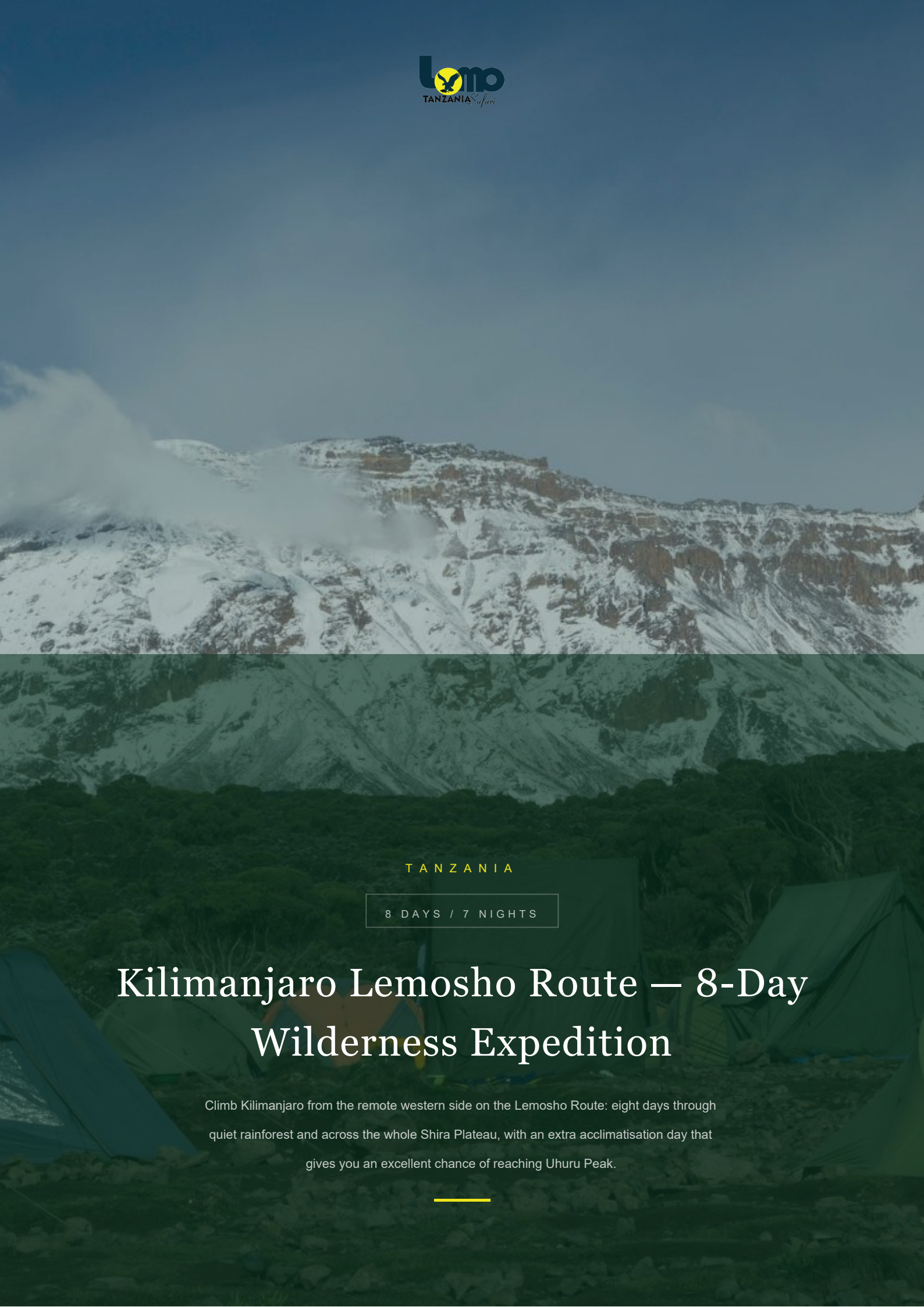


TANZANIA

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

# Kilimanjaro Lemosho Route — 8-Day Wilderness Expedition

Climb Kilimanjaro from the remote western side on the Lemosho Route: eight days through quiet rainforest and across the whole Shira Plateau, with an extra acclimatisation day that gives you an excellent chance of reaching Uhuru Peak.

EDITORIAL OVERVIEW

# Experience Overview

The Lemosho Route begins on the remote western slopes of Kilimanjaro and is one of the most scenic and least crowded ways to the summit. With eight days on the mountain, it allows a gradual ascent that gives climbers an excellent chance of reaching the top.

## Wilderness first, crowds later

The first two days pass through quiet montane rainforest where blue and colobus monkeys live and, occasionally, signs of buffalo and elephant cross the trail. You then walk across the entire Shira Plateau, a high ancient caldera at around 3,800 m, with wide views of Kibo and, on clear days, Mount Meru.

## Built for acclimatisation

From Shira the route joins the southern circuit: Lava Tower, the Barranco Wall, Karanga and Barafu Camp, before the summit night to Stella Point and Uhuru Peak (5,895 m). The extra day compared with a 7-day climb lets your body adapt gradually, which reduces the effects of altitude and improves your chances on summit night. That is why this is the route we most often recommend to first-time and returning climbers alike.

SIGNATURE MOMENTS

# Highlights

- ★ One of the best summit success rates thanks to gradual acclimatisation
- ★ Remote and scenic western start, away from the crowds
- ★ Quiet montane rainforest with colobus and blue monkeys
- ★ The whole Shira Plateau with wide views of Kibo and Mount Meru
- ★ An extra acclimatisation day compared with a 7-day climb
- ★ The Barranco Wall scramble and southern circuit traverse
- ★ Our most recommended route for all experience levels

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

## Londorossi Gate to Mti Mkubwa (2,650 m)



After a briefing at your hotel, drive about four hours to Londorossi Gate (2,250 m) on the western side of Kilimanjaro to register with the national park. Continue by vehicle to the Lemosho trailhead and meet your mountain crew. The trail winds gently through undisturbed rainforest with huge trees, hanging moss and the calls of turacos. Black-and-white colobus monkeys are often seen in the canopy. Arrive at Mti Mkubwa, “Big Tree” Camp, set among tall forest trees. Distance about 6 km, walking time 3–4 hours. Overnight: Mti Mkubwa Camp (Full Board)



DAY 2

## Mti Mkubwa to Shira 1 Camp (3,610 m)

Leave the forest and climb into the giant heather zone, crossing small streams on the way. The trail steepens over the Shira Ridge before descending gently onto the Shira Plateau. As you reach Shira 1 Camp, Kibo appears ahead across the plateau for the first time — an unforgettable view at sunset. Distance about 8 km, walking time 5–6 hours. Overnight: Shira 1 Camp (Full Board)

DAY 3

## Shira 1 to Shira 2 Camp (3,850 m)

A gentle day crossing the Shira Plateau, one of the most beautiful walks on Kilimanjaro. Giant groundsels and everlasting flowers grow among the volcanic rocks, and the views stretch across the high caldera to the summit. The short distance gives your body time to adapt. In the afternoon, your guide may lead an optional acclimatisation walk towards the Shira Cathedral. Distance about 7 km, walking time 4–5 hours. Overnight: Shira 2 Camp (Full Board)





DAY 4

## Shira 2 to Barranco Camp via Lava Tower (3,960 m)

This important acclimatisation day takes you up through alpine desert to Lava Tower, a 90-metre volcanic plug at 4,630 m, where you rest and have lunch. Then descend into the Barranco Valley among giant groundsels to Barranco Camp, which lies below the great Barranco Wall. Climbing high and sleeping lower helps your body to adjust. Distance about 10 km, walking time 6–8 hours. Overnight: Barranco Camp (Full Board)

DAY 5

## Barranco Wall to Karanga Camp (3,995 m)

Climb the Barranco Wall, a steep but non-technical scramble of about 250 metres with excellent views of the southern ice fields from the top. Continue across ridges and valleys to Karanga Camp, the last water point before the summit. The short day is designed to give you extra rest. Distance about 5 km, walking time 4–5 hours. Overnight: Karanga Camp (Full Board)





DAY 6

## Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp (4,673 m)

A steady climb over rocky ground leads to Barafu Camp, the summit base camp on an exposed ridge. Rest in the afternoon, drink plenty of water and prepare your warm clothing and headtorch. Your guides check your health and explain the summit plan. Watch the sunset over a sea of clouds before an early dinner and bed. Distance about 4 km, walking time 4–5 hours. Overnight: Barafu Camp (Full Board)

DAY 7

## Summit Night — Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) and Descent to Mweka Camp

Start around midnight and climb slowly up the steep scree by headtorch. Reach Stella Point (5,756 m) on the crater rim at dawn, then walk for about an hour along the rim to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m), the highest point in Africa. After summit photographs, descend to Barafu Camp for a rest and a meal, then continue down to Mweka Camp in the forest. A demanding day of 12–15 hours in total. Overnight: Mweka Camp (3,100 m, Full Board)





DAY 8

## Descent to Mweka Gate

Descend through lush rainforest to Mweka Gate (1,640 m), sign out of the park and receive your summit certificate. Celebrate and say farewell to your crew. Distance about 10 km, walking time 3–4 hours. Transfer to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha. End of trek.

WHERE YOU'LL STAY

# Accommodation

Accommodation recommendations will be finalized with your chosen travel dates.

PACKAGE DETAILS

# What's Included

## Included

- ✓ All KINAPA park fees
- ✓ KINAPA-licensed lead guide and assistants
- ✓ Porters and private camp chef
- ✓ Premium camping equipment (4-season tents, sleeping mats)
- ✓ All meals on the mountain
- ✓ Purified drinking water
- ✓ Pulse oximetry and health monitoring
- ✓ Summit certificate
- ✓ Airport transfers
- ✓ Pre-trek hotel night in Moshi

## Excluded

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Travel insurance (mandatory)
- ✗ Personal climbing gear
- ✗ Gratuities for mountain crew
- ✗ Personal snacks and extras

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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