

TANZANIA

1 DAY

Kilimanjaro Day Hike — Shira Plateau Summit Walk

Experience Kilimanjaro without a multi-day trek: drive high onto the western slopes and walk across the Shira Plateau at around 3,800 m, with close views of Kibo's summit, giant groundsels and, on clear days, Mount Meru.

EDITORIAL OVERVIEW

Experience Overview

Not everyone has a week to climb to Uhuru Peak, but you can still walk on Kilimanjaro's high slopes in a day. This guided hike takes you onto the Shira Plateau, a vast high-altitude caldera on the western side of the mountain, where the air is thin, the views are huge and Kibo's glaciers feel close enough to touch.

Driving high, walking higher

A 4×4 takes you through Londorossi Gate and up the western slopes to the trailhead on the Shira Plateau at around 3,600 m, avoiding the long forest approach. From there, your KINAPA-licensed guide leads you across moorland of heather, giant groundsels and everlasting flowers to viewpoints at about 3,800 m, with Kibo, the Western Breach and the Shira Cathedral in front of you and, on clear days, Mount Meru floating above the clouds to the west.

Who it suits

The walk covers around 10 km on moderate terrain and suits reasonably fit walkers. You will feel the altitude, so your guide keeps a slow pace and watches for symptoms; it is not recommended for anyone with heart or lung conditions. Bring warm layers — it can be cold and windy on the plateau even on sunny days.

SIGNATURE MOMENTS

Highlights

- ★ Walk on Kilimanjaro at around 3,800 m without a multi-day trek
- ★ The vast Shira Plateau, an ancient volcanic caldera
- ★ Close views of Kibo's summit and the Western Breach
- ★ Giant groundsels and alpine heath
- ★ KINAPA-licensed professional guide
- ★ Packed lunch at a viewpoint with a summit view
- ★ About 10 km in total — manageable for fit walkers

SAFARI ROUTE

Journey Route

Follow your journey across Tanzania's iconic landscapes

SAFARI ROUTE OVERVIEW

Route map will appear once destinations are assigned.

ROUTE SUMMARY

Route summary will appear once destinations are assigned.

Itinerary

Your day-by-day journey through Tanzania

DAY 1

Full Day — Shira Plateau Hike

Pick-up from your hotel in Moshi at about 6:30 am (pick-up from Arusha is available on request) and drive around the western side of Kilimanjaro to Londorossi Gate (2,250 m) to register with the park. Continue by 4×4 up the mountain to the trailhead on the Shira Plateau at around 3,600 m. From here, walk with your guide across the ancient caldera through heather and giant groundsels, with Kibo's summit and the Western Breach ahead and the Shira Cathedral rising to one side. Reach viewpoints at about 3,800 m for photographs and enjoy a packed lunch with a view of the summit, then walk back to the vehicle. Drive back to Moshi, arriving by about 5:30 pm.



WHERE YOU'LL STAY

Accommodation

Accommodation recommendations will be finalized with your chosen travel dates.

PACKAGE DETAILS

What's Included

Included

- ✓ KINAPA park fees
- ✓ KINAPA-licensed guide
- ✓ 4x4 transfer to Shira Gate
- ✓ Gourmet packed lunch and water
- ✓ Hotel pickup and drop-off in Moshi

Excluded

- ✗ Gratuities
- ✗ Personal items
- ✗ Travel insurance
- ✗ Warm clothing (advisory provided)

BESPOKE PLANNING

Ready to plan your journey?

Share your preferred travel dates and let us tailor this experience around your pace, interests, and preferences.

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