

Kili marathon  
plus pre-race Machame Kili climb

(17 – 26 Feb 2024)

Serengeti National Park

10 Days / 9 Nights



**RACE DATE:  
25 FEB 2024**

***Tackle Africa's highest peak, Mt Kilimanjaro, via the Machame Route.***

***It is not for the faint-hearted - this will test you to your limits, mentally as well as physically. The main problems encountered are altitude sickness, which can be countered by use of medicines, and lack of oxygen. Good preparation and advice, as well as good guides on the mountain, have given us an over 95% success rate (the average is 60%). Any reasonably fit person who enjoys walking can reach the summit of Kilimanjaro.***

***Machame Route is one of the most scenic routes up the mountain. After Umbwe Route, this is probably the most beautiful route by which to ascend.***

***Then join us on the foothills of Africa's highest free standing mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, for one of Africa's iconic marathons, The Kilimanjaro Premium Lager Marathon.***

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Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Keys Hotel	Moshi	Breakfast	<b>1 Night</b>
Machame Camp	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>
Shira Camp	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>
Barranco Camp	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>
Barafu Camp	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>
Mweka Camp	Mount Kilimanjaro	Full board	<b>1 Night</b>
Keys Hotel	Moshi	Breakfast	<b>3 Nights</b>

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**Day 1:           Keys Hotels Limited Uru Road, Moshi           (Sat, 17 Feb 2024)**

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You will be met on arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to Keys Hotel in Moshi.

Located on the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro in Northern Tanzania, the vibrant town of Moshi is known as a coffee producing hub boasting vast coffee plantations. The majestic snow-capped peak of Kilimanjaro towers over this little African town.

For basic, clean and affordable accommodation in the mountaineering town of Moshi, we recommend two sister hotels - Keys Uru and K's Lodge (Keys Mbokomo). Both hotels offer views of Mount Kilimanjaro and are classified as basic 2 star budget hotels. They are of medium size, privately owned and rooms are all en-suite. Some have air-conditioning, television and mini-bar.

There is a full restaurant offering a choice of either bar snacks, restaurant meals and pizzas which are served all day, and occasional evening barbecues. A bar with a full range of drinks is available. Amenities include full laundry service and swimming pool. Guests may be accommodated at either hotel.

**Overnight Keys Hotel.**

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**Day 2:           Machame Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro (Sun, 18 Feb 2024)**

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**Mount Kilimanjaro**

Mount Kilimanjaro, capped by snow and frequently fringed by clouds, is the highest mountain in Africa (5 895 m) and the highest walkable summit in the world. One of the legendary seven Summits, and a bucket list challenge for many people, any reasonably fit person can reach the summit of Kilimanjaro with the help of a team of dedicated porters and guides. A minimum of five days is needed for the hike up, and with several routes to choose from, climbers ascend from the steaming tropical rain forests, through heath land and alpine desert, finally reaching the permanent glaciers and the summit, Uhuru Peak.

At Wild Frontiers, we have been taking climbers safely up Kili since 1991 and have firsthand experience of what it's like. We will hold your hand every step of the way – from early planning and preparation, all the way to the top of Africa! Our success rate for summiting is over 95% and is attributed to good preparation and professional guiding. Our guides are the very best available, and their enthusiasm, knowledge of the region and care for you will ensure that your hike is both comfortable and rewarding.

After an early breakfast, a senior guide will do your climb briefing after which you will depart for the National Park Gate (approximately 1 hour), where you will meet your guide and porters. There is a lot that happens behind the scenes, e.g. porter loads being distributed, etc., so relax - it takes quite a bit of time. Sign into the National Park.

After the formalities at the gate have been completed, you will start your walk through the spectacular tropical rainforest, generally in the company of the assistant guides. The head guide will stay behind and sort out the balance of the arrangements and catch up with you later. The guides will stop at a designated spot for you to have your lunch pack that the hotel has provided. The entire day is spent in equatorial rainforest and you won't have good views of Kibo. Towards the end of the day, you will break out of the forest and arrive at Machame Hut (3,000m). This section of the climb should take you in the region of 5 hours to complete.

Wear your hiking boots today and ensure you keep your wet weather gear with you. Shorts and t-shirt should be sufficient. There are patches on the route where it is VERY wet and muddy, and you may end up with wet boots this evening. Ensure your boots are waterproofed and that you have spare lightweight (closed) shoes to wear in camp this evening. Gaiters are also advised to help you keep the mud and dampness out.

Take it SLOWLY today - your climb is made in the first two days so you need to get a slow, steady pace going. You will encounter some steep parts on the climb, but generally it is not too strenuous. The porters walk ahead so make sure, every day, that you have all your personal gear needed with you in your daypack as you will not have access to the bag that the porter will be carrying.

The porters will set up camp and the crew will prepare your meals. Conditions are difficult on this route and your guide and the rest of the crew will do everything they can to make your climb pleasant and as comfortable as possible. Eat well - at higher levels your appetite will diminish.

### **Overnight: Machame Camp**

The Machame Camp is one of the first pitstops along the Machame Route of Mount Kilimanjaro. From the Machame Gate, climbers will hike for about 7 hours through the rainforest to get to Machame Camp. They would overnight at the camp before heading through the moorland towards Shira Camp.



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**Day 3: Shira Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro (Mon, 19 Feb 2024)**

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Ascend to Shira Hut at 3,800m. When you depart from Machame Hut, you will be in the heather zone and you will be climbing up one of the ridges on the mountain. It is a fairly steep start, followed by an hour or so of hard uphill, then 2 hours at a gentler angle through the lower moorland, which brings you to the top of a rocky bluff.

Lunch is normally taken here. From the lunch stop, you will start traversing westwards up towards Shira Cathedral. The last sections of this route are relatively flat and easy but, once again, take it very slowly.

Take a jersey with you today as it cools down considerably during and after lunch. Again, keep your wet weather gear handy and some snacks for the route. Drink plenty of water - it is vitally important to keep your fluid intake high as it aids the acclimatisation process.

Camp at Shira - it's a pretty exposed and cold campsite and you may get rain or sleet. In the morning, the ground and tents could be frozen over. You do, however, get to see some of the most spectacular sunrises and sunsets as your reward for camping here!

**Overnight: Shira Camp**

Shira Camp forms part of the second leg of the journey up Mount Kilimanjaro. There are 2 camps - Shira Camp 1 on west side and Shira Camp 2 on the east. The Shira Plateau landscape features a tropical rainforest and shrubland where a range of flora and fauna species are found. Climbers might also spot the White Naped Raven.

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**Day 4: Barranco Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro (Tues, 20 Feb 2024)**

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The entire Shira Plateau greets you this morning, with sweeping vistas across to Meru and the Shira Needles. A few steep sections of uphill, valleys that at times looks like a "moon landscape", and quite a steep descent to Barranco, make this a very long and tiring day.

This is part of your acclimatisation - walking in height from 3,800m up to 4,500m and then descending again to overnight at 3,950m.

The views of the glaciers on Kibo are breath-taking from camp and, when you turn around, you have the most beautiful Umbwe Valley below you - one of the most scenic campsites on the mountain.

Arrival at camp is between 4:30PM and 5:30PM. The views of the glaciers on Kibo are breath-taking from camp and, when you turn around, you have the most beautiful Umbwe Valley below you. Barranco is easily of the most scenic campsites on the mountain.

**Overnight: Barranco Camp**

Barranco Camp is the third pitstop along the Machame Route climbing up Mount Kilimanjaro. This area of the mountain is semi-desert and the camp is set in a valley close to the Great Barranco Wall.

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**Day 5: Barafu Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro (Wed, 21 Feb 2024)**

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Continue from Barranco, across and up towards Barafu Hut (4,600m). Today, you will cross the Barranco Wall - it's a climb over rock and it looks like a sheer rock face, but it is still a hike and there is no technical climbing involved. It is rather tiring and hard / long though, and the guides might use rope on some sections for peace of mind. There's a steep descent down into Karanga Valley where you will have lunch on the other side. After lunch, you start to ascend to Barafu. It's a long day - your guide(s) will set the pace.

Learn to pace yourself with your breathing - do not try to rush to catch up with anyone, go at your own most comfortable speed and you will arrive relatively comfortably. Listen to your guide(s) - they will help you. It will be very cold today, especially when you stop for lunch and rest. Dress warmly as you can expect some sleet on this day. You will be walking through the cloud. After supper, drink as much tea as possible and settle down for an early night.

Drink plenty of fluids as you are in a "desert" area, despite the cold, and tomorrow will be a long, hard day.

**Overnight: Barafu Camp**

Mount Kilimanjaro climbers would approach Barafu camp at about the 5th day of the journey. The word 'barafu' is the Swahili word for 'ice', which refers to the cold climate at this altitude.

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**Day 6: Mweka Camp, Mount Kilimanjaro (Thu, 22 Feb 2024)**

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Today is a very long and strenuous day. Drink lots of fluid before you start - you will be very thirsty by the end of it. If you can manage, carry 3 litres of fluid with you.

You will be woken at about 23:00 or 00:00 with tea and biscuits. Put on all your clothing, ready for the final ascent.

You will be climbing up scree for approximately 4 - 5 hours. The guide(s) will stop frequently to rest and check on the group. It is very important to listen to your body and breathing, and try to get into a rhythm. Because of the slowness of your walk, your fingers and toes are likely to get extremely cold. Three pairs of socks should be considered for today and two pairs of gloves (inner and warm outer). The views from the mountain (on the way up) are spectacular - you gain incredible height over a short distance.

You arrive at Stella Point (5,750m) on the crater rim and have a quick rest - the sun should be shining! From here, continue around the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa.

After taking pictures and enjoying the view, you descend along the crater rim to Stella Point, from where you descend further to Barafu. You will travel down quickly on the scree, gasping in more oxygen step by step. The porters do not travel to the summit with you and the tents stay up at camp so, depending on the timing of your summit, you will be able to have some rest here (maybe a short sleep) and something to eat. After a good rest and some nourishment, continue down the Mweka Route.

This is a long descent, and Mweka always seems to be on the "next hill", never arriving. Arrive at Mweka (3,100m), on the edge of the rainforest, in the late afternoon for overnight camping. You will have time to reflect on the day's achievement.

### **Overnight: Mweka Camp**

Mweka Camp is the final campsite on the journey up Mount Kilimanjaro. Climbers would arrive here after a 7 hour hike from Summit Uhuru Peak.

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**Day 7:           Keys Hotel, Moshi           (Fri, 23 Feb 2024)**

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It is a 3 - 4 hour descent through the pretty rainforest to the Park Gate at Mweka where the vehicle will meet you. You will then be transferred by vehicle back to Keys Hotel (approximately 45 minutes' drive.)

**Overnight Keys Hotel.**

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**Day 8:           Keys Hotel, Moshi           (Sat, 24 Feb 2024)**

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Day at leisure to explore the town of Moshi. Be sure to collect your race number from registration at Keys Hotel.

**Overnight Keys Hotel.**

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**Day 9:           Keys Hotel, Moshi           (Sun, 25 Feb 2024)**

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### **KILIMANJARO PREMIUM LAGER MARATHON - RACE DAY !**

Transfers to/ from the stadium will be provided.

Good luck with the race!

**Overnight Keys Hotel.**

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**Day 10:        End of Itinerary   (Mon, 26 Feb 2024)**

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Transfer from Keys Hotel to Kilimanjaro Airport.

**End of services.**

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**Please contact us on [reservations@wildfrontiers.com](mailto:reservations@wildfrontiers.com) for a detailed quotation**

**Please advise your nationality with your enquiry in order for us to quote the relevant race entry fee.**

**INCLUDED:**

- Return airport - hotel transfers from Kilimanjaro Airport
- 4 nights accommodation including breakfast at Keys Hotel in Moshi (1 night pre and 3 nights post climb)
- Marathon entry fee & guaranteed bib number
- Return transfers to/ from stadium on race day
- Services of Wild Frontiers co-ordinator at race and over weekend
- Gear storage at Keys Hotel for duration of hike (the stuff you don't want to take on the hike such as your swim suit, safari clothes etc)
- Transfers to/from Kilimanjaro National Park Gates
- 5 night Machame climb
- Park fees of USD 838
- Services of an experienced Kilimanjaro registered head guide and assistant guides during hike
- Porter service (hiker's baggage weight limit 12kg)
- Guide and porter fees as stipulated by Kilimanjaro National Park
- National Parks Mountain rescue fees
- Government tourist tax
- Three meals per day on the trail prepared by a seasoned Kilimanjaro cook
- Camping equipment (alpine tents, enclosed mess tents, compressed foam sleeping mats, camping chairs, tables, cutlery and crockery)
- Water during the hike (boiled for consumption and washing)
- Portable oxygen for emergency use
- Pulse Fingertip Oximeter
- Kilimanjaro certificate issued by Kilimanjaro National Park post hike (if you reach Stella Point/Gilman's Point or Uhuru Peak)

**EXCLUDED:**

- Flights and airport taxes
- Visa fees
- Health requirements including all Covid testing requirements as applicable at time of the event, plus Yellow Fever inoculation if required.
- Drinks and meals not specified above
- All items of a personal nature including tips
- Any services not mentioned in included

**Itinerary Terms and Conditions**

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### VISA REQUIREMENTS:

All visitors to Tanzania must have a valid passport which needs to be valid for 6 months after return date of travel and have at least 3 blank pages in it. Except for exempted countries all visitors require a visa to enter Tanzania. South Africans visiting on holiday currently do not require a visa. Visas are currently US\$ 50 per person, single entry for most other nationalities. An exception is US citizens for whom a single-entry visa is US\$100. Visitors should apply via the e-visa portal: <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa>. Visas are issued within 2 - 3 weeks.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Please contact us for the latest Covid travel/ entry requirements.

Yellow fever vaccines are no longer required to enter Tanzania unless you have been via an endemic area. However, on the ground, it often differs and you are likely to be asked for Yellow Fever certificate, even if you have only been in transit via Nairobi. We strongly suggest you have a Yellow Fever vaccination, as regulations can change and often staff at border posts have the incorrect information on this, which can cause delays. (For a list of countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring yellow fever vaccination click [here](#))

Precautions against Malaria are also recommended.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Is compulsory for all guests travelling with Wild Frontiers.

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