

This itinerary is a starting point. Tell us your dates, travellers and interests, and we will reply with a tailored proposal and quotation, usually within 24 hours.

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