

MOUNT KILIMANJARO BRIEF DESCRIPTION & 2020 PRICE LIST

The summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, at 5,895m (19,340 feet) above sea level, is the highest point in Africa. Fortunately it is possible for most healthy hikers to reach this point, and so could be described as one of the highest non-technical climbs in the world. The two most important factors affecting the success rate of a high altitude climb are the amount of time spent on the mountain (rate of ascent), which affects acclimatisation, and your guide. All of our routes are some of the least travelled and take the most time (at least 7 days) to hike.

Our Shira Route ascends via the Western Breach

This route can either be hiked in 8 or 9 days. We recommend an 8 day climb for most people who will not camp in the Crater (at 5800m / 18,500 feet asl.). This route begins in the western forest, and traverses through the heath zone and then into the Shira Plateau. From here we gradually ascend to Lava Tower in preparation for our hike up the Western Breach. We leave Arrow Glacier camp at midnight for the summit.



We enjoy the views from the summit and then descend steeply via the south-eastern Barafu route to Mweka camp. Those preferring not to hike at night could do a 9 day climb and spend a night in the Crater at 5800m (18,500 feet) asl, however they should add an extra night for acclimatization. For more information read our separate document Mount Kilimanjaro - 8 days Climb - Shira Plateau Itinerary.

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Guides

All of our climbs are led by excellent and experienced Kilimanjaro guides. We offer climbs led by either one of our *A Step Ahead guides* or by a local Tanzanian guide. Two of our *A Step Ahead guides* are Justin Bell and Ake Lindstrom. Our local Tanzanian specialist mountain guides are also highly experienced and well trained and lead climbs. Both *A Step Ahead guides* and the local Tanzanian mountain guides are assisted by other experienced assistant climbing guides, enabling each guest to walk at their own pace.

Supplied on all our climbs

Porters carry nearly everything, from food, stoves, tents, and climbers' equipment. We carry emergency oxygen, an AED heart saving device, pulse oximeter and a gamow bag. For the Western Breach ascent a separate Kilimanjaro National Park indemnity form must be signed and we supply helmets.

We supply a stand-up mess/dining tent, lightweight dining table(s), lightweight backed chairs, and a private toilet tent for every 5 guests. We provide 18° Celsius (0° F) rated sleeping bags and 7cm (3in) foam mattresses for all our guests.

Guests are only expected to carry a light day pack.

Our two services differ in the following ways :

Luxury service on the mountain - Each two guests are accommodated in a three-man mountain “pup” tent, sleeping on 7cm (3in) foam mattresses. Depending on space, some bags may need to be kept in the tent’s “alcove”.

VIP service on the mountain - Each two guests are accommodated in a walk-in tent, providing more room for bags, and sleeping on lightweight sleeping cots (up to 2 in each tent) with 7cm (3in) foam mattresses. A shower tent is provided (showers may not be provided on occasional days) in addition to a toilet tent.

Best times of year

Good times to attempt a climb: January to mid-March; mid-June to October.

The sense of freedom one feels walking on one of the quieter, camping-only routes of the mountain is well worth the effort - to say nothing of the fabulous views and fascinating changes in vegetation as one ascends.

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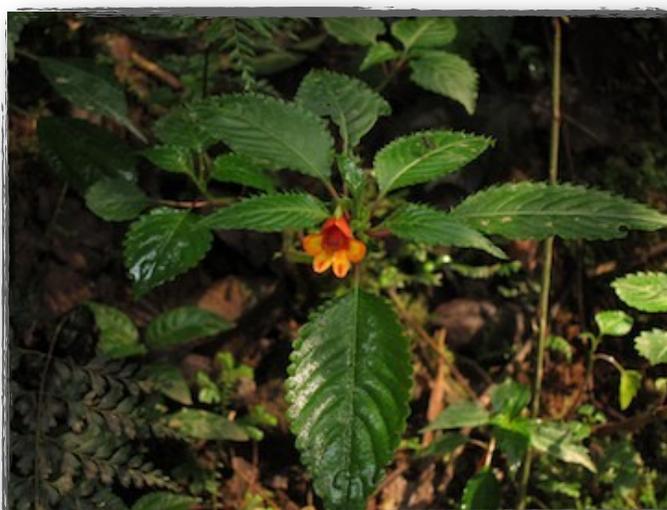
2020 Kilimanjaro rates for the Shira 8 day climb via the Western Breach for a private group with own guides and team. Some of the campsites may have other groups.

All the rates below include 2 nights in a lodge or hotel and acclimatisation hike prior to the climb, and 1 night and day rooms in a lodge after the climb. This makes a total of 10 nights / 11 days for the 8 day climb.

Group size No of Climbers	Luxury service with A Step Ahead Guide	Luxury service with Local Guide	VIP service with A Step Ahead Guide	VIP service with Local Guide
12	6,760 US\$	5,840 US\$	8,200 US\$	7,280 US\$
11	6,900 US\$	5,890 US\$	8,320 US\$	7,300 US\$
10	7,300 US\$	6,180 US\$	8,490 US\$	7,360 US\$
9	7,460 US\$	6,220 US\$	8,620 US\$	7,380 US\$
8	7,720 US\$	6,320 US\$	9,150 US\$	7,750 US\$
7	7,980 US\$	6,420 US\$	9,400 US\$	7,800 US\$
6	8,320 US\$	6,460 US\$	9,750 US\$	7,880 US\$
5	8,850 US\$	6,600 US\$	10,200 US\$	7,950 US\$
4	9,280 US\$	6,480 US\$	10,700 US\$	7,950 US\$
3	10,840 US\$	7,100 US\$	12,160 US\$	8,440 US\$
2	13,640 US\$	7,990 US\$	15,500 US\$	9,900 US\$

Note: -

1. Western Breach ascent - This is more exciting, exposed and steeper than the more popular (and crowded) Barafu-Stella Point ascent. In a couple of places it is necessary to scramble using your hands for stability. The Barafu-Stella ascent climbs that we offer will cost a little less as the crew do not need to carry equipment to the summit.
2. Duration - It is possible to shorten the climb and still reach the summit. Your success rate depends mostly on acclimatization, much of which is physiological. There is considerable genetic variation in people's adaptation to being at altitude. We consider it wiser to allow and plan for a safer and longer climb than risk failure or illness by shortening a climb. Our high success rate is partly attributable to our experienced guides coaching and helping climbers, and partly our carefully designed itineraries. We recommend the above itineraries to maximize the chance of success.
3. Accommodation at the beginning and end of the climb - A selection of small boutique lodges are preferred for the Luxury climbs. Often, but not always, we stay at the [Ngare Sero Mountain Lodge](#). For the VIP service the [Legendary Lodge](#) is the lodge of choice and included in the rate.



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Included in the climb price:

A *Step Ahead* guide* included where stated; licensed Kilimanjaro head guide on all climbs (also referred as Local guide - a fully experienced Kilimanjaro professional); acclimatisation hike on Mount Meru before the climb; accommodation in Arusha two nights before and one night after the climb; mountain climbing orientation the afternoon before the climb; transport from Arusha to the trailhead and back to Arusha; team of assistant mountain guides, cooks and porters; all park entry and camping fees; medical emergency evacuation insurance (only covers air evacuation from Moshi or Kilimanjaro airport to Nairobi Hospital in event of an emergency); -18° Celsius (0° F) rated sleeping bag and 7cm (3in) foam mattress; accommodation on the mountain for 2 climbers in 3-man dome mountain tent (6m²/64sq ft); group equipment (walk-in mess tent; cutlery etc, chemical flush toilet & toilet tent).

*A *Step Ahead* guides are Justin Bell or Ake Lindstrom (Justin Bell, who is based in Spain and is marketing for much of the year may lead your climb for a surcharge of \$2,000 to cover travel costs)

Not included in the climb price:

Personal equipment; travel or any other insurance; other personal costs such as soft/alcoholic drinks or laundry costs once off the mountain (not available on the mountain); any extra costs incurred if leaving the mountain early, such as vehicle hire or extra accommodation costs. Nor are gratuities included.

Single supplement on the mountain:

Specially requested single accommodation in tents on the mountain will be charged at a supplement of US\$600 per person for the trip. In addition there may be single supplements charged at the lodges. The actual cost of these may be supplied on request.

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A STEP AHEAD S.L. - KILIMANJARO TERMS & CONDITIONS

General:

Quotations for groups of less than 2 or more than 12 people can be supplied on request. We reserve the right to substitute campsites, hotels and/or lodges and to alter the itinerary should this be considered necessary or advisable. Should exceptional circumstances arise (e.g. sudden unexpected increases in park fees or fuel prices), we reserve the right to alter the above prices. Park fees are subject to change without notice.

Deposits:

To confirm a booking - 30% of full trip cost required.
 60 days prior to trip - Full trip cost required

Cancellations:

No of days prior to trip start date Terms
 > 120 Full refund less US\$1,200 per person
 60-120 Deposit is forfeited
 30-59 50% of full trip cost forfeited
 <30 Full trip cost forfeit

PLEASE SEE OUR GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS (2020) DOCUMENT FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON TERMS AND INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

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Insurance:

While on safari or climb with us you are not covered by any insurance (such as personal, travel, accident or baggage loss). We suggest that you make arrangements so that you and your property are fully insured for the duration of your safari or climb and also for travel in light aircraft. Similarly, you are advised to arrange adequate insurance in the unforeseen event of postponement or cancellation of your climb / safari.

Liability:

Although every possible care is taken to safeguard you and your property, we accept no liability for any accidents, injuries, or illnesses arising during the safari, nor thereafter, nor the loss or damage to your property and persons. Please read our separate liability waiver (available online at <http://www.astepahead.es/resources/>) which ALL participants or their guardians (if under 18) MUST read and sign before booking any trip with us. By booking and paying a deposit for a safari or climb, you are deemed to have accepted the liability and insurance clauses above.

Very Important:

Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa and is reputed to be the highest single free-standing mountain in the world. The surrounding countryside can be as low as 750m (2,500 feet) a.s.l, while the summit is 5,895m (19,340) feet a.s.l. The climb begins at about 2,700m (8,500 feet) a.s.l. The trek through the unique vegetation zones and stunning scenery is strenuous, especially due to the fairly rapid gain of altitude. Our Shira Route ascent passes through either the Great Barranco wall or the Western Breach, both of which are taxing, arduous and exposed, and although they are considered non-technical routes, they involve using hands in some places. The descent from summit to gate is a relentless downhill hike of 1½ days. The challenge of strenuous exercise at high altitude is formidable and should not be taken lightly. We advise all climbers to undertake some training prior to the climb. All climbers must complete a "Medical Assessment Form" truthfully before being allowed to participate in a climb. Climbers summiting via the Western Breach route are required to sign a special Kilimanjaro National Park Indemnity Form and must wear helmets while climbing the Western Breach. While our success rate is extremely high, all climbers should be aware that there is a chance they may not reach the summit. In cases of severe acclimatization difficulties a climber may be advised by the guide to descend, rather than continue a summit bid. In such cases the guide's advice should always be heeded. Any extra costs incurred due to leaving the mountain early (such as transport and accommodation) are to be covered entirely by the climber concerned and not by **A Step Ahead S.L.** or its agents.

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