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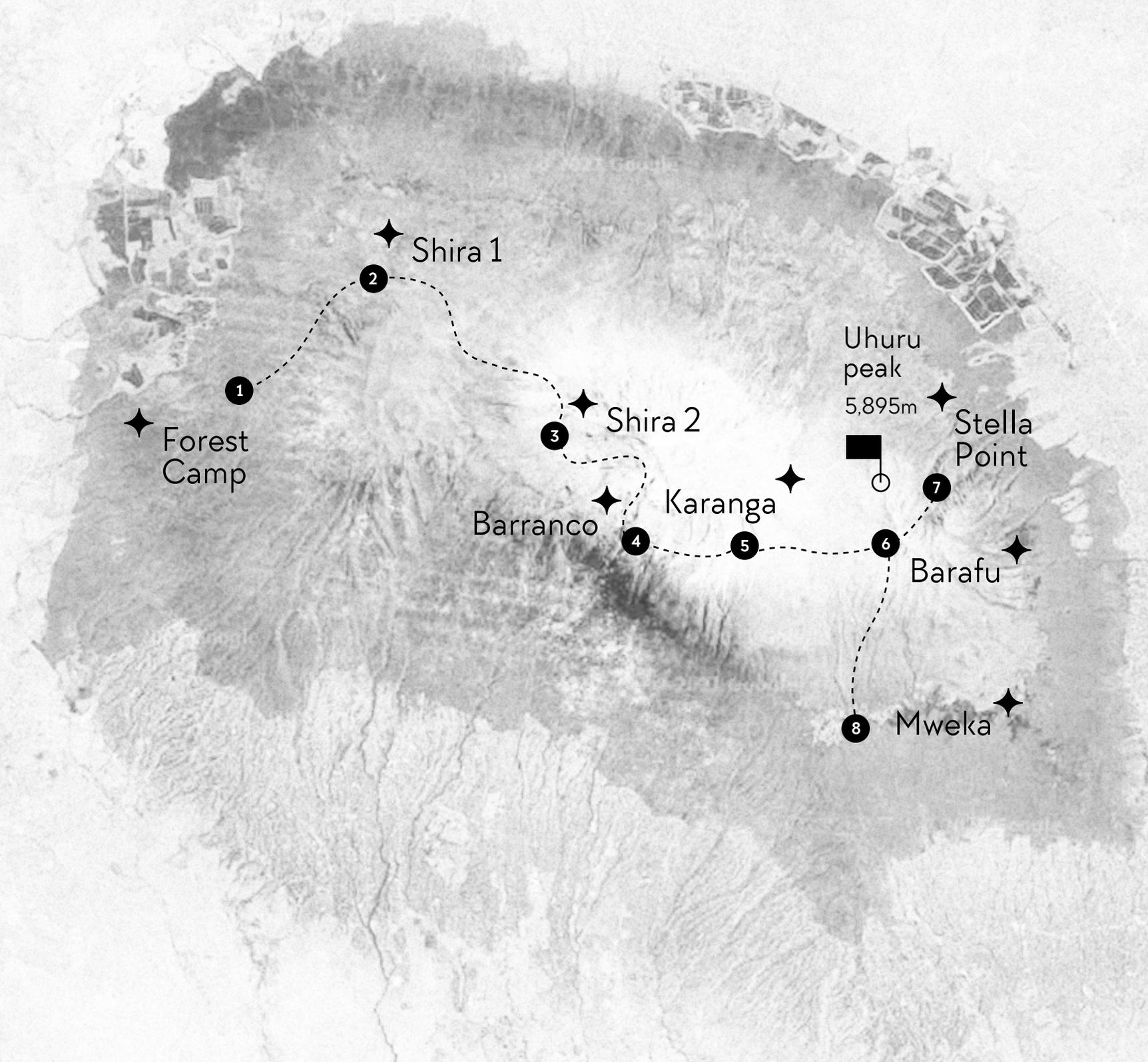
Our first Kilimanjaro climb

Machame - Shira routes trek

2021



Travel map





Who is the tour suitable for

- Tour is suitable for travellers with no experience or specialised training;
- Long and well developed route without alpine zones;
- Guides with 20 years experience guarantee that you will reach the peak;
- Trekking crew with a doctor and support team in the nearest city of Kilimanjaro;
- Cellular network 24/7 at any trek stage;
- Comfortable weather and no wild animals;
- Safety during hiking and stations, including night shifts.



Conquering the unreachable tops
is our passion.



About the tour

Go to Star team invites you to climb Kilimanjaro, an old dormant volcano, topped with an ice cap hovering over the Tanzanian and Kenyan savanna. Kilimanjaro is one of the world's Seven Summits and the most popular attraction to reach.

There is a reason: one can conquer Kilimanjaro without alpine trekking experience. Our qualified guides will be there to help you get ready for the ascent, and the developed seven-day route is aimed at a soft acclimatisation.

The tour is thought out with precision in order to keep the comfort level common for our trips. You will have a hot shower and a comfortable sleep in a heated tent.

Fresh hot meal is prepared according to a special recipe. Using the best equipment we take charge of travellers satisfaction during the hike even in severe conditions.

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Comfort in severe
conditions



Day 1 Arrival



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Arrival in
Kilimanjaro airport



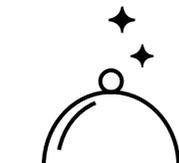
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Transfer to Arusha,
the safari capital
of Tanzania



03

Accommodation
in Arusha Gran Melia
hotel



04

Dinner at the hotel
restaurant



05

Pre-climb briefing



Day 2

Kilimanjaro National Park and climb to Machame camp

Trekking
time: 4-6 hours

Elevation
gain: +820 m

Destination
point: 2720 m

Transfer to Kilimanjaro National Park (2,5 hours). Guides, porters and a cook will meet us at the Machame Gate. We will make our way with them to the 'Roof of Africa', the Uhuru peak. Each day they will start their ascent earlier than us in order to prepare everything by our arrival in the camp.

Guides will register the ascent and undertake the final preparation after getting acquainted with the group.

The aim of the first day is to reach the Machame camp. The route will lead us through the rainforest at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. By the end of the trail trees will give way to heathers, tall grass and thistle. If the weather is clear, we will see the Kibo peak.

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the rainforest at the foot
of Mount Kilimanjaro





Day 3

Machame camp to Shira camp

Trekking	Elevation	Destination
time: 4-6 hours	gain: +1000 m	point: 3720 m

Ascent to the Shira point is the easiest part of the route that includes some steep areas though, and it can be quite hot in case of clear weather. The route will provide the view of the forest and valleys, the Kibo and the Mawenzi peaks. As we continue our ascent, the landscape will change again. The famous endemics to the Mount Kilimanjaro grow here - giant groundsels and not smaller lobelias (*Senecio Kilimanjari* and *Lobelia Deckenii*).

After lunch we will climb the Shira plateau: the lowest of the volcano peaks became a plateau after the Kibo crater eruption. We will take a rest in Shira camp with a view of Kibo and Mera, the 'younger brother' of Kilimanjaro.





Day 4

Shira camp to Barranco camp

Trekking
time: 5-6 hours

Elevation
gain: +690 m

Destination
point: 3950 m

This day is extremely important for proper acclimatisation. The route consists of ascents and descents, and although by the evening we will gain elevation of 110 meters only, we will have to reach the altitude of 4530 meters within the first hours of trek. We will walk along the Shira plateau crossing the Lemosho route and, provided a good pace, we will manage to make a detour to the 90-meters tall Lava Tower rising above the plateau.

Surrounded by giant groundsels, the Barranco camp is considered as one of the most picturesque camps on the Machame route.







Day 5

Barranco camp to Karanga valley

Trekking
time: 4-5 hours

Elevation
gain: +250 m

Destination
point: 4200 m

Trekking to the Karanga valley starts with ascent to the Barranco Wall, that takes one hour and a half. Conquering the steep cliff is the most emotionally challenging part of the ascent, but the view of the valley and the Kibo glacier is definitely worth it. After the mountain pass we will descent to the green Karanga valley, cross it and reach the other camp.





Day 6

Karanga camp to Baraf camp

Trekking
time: 3-4 hours

Elevation
gain: +400 m

Destination
point: 4600 m

On our way to the next station we will see the Heim, the Kersten and the Decken glaciers. The path goes along the alpine desert and has minimal vegetation, but the camp has spectacular view of the Kibo and the Mawenzi peaks. We will take a rest right after dinner in order to recover before the guides wake us up in a few hours for the final ascent.







Day 7

Baraf camp to Uhuru peak

Trekking
time: 5-6 hours

Elevation
gain: +690 m

Destination
point: 3950 m

Uhuru peak
height: 5895 m

Ascent for the highest peak in Africa, Uhuru peak, will start at midnight. We will be walking for six hours in the light of our headlamps. Crater climb is the toughest part of the trek. The distance to Stella Point seems to be short, but we will be moving slowly. As the concentration of oxygen is half the concentration at sea level, we will require much more time and effort to climb.

Having reached the summit, we will stay on the Uhuru peak for about an hour for trekking along the edge of the crater. After a photo shoot we will descent to the Mweka camp, enjoying the view of clouds, glaciers and rocky slopes.

We will pause for breakfast in the Baraf camp before proceeding our way to Mweka (3-5 hours more).

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Day 8

Mweka camp back to Arusha

Trekking
time: 3-4 hours

Elevation
gain: -1600 m

Destination
point: 1500 m

Final descent will go through the heather valleys and the rainforest. At the edge of the National park we will take our transfer back to Arusha.

In the evening we will celebrate conquering the Uhuru peak with a dinner at the Arusha Gran Melia hotel.





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Day 9

Departure



01

Transfer to the airport



02

Flight



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