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SHIRA PLATEAU HIKE VIA LONDOROSI ROUTE

Walk Above the Clouds

This scenic hike begins at the Londorossi Gate, winding through lush montane rainforest alive with the sounds of tropical birds and the chance to spot black-and-white colobus monkeys swinging through the trees.

As you ascend, the forest gives way to the breathtaking Shira Plateau—one of Kilimanjaro's oldest volcanic calderas. Here, the landscape opens up into vast alpine meadows with panoramic views across Kilimanjaro's western slopes. On a clear day, you'll even catch a glimpse of Kibo Peak and its shimmering glaciers in the distance.

Perfect for those short on time but eager for adventure, this day hike offers an unforgettable glimpse into the wild beauty of Africa's highest mountain—without the need for a full summit trek.

This hike is suitable for most reasonably fit travelers, including families and those with limited hiking experience. While you'll be walking at high altitude (starting around 3,407 meters (11,178 feet) at Morum Picnic Site, the pace is relaxed, and the terrain is not technically challenging.

Elevation gain: Approx. 203 meters (666 feet), 4 to 6 hours total (round trip). Well-maintained paths through rainforest and open moorland. Altitude considerations: Some may feel the effects of thinner air, but the hike includes time to rest and acclimate.

Start: 7 am

Finish: 5.30 pm*

Included: Park fee, certified guide, transportation, packed lunch and water

Bring: Passport copy, sturdy hiking or sports shoes, breathable clothing layers, and a rain jacket

Level of difficulty: Moderate

* Estimate time back at Kaliwa

Kaliwa Lodge is not the organizer, only the intermediary of the activities, which are carried out by experienced and licensed companies, guides, and driver.

All activities are subject to availability and weather conditions. The operator reserves the right to cancel the execution of activities at his/her discretion and without prior notice.

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