

9 DAY MACHAME ROUTE

The Machame Route known as the “Whiskey” route, begins at Machame Gate, located in the southern base of mountain, within its green, abundant rainforest. We climb to the Shira Plateau, then traverse the mountain beneath Kilimanjaro’s Southern Icefield, before summiting from Barafu Hut. Machame 9 Day route is recommended because it provides an additional acclimatization day and shortens some of the daily hikes.

DAY 1 Arrive anytime at your lodge in Moshi, Tanzania. With prior arrangement, airport pick up and private transfers to your lodge are available from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), or simply make your own way by taxi. We will gather in the evening for a pre-climb briefing and an equipment check. We will also confirm you have the appropriate mandatory medical coverage and travel insurance.

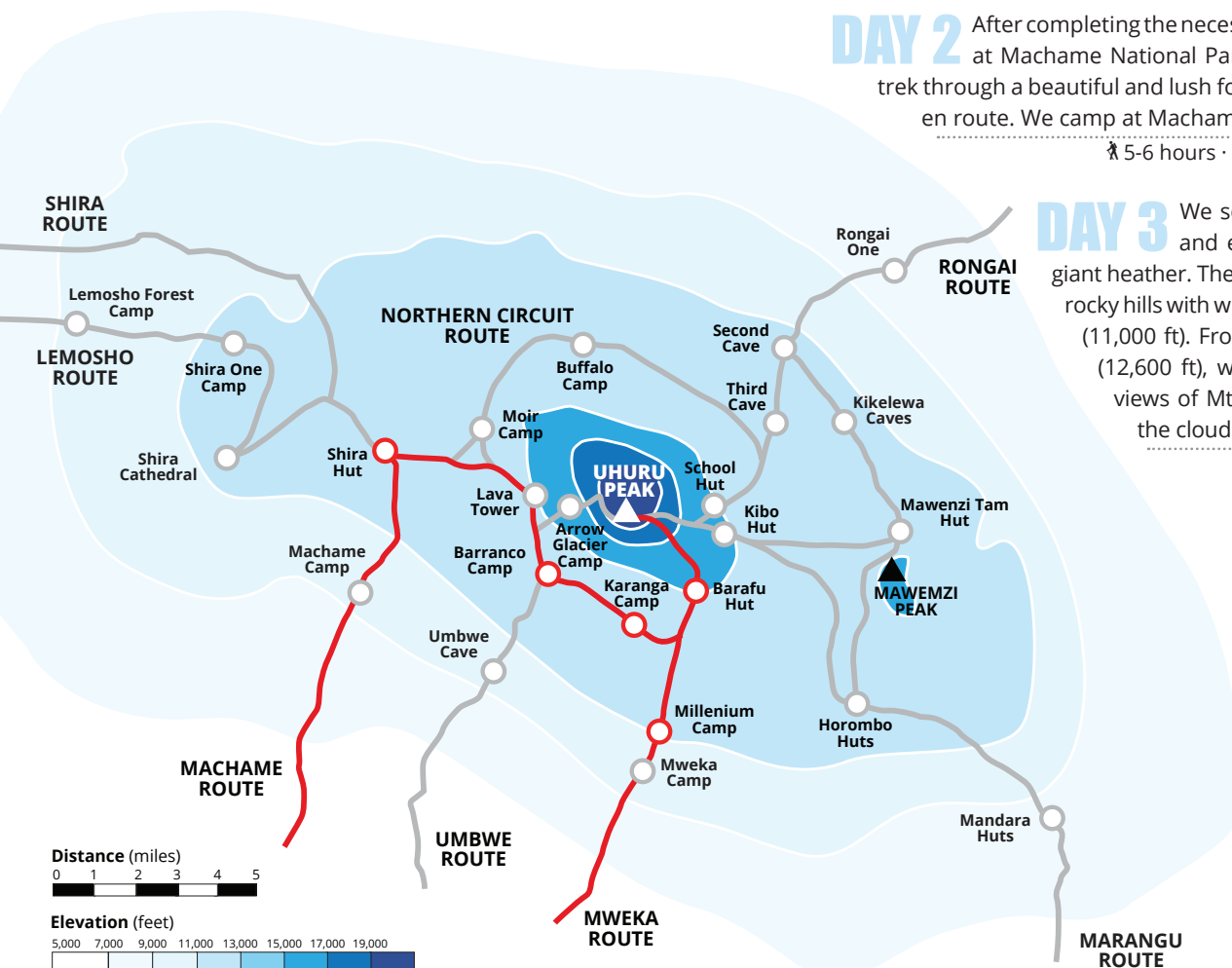
🚗 drive: 45 minutes

DAY 2 After completing the necessary registration formalities at Machame National Park gate (5,400), we begin to trek through a beautiful and lush forest. We have a picnic lunch en route. We camp at Machame Camp (9,800 ft).

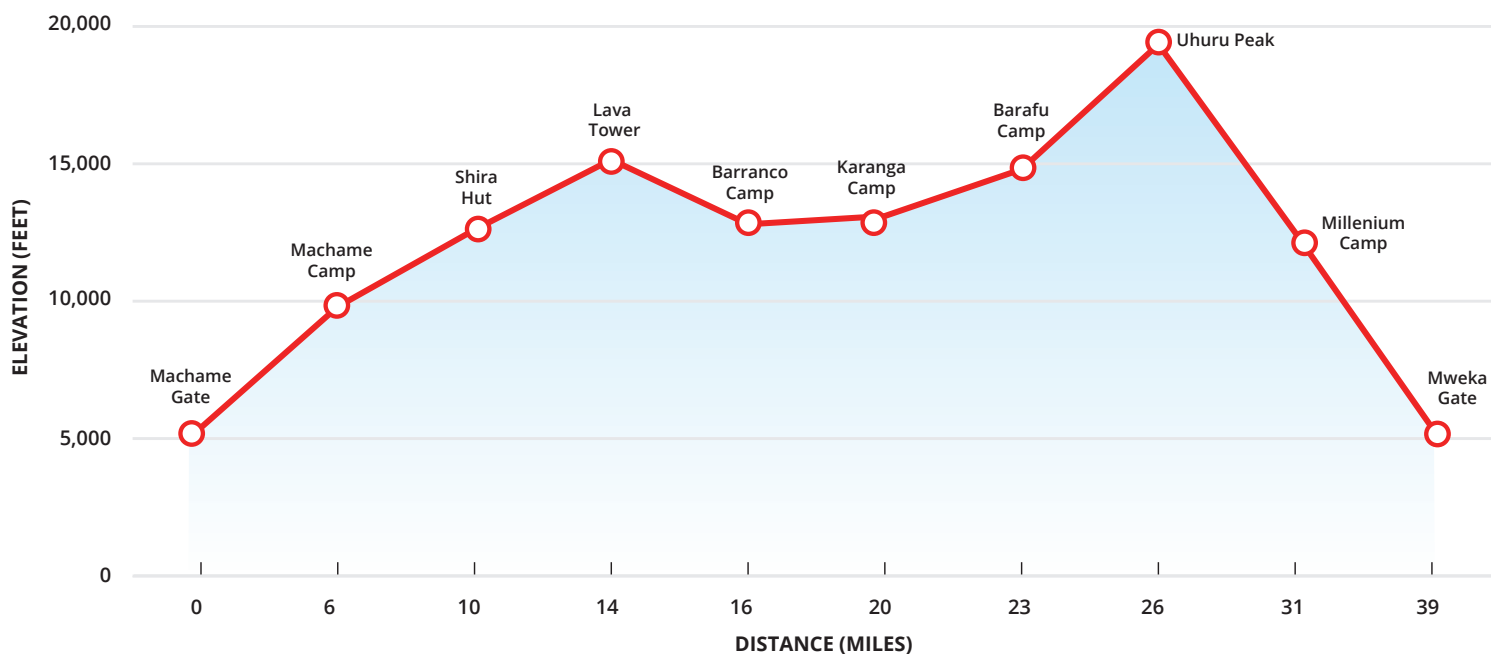
⏱ 5-6 hours · 6.7 miles · elevation: +4,400 ft

DAY 3 We soon leave the forest behind and enter the moorland zone of giant heather. The trail climbs steadily through rocky hills with wide views of the Shira Plateau (11,000 ft). From our camp near Shira Hut (12,600 ft), we take in the unforgettable views of Mt. Meru as she floats among the clouds.

⏱ 4-5 hours · 3.3 miles
elevation: +2,800 ft



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Day 4 A morning of sustained ascent and panoramic views brings us to lunch near Lava Tower (15,150 ft). The trail then descends to the bottom of the Barranco Valley (12,800 ft), where we stay in the spectacular Barranco Camp sheltered by towering cliffs with extensive views of the plains far below.

⌚ 7-9 hours · 7.5 miles · elevation: +200 ft.

Day 5 A steep climb up the Barranco Wall leads us to an undulating trail on the south-eastern flank of Kibo, with superb vistas of the Southern Icefields. The terrain changes to scree, with pockets of lush vegetation in sheltered hollows, and there is only a short distance to our camp at Karanga Camp (13,100 ft), the last water point on the way to the summit.

⌚ 4-6 hours · 3.2 miles · elevation: +300 ft.

Day 6 We follow an easy path on compacted scree with wide views that gains altitude unrelentingly to reach the Barafu Hut (14,800 ft) for lunch. There is a short acclimatization walk to the plateau in the southeast valley. The remainder of the day is spent resting to prepare for the early morning final ascent.

⌚ 3-5 hours · 3.4 miles · elevation: +1,700 ft.

Day 7 We start our ascent by headlamp around 1 a.m. so that we can be on the crater rim by sunrise. The steep climb over loose volcanic scree has some well-graded switchbacks and a slow, steady pace will take us to Stella Point (18,800 ft), in about five or six hours. We will rest there for a short time to enjoy the sunrise over Mawenzi. Those feeling strong can make the two-hour round trip to Uhuru Peak (19,345 ft), passing

close to the spectacular glaciers that still occupy most of the summit area. The descent to Barafu is surprisingly fast. After some refreshments, we continue to descend to reach our final campsite, Millenium Camp (12,500 ft).

⌚ 11-15 hours · 8.2 miles · elevation: +4,545 ft. gain · -6,845 ft. loss

Day 8 A sustained descent on a well-constructed path takes us through a lovely tropical forest alive with birdsong and boasting lush undergrowth with considerable botanical interest. Our route winds down to the Kilimanjaro National Park gate at Mweka (5,400 ft); and on through coffee and banana farms to Mweka village, where we are transferred to your lodge in Moshi.

⌚ 4-6 hours · 7.6 miles · elevation: -7,100 ft.

Day 9 After breakfast, we can arrange for a private transfer or taxi to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO).

🚗 drive: 45 minutes

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