



# 9 Days Mount Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit Route

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<p><b>FROM</b></p> <p><b>USD 2,900</b></p> <p>Per person — Price depends on group size, travel dates, crew logistics, park fees, and pre/post-climb hotel arrangements</p>	<p><b>DURATION</b></p> <p><b>9 Days / 8 Nights</b></p> <p>Scenic High-Acclimatization Kilimanjaro Climb</p>	<p><b>TRIP STYLE</b></p> <p><b>Private or Group Kilimanjaro Trek</b></p> <p>Northern Circuit Route with Camping Accommodation</p>	<p><b>KEY DESTINATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Moshi, Londorossi Gate, Shira Plateau, Northern Slopes, Uhuru Peak, Mweka Gate</b></p> <p>Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania</p>	<p><b>BEST FOR</b></p> <p><b>Trekkers Seeking Better Acclimatization</b></p> <p>Scenic Route, Longer Climb, Lower-Traffic Kilimanjaro Experience</p>
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## Overview

This 9 days Mount Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit Route package is designed for travellers who want a scenic, well-paced, and acclimatization-focused climb on Africa’s highest mountain. The Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit route begins from the western side through Londorossi Gate and the Lemosho approach, then crosses the Shira Plateau before turning around the quieter northern slopes of Kilimanjaro. Because the itinerary spends more time on the mountain, it gives climbers a better rhythm for altitude adaptation compared with shorter routes. The route includes forest

trails, open moorland, volcanic alpine scenery, remote northern camps, a summit attempt to Uhuru Peak, and descent via Mweka Gate. Fidelity Safaris operates this Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit route package with trained mountain guides, porters, camping support, meals on the mountain, and pre-climb coordination from Moshi.

## Highlights

- 9 days Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit route designed for trekkers who prefer a longer and better-paced summit itinerary
- Follow one of Mount Kilimanjaro's most scenic routes, approaching from the western side before traversing the quieter northern slopes
- Excellent option for climbers looking for more acclimatization time compared with shorter Kilimanjaro routes
- Trek across varied landscapes including rainforest, moorland, Shira Plateau, alpine desert, high-altitude camps, and summit terrain
- Enjoy wide mountain views from the northern side of Kilimanjaro, an area used by fewer climbers than the busy southern circuit
- Summit attempt to Uhuru Peak, the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the roof of Africa
- Descend via the Mweka route after the summit for an efficient exit from the mountain
- Led by experienced mountain guides, supported by porters and a dedicated cook throughout the climb
- Camping accommodation on the mountain with meals prepared by the mountain crew
- Operated by Fidelity Safaris with practical climb planning, route briefing, and local Tanzania mountain support

## Inclusions & Exclusions

## INCLUSIONS

- Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook, and porters
- Kilimanjaro National Park fees and camping fees as stated in the itinerary
- Rescue fees required for Kilimanjaro climbs
- Camping accommodation on the mountain
- Meals during the climb as stated in the itinerary
- Drinking water during the trek after purification or safe preparation by the crew
- Group camping equipment including dining tent, table, chairs, and sleeping tents
- Transfers between Moshi and Kilimanjaro trailheads as stated in the itinerary
- Pre-climb briefing in Moshi
- Government taxes and levies related to the climb

## EXCLUSIONS

- International flights
- Tanzania visa fees
- Travel insurance with high-altitude trekking coverage
- Personal trekking gear such as sleeping bag, walking poles, boots, and warm clothing
- Tips for guides, porters, and cook
- Personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, and souvenirs
- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks unless stated
- Portable private toilet unless requested and quoted separately
- Pre-climb and post-climb hotel accommodation unless added to the package
- Extra accommodation, meals, or transfers caused by flight changes, delays, or route changes

## Itinerary

### Day 1

### Moshi to Londorossi Gate and Mti Mkubwa Camp

Meals: Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Mti Mkubwa Camp

After breakfast in Moshi, meet your Fidelity Safaris mountain crew and drive to Londorossi Gate for registration and climb formalities. Continue to the starting area and begin trekking through the rainforest zone towards Mti Mkubwa Camp. The first day is a gentle introduction to the Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit route, with forest scenery and time to settle into the mountain pace.

#### ACCOMMODATION

Mti Mkubwa Camp

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**Day 2****Mti Mkubwa Camp to Shira 1 Camp**

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

Leave the forest behind and climb gradually into the moorland zone. The trail opens up with wider views across the western side of Kilimanjaro as you approach the Shira Plateau. Arrive at Shira 1 Camp for dinner and overnight, with time to rest and adapt to the higher altitude.

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**Day 3****Shira 1 Camp to Shira 2 Camp**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Shira 2 Camp

Continue across the Shira Plateau, one of Kilimanjaro's most scenic high-altitude landscapes. This section is usually less steep than summit-stage trekking and helps build acclimatization while keeping the pace manageable. Overnight at Shira 2 Camp with views towards Kibo when the weather is clear.

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**Day 4****Shira 2 Camp to Moir Hut**

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

Trek towards the higher alpine zone and continue to Moir Hut, a quieter camp area used on longer Kilimanjaro itineraries. Depending on conditions and the guide's assessment, there may be an optional short acclimatization walk near camp. This day supports the main advantage of the Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit route: gradual altitude adaptation before moving around the mountain's northern side.

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**Day 5****Moir Hut to Buffalo Camp**

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

Begin the northern traverse of Kilimanjaro, moving into a quieter and more remote section of the mountain. The scenery becomes drier and more open, with expansive views over northern Tanzania when visibility is good. Arrive at Buffalo Camp for dinner and overnight.

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**Day 6****Buffalo Camp to Third Cave Camp**

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

Continue across the northern slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, following a steady trail through remote alpine desert terrain. This section is one of the reasons climbers choose the Northern Circuit: fewer crowds, strong mountain views, and a steady approach to the eastern side of Kibo. Overnight at Third Cave Camp.

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**Day 7****Third Cave Camp to School Hut**

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

Trek from Third Cave towards School Hut, the base camp area for the summit attempt. The pace is controlled to conserve energy and reduce unnecessary strain before summit night. After an early dinner, your guide will brief you on summit timing, clothing layers, water, snacks, and safety procedures before you rest for the midnight ascent.

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**Day 8****School Hut to Uhuru Peak and Descent to Mweka Camp**

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

Start the summit attempt around midnight, climbing slowly towards the crater rim and then onward to Uhuru Peak. Reaching Uhuru Peak is the highest point of this 9 days Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit route climb. After photos and a short rest at the summit, descend carefully past the high-altitude zone and continue down to Mweka Camp for dinner and overnight.

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**Day 9****Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate and Transfer to Moshi**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast, complete the final descent through the forest zone to Mweka Gate. At the gate, complete park checkout procedures and receive summit certificates if successfully awarded by the park authority. Meet your driver and transfer back to Moshi. This marks the end of your 9 days Mount Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit Route climb with Fidelity Safaris.

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## FAQs

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### **What is the Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit route?**

The Kilimanjaro Northern Circuit route is a longer Mount Kilimanjaro climbing route that starts from the western side, crosses the Shira Plateau, then travels around the quieter northern slopes before the summit attempt.

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### **How many days is the Northern Circuit route?**

This package is arranged as a 9 days / 8 nights climb. The longer schedule gives climbers more time on the mountain and supports a better acclimatization profile than shorter routes.

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### **Is the Northern Circuit route good for acclimatization?**

Yes. The route is popular with climbers who want more time to adjust to altitude because it follows a longer and more gradual itinerary before summit night.

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### **Where does the Northern Circuit route start and finish?**

This itinerary starts from Londorossi Gate on the western side of Kilimanjaro and descends through Mweka Gate after the summit attempt.

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### **Do I need previous climbing experience for this route?**

Technical climbing experience is not required, but climbers should be physically prepared for multi-day trekking, cold conditions, high altitude, and long walking days.

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