



MT. KILIMANJARO – SHIRA / FOREST ROUTE ITINERARY

Day 1 – ARRIVE IN ARUSHA. An EAO Adventures Ltd. Representative will meet you at the airport (or shuttle if you choose to arrive by ground stop from Nairobi or elsewhere) and drive you to your lodging.

Day 2 – PREP DAY

After breakfast trip briefing and gear check, plus map orientation. After lunch siesta then take a short evening hike for acclimatization, Dinner.

Day 3, Climb day 1 - FOREST CAMP 9400 ft, 4-5 hours

After breakfast, drive to Londorosi gate at 7,200 ft. and sign in, then drive to the trail head starting point, 7,000 ft. Picnic lunch along the trail. Trek through beautiful mountain forest. Upon arrival in camp an orientation to camping facilities will be carried out. Tea, popcorn and snacks will be provided and then we rest for remainder of the afternoon before an early dinner.

Day 4, Climb day 2 - SHIRA CAMP ONE 11,400 ft, 6-8 hours

Leave the forest behind and enter the heather zone, picnic lunch along the trail. The camp is on east side of the Shira Plateau and the magnificent Kibo peak is in view when the weather is clear.

Day 5, Climb day 3 – SHIRA CAMP TWO 12,600 ft, 3-4 hours

Moorland zone. It is a short day and lunch is served after reaching camp. We'll take a short evening hike for better acclimatization. Early dinner and bed for ample rest.

Day 6, Climb day 4 - LAVA TOWER 14,700, 4-5 hours

Alpine Desert. Trekking through bare land to Lava tower camp gives a very impressive view of the country and the lower landscape. A short acclimatization evening hike and lava tower summit attempt are optional after a short siesta. Early dinner and bed.

Day 7, Climb day 5 - ARROW GLACIER CAMP 16,000 ft, 1^{1/2}-2 hours

The shortest and but steep hike takes you to your camp right at the base of the massive and magnificent Kibo...THE DORMANT GIANT... and face to face with the greater and lesser western breach walls. The Arrow glacier is hardly seen due to soil and debris from above covering its surface. Climb higher and sleep lower, plus trail acquaintance, are done from this camp for better acclimatization.

Day 8, Climb day 6 - CRATER CAMP 18,500 ft, 7-9 hours

Leave early after breakfast Steep and strenuous trekking with lunch along the trail. It is a combination of trekking and, in a couple of places, scrambling through and over the rocks. Crater camp is next to the gigantic Furterngler glacier centrally placed in the crater.

Day 9, Climb day 7 - SUMMIT ASSAULT & MILLENIUM CAMP 12,600 ft, 9-10 hours

The BIG DAY! Leave for the summit after breakfast. It takes 1-2 hours to conquer Uhuru peak... the summit of Kibo (the largest of the three volcanoes that make up the Kilimanjaro massif) and the highest point on the African continent. After photos and celebrations start descending for Millennium camp with a picnic lunch along the trail at 15,600 ft. about 3-4 hours from the summit. Continue down another 3-4 hours to Millennium camp. Spend the last evening on Kilimanjaro taking pictures of both Kibo and Mawenzi peaks. Clean up and dinner. After dinner farewells and gratitude's to our guides, cooks and porters as the next morning's departure is an early one.

Day 10, Climb day 8 – MWEKA GATE pick-up point, 7-9 hours

The walk out on the last day is a long on, so we must leave Millennium Camp very early in the morning. Upon arrival at the gate you will be met by a wonderful, well-deserved picnic lunch. We'll then sign out and drive back to the lodge where for a celebratory dinner, certificate presentations and congratulations ceremony.

Day 11. Depart for home, Safari or other trip extension.

After late breakfast spend this day in Arusha town exploring and gift shopping. Return to lodge for lunch and re-pack before early dinner and drive to the Airport for departure home.

Or prepare for departure on further adventures!