

CONQUER KILIMANJARO'S NORTHERN CIRCUIT

9 Days Northern Circuit Route Kilimanjaro Climb

Out Standing Tanzania safari • April 18, 2026

DURATION

9 Days / 8 Nights

9 days

TRIP STYLE

Climb Kilimanjaro

Guided Adventure

DESTINATIONS

Mount Kilimanjaro

Tanzania

BEST FOR

Climbers

Adventurers

Overview

The 9 Days Northern Circuit Route offers an unparalleled journey to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. Ideal for climbers, this route provides a unique experience with fewer crowds and breathtaking views. The itinerary is designed for gradual acclimatization, ensuring a higher success rate. Whether you're joining a group or opting for a private climb, the adventure is tailored to fit budget, mid-range, or luxury preferences.

Highlights

- Experience the less crowded Northern Circuit
- Marvel at panoramic views from Uhuru Peak
- Acclimatize with gradual elevation gain
- Explore diverse ecosystems on Kilimanjaro
- Benefit from experienced guides
- Join a group or opt for a private climb
- Enjoy meals prepared by mountain chefs
- Choose budget, mid-range, or luxury options
- Witness stunning sunrises above the clouds
- Walk through lush rainforests
- Capture breathtaking photos
- Challenge yourself with a rewarding climb
- Meet climbers from around the world

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Experienced mountain guides
- All park permits
- Camping equipment
- Meals on the mountain
- Transfers to and from the airport
- Support team of porters
- Emergency evacuation
- Pre-climb briefing
- Summit certificate
- Filtered water on the climb

EXCLUSIONS

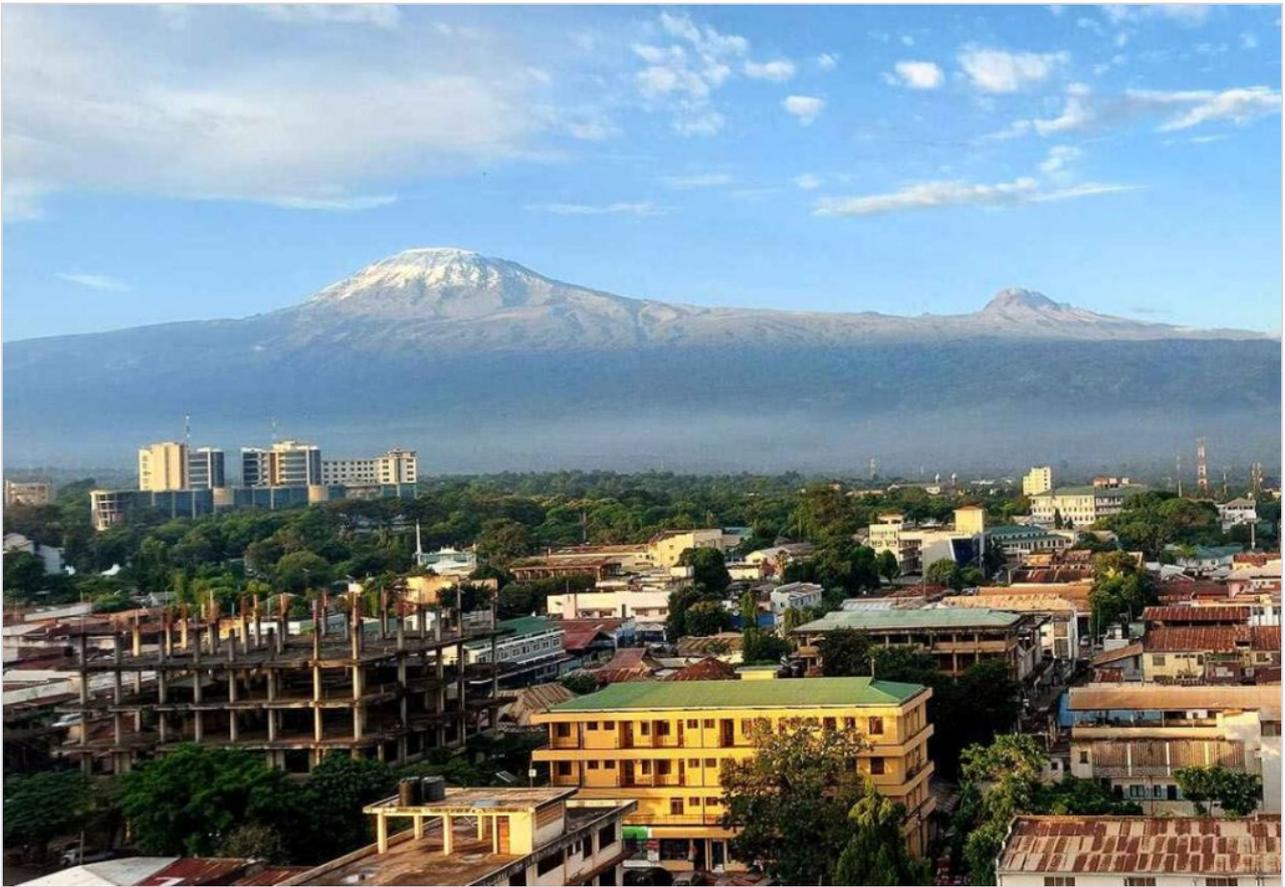
- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Personal climbing gear
- Tips for guides and porters
- Optional activities
- Laundry services
- Beverages beyond provided meals
- Personal expenses
- Medical expenses

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival in Moshi

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner | Accommodation: Hotel in Moshi



Upon arrival in Moshi, you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel. This day is dedicated to relaxation and preparation for the climb. Take the opportunity to explore the vibrant town, meet fellow climbers, and gather any last-minute gear. In the evening, attend a comprehensive briefing from your guide. This session covers essential information about the climb, safety protocols, and what to expect. Rest well and prepare for the adventure ahead.

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Hotel in Moshi	—

Day 2

Moshi to Mti Mkubwa Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Mti Mkubwa Camp



Your journey begins with a drive to Londorossi Gate for registration. The drive offers scenic views of the surrounding landscapes and the magnificent Kilimanjaro. Once at the gate, you'll meet the rest of the team and start the trek through the lush rainforest.

The hike is leisurely, allowing you to acclimatize as you ascend to Mti Mkubwa Camp. The forest is alive with the sounds of birds and the chance to spot wildlife. Arrive at camp, where your tent and a warm meal await.

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Day 3

Mti Mkubwa Camp to Shira 1 Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Shira 1 Camp



Today's trek takes you out of the forest and onto the moorland. The change in terrain offers new vistas as you gain altitude. The path is dotted with unique flora and panoramic views of the plains below.

As you approach Shira Ridge, the landscape opens up, revealing expansive views. Arrive at Shira 1 Camp where you can relax and enjoy the stunning sunset over the African savannah. The evening is spent under the stars, with dinner served in the dining tent.

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Shira 1 Camp	—

Day 4 **Shira 1 Camp to Moir Hut**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Moir Hut



Continue across the Shira Plateau, a high-altitude desert with sweeping views. The day is designed to help you acclimatize with a gradual ascent. The trail is dotted with giant lobelias and other alpine plants unique to Kilimanjaro. Reach Moir Hut, located at the base of a massive lava flow. This remote camp offers peace and solitude, perfect for resting and adjusting to the altitude. Enjoy a hearty dinner and prepare for another exciting day.

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Moir Hut	—

Day 5

Moir Hut to Buffalo Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Buffalo Camp



Set out from Moir Hut and traverse the Northern Circuit path. The trail offers breathtaking views of the Kenyan plains and a sense of remoteness. The route is less traveled, providing a unique experience away from the crowds.

Arrive at Buffalo Camp, perched on a ridge with expansive views of the surrounding landscapes. The camp is serene, offering a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the tranquility of the mountain. Dinner is served as you share stories with fellow climbers.

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Buffalo Camp	—

Day 6

Buffalo Camp to Third Cave

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Third Cave



Today's trek continues along the Northern Circuit, with views of the stunning Mawenzi Peak. The path is gentle, allowing for comfortable acclimatization as you make your way to Third Cave.

Third Cave is set on the eastern slopes, providing a unique perspective of Kilimanjaro's rugged terrain. The camp is less crowded, offering a sense of adventure and exploration. Gather around for dinner and prepare for the upcoming summit push.

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Third Cave	—

Day 7

Third Cave to School Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: School Hut



The journey to School Hut is a gradual ascent, with the landscape becoming more barren and dramatic. The path offers views of the summit, building anticipation for the climb ahead. School Hut serves as the base for your summit attempt. The afternoon is spent resting and preparing for the early morning push to Uhuru Peak. Enjoy an early dinner and get some sleep, as the summit climb starts at midnight.

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School Hut	—

Day 8

Summit Day: School Hut to Uhuru Peak to Millennium Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Millennium Camp



The summit push begins in the early hours, with a challenging trek to Uhuru Peak. The path is steep and demanding, but the reward is unparalleled views from the highest point in Africa.

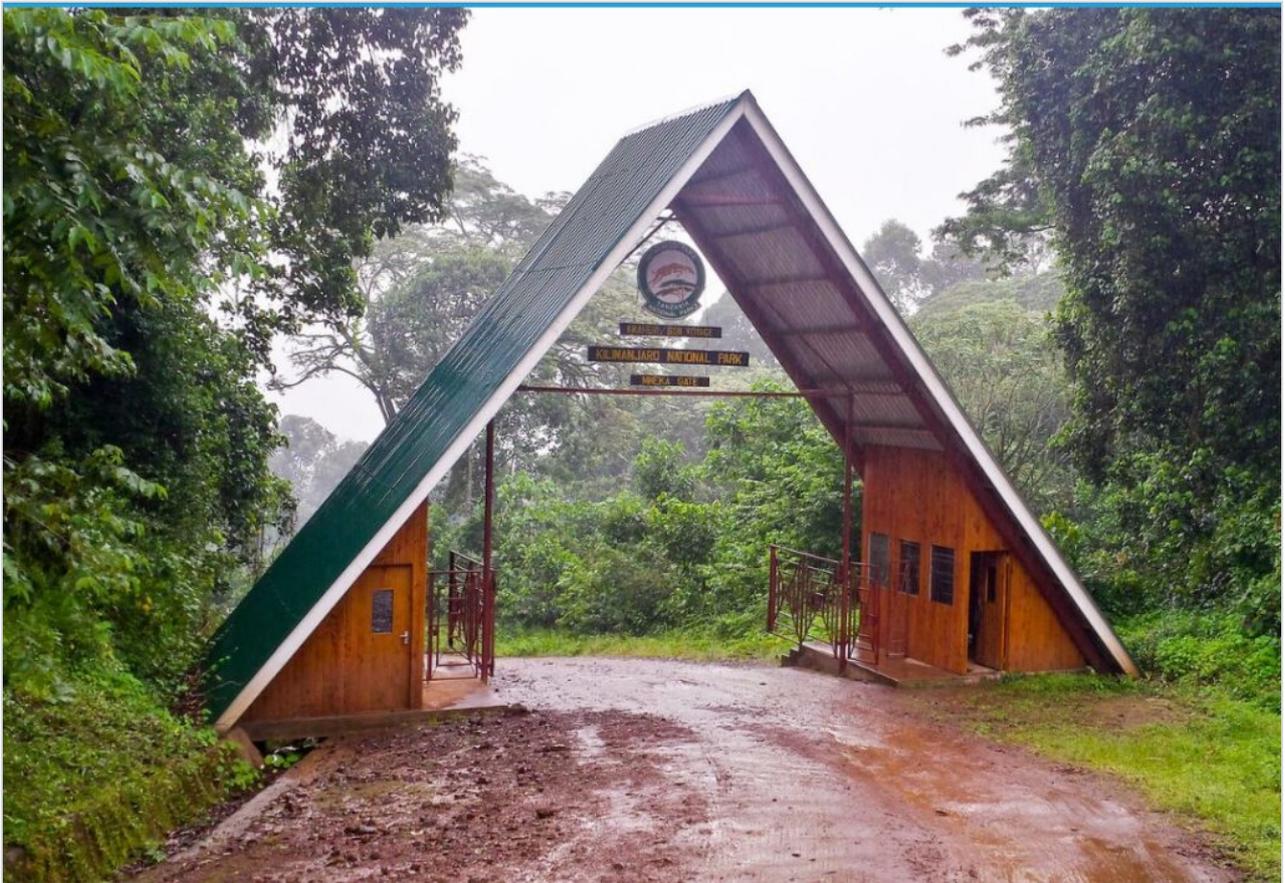
After celebrating at the summit, descend to Millennium Camp. The descent offers a chance to reflect on the achievement and enjoy the changing scenery. Arrive at camp for a well-deserved rest and dinner.

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Millennium Camp	—

Day 9

Millennium Camp to Moshi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Accommodation: Hotel in Moshi



The final day involves a descent through the rainforest to Mweka Gate. The trail is lush and vibrant, offering a stark contrast to the alpine desert above. Celebrate your successful climb with a farewell lunch at the gate. Transfer back to Moshi, where you can relax and enjoy the comforts of the town. Reflect on your incredible journey and the memories made on Kilimanjaro.

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Hotel in Moshi

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the best time to climb Kilimanjaro?

The best time to climb Kilimanjaro is during the dry seasons, from June to October and January to March. These months offer clearer skies and more stable weather conditions, increasing the chances of a successful summit.

How difficult is the Northern Circuit Route?

The Northern Circuit Route is considered one of the less strenuous routes due to its gradual ascent and longer duration. It allows for better acclimatization, which can increase the success rate of reaching the summit.

What should I pack for the climb?

Essential items include warm clothing, a sleeping bag, trekking boots, and a daypack. It's important to pack layers to adjust to varying temperatures and to bring sun protection and hydration systems.

Do I need prior climbing experience?

No prior climbing experience is necessary for Kilimanjaro. The trek is non-technical, and with proper preparation and a reasonable level of fitness, most people can complete the climb.

What kind of meals are provided?

Meals on the mountain are nutritious and designed to provide energy for the climb. They typically include a variety of soups, pasta, rice, and fresh vegetables, prepared by experienced mountain chefs.

How is altitude sickness managed?

Altitude sickness is managed through gradual acclimatization and monitoring by experienced guides. It's important to listen to your body, stay hydrated, and communicate any symptoms to your guide.

What is the group size for the climb?

Group sizes can vary, but they typically range from 4 to 12 climbers. Smaller groups allow for personalized attention and a more intimate experience on the mountain.

Is there mobile reception on Kilimanjaro?

Mobile reception is limited on Kilimanjaro, with some coverage near camps. It's advisable to inform family and friends of potential communication gaps during the climb.



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