PEAK POTENTIAL ADVENTURES



TANZANIA / MACHAME ROUTE

Mt Kilimanjaro

From rainforest to the roof of Africa.

Seven days on the mountain, every step supported.

10 DAYS / 7-DAY MACHAME ROUTE / 5,895 m

Adventure is a Way of Life.

THE EXPERIENCE

A mountain journey, fully supported





Follow the seven-day Machame Route through rainforest, moorland and high alpine terrain towards Uhuru Peak. The changing landscapes are part of the reward, alongside the shared effort of travelling as a team.

Australian leadership, Tanzanian expertise

An experienced Australian trip leader works with our Tanzanian guides, porters and cooks. The crew carries the main equipment, establishes camp and prepares mountain meals, while you walk with your daypack.

10 days in Tanzania / 7 mountain days
3 Moshi hotel nights / 6 twin-share mountain camping nights
Moderate–High terrain / Medium–High fitness
Summit objective 5,895 m / maximum group 12

DAYS 1–3

Moshi to the mountain



01 Arrive in Moshi

Make your own way from Kilimanjaro International Airport to the Moshi hotel, or book the optional paid airport transfer through Rezdy. Rest after the international flight.

Hotel, twin share / meals at own cost

02 Climb briefing and preparation

Attend the full briefing and final equipment check. Organise any locally hired equipment and prepare your mountain bags.

Hotel, twin share / B

03 Machame Gate to Machame Camp

Drive to the gate at about 1,490 m, complete park registration and begin the steady rainforest climb. Wet or muddy sections are possible.

5–7 hr / Machame Camp 2,980 m / mountain tent / B L D

B breakfast L lunch D dinner. Times and elevations are approximate.

DAYS 4–6

Across the Shira Plateau



04 Machame Camp to Shira Camp

Leave the rainforest for open moorland and the Shira Plateau, with views towards Kibo and the Western Breach.

4–6 hr / Shira Camp 3,840 m / mountain tent / B L D

05 Lava Tower to Barranco Camp

Climb to Lava Tower at about 4,630 m, then descend to Barranco. This day gives time higher before sleeping lower.

7–8 hr / Barranco Camp 3,950 m / mountain tent / B L D

06 Barranco Wall to Karanga Camp

Climb the rocky steps of Barranco Wall, occasionally using hands for balance. Continue along the Southern Circuit to Karanga.

5–6 hr / Karanga Camp 4,000 m / mountain tent / B L D

DAYS 7–10

The summit attempt and descent

07 Karanga to Barafu Camp

Reach the high camp, eat and rest, then organise clothing and equipment for the summit attempt. Wake late in the evening for hot drinks and a final briefing.

3–4 hr / Barafu Camp 4,550 m / mountain tent / B L D

08 Uhuru Peak, then down to Mweka

Begin around midnight by headlamp. Climb through steep scree to Stella Point, then follow the crater rim towards Uhuru Peak at 5,895 m. Descend via Barafu for food and a short rest, then continue to Mweka.

7–8 hr up, 6–8 hr down / Mweka Camp 3,100 m / tent / B L D

09 Mweka Gate and return to Moshi

Descend through rainforest to the gate at about 1,980 m. Complete park formalities and thank the mountain crew before the transfer to Moshi.

3–4 hr / Moshi hotel, twin share / B

10 Depart Tanzania or extend your stay

Travel to Kilimanjaro International Airport using your own arrangements or a paid airport transfer added to your Rezdy booking. An optional wildlife safari can be arranged separately if you wish to extend the journey.

Adventure concludes / meals at own cost

Reaching the summit depends on conditions and individual wellbeing. The guides may adjust plans or arrange descent when required.

THE DETAILS

What your adventure includes

Included

Experienced Australian trip leader and Tanzanian mountain guides and crew.

Transport between the Moshi hotel and the Kilimanjaro trailheads for the guided climb.

3 twin-share hotel nights in Moshi and 6 mountain camping nights.

Breakfast on days 2 and 9. B L D on days 3–8. Other meals at own cost.

National park fees, trekking permits, approved guides and porters.

Double-skinned two-person tents, mess tent, dining stools and hot washing water.

Training support, personalised equipment advice and summit/completion certificate.

Emergency communications and group first-aid equipment.

Arrange separately

International flights to and from Tanzania.

Airport transfers between Kilimanjaro International Airport and the Moshi hotel (optional paid extra, selected through Rezdy).

Compulsory travel insurance suitable for high-altitude trekking to 5,895 m.

Unspecified meals and drinks, laundry, phone/data, alcohol and other personal spending.

Tanzanian guide and porter tips. Ask PPA for current budgeting guidance.

Passport and visa costs, vaccinations, consultations and personal medication.

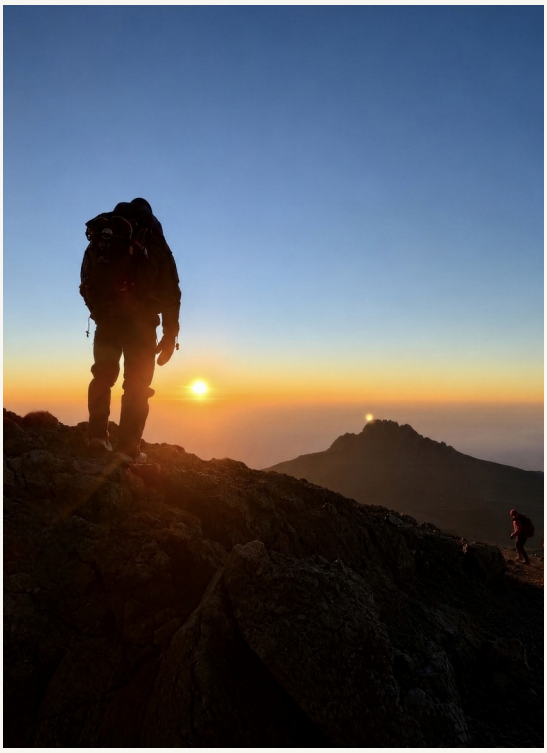
Personal equipment and any equipment hired locally in Moshi.

Uninsured early-departure, evacuation or rescue costs.

Optional safari and associated extension costs. Single room or tent supplements.

PREPARATION

Training for the long day



A demanding trek at altitude

Previous technical climbing experience is not required. Good endurance, steady preparation and a willingness to walk slowly at altitude are essential.

Summit day combines a night ascent with a very long descent. The detailed itinerary allows approximately 13–16 hours of walking in total.

Build endurance progressively

Use longer walks, hills and stairs to develop fitness and leg strength. Add consecutive training days and practise with the daypack you will use on the mountain, up to about 6 kg. PPA provides ongoing training and equipment guidance.

Equipment and altitude

Work through the detailed equipment list with PPA, including warm layers, waterproofs, footwear and sleeping equipment. Ask what can be hired in Moshi. Altitude can affect anyone regardless of fitness, so follow the guides' pace and report symptoms promptly.

Discuss health requirements with your doctor before departure. Confirm that your compulsory insurance covers the full activity and altitude.

CAMP LIFE & LOGISTICS

A team behind every trekking day



On the mountain

Our Tanzanian crew transports and establishes the twin-share tents at each camp. Mountain cooks prepare meals, with a mess tent, stools and hot water for washing. Porters carry the main gear, with personal porter-carried equipment limited to 15 kg.

Before and after the climb

Spend two nights in Moshi before the climb and one after. Luggage not required on the mountain can stay securely at the hotel. A single hotel room or mountain tent can usually be arranged at extra cost if requested.

Optional safari extension

A post-climb wildlife safari is a separately arranged, extra-cost extension. Discuss it with PPA before booking flights so your travel arrangements suit your plans.

YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE

The journey begins with preparation



Our small-group approach brings personal communication before departure and experienced leadership on the mountain. Talk with us about training, equipment and what the Machame Route will ask of you.

Explore upcoming departures and enquire about joining us.

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For comprehensive adventure information, including preparation, equipment, current pricing, departure dates and availability, visit our website.

Read the current trip details and Booking Terms before booking.