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MOUNT KILIMANJARO HIKE- MACHAME ROUTE

A Taste of the Roof of Africa

Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro—the highest peak in Africa—is a dream for many visitors to Tanzania. But not everyone has the time, desire, or physical readiness for the full multi-day ascent. For those who want to experience the mountain's majesty without the full commitment, we offer a guided day hike along the iconic Machame Route—one of Kilimanjaro's most scenic trails.

Accompanied by an experienced, certified Kilimanjaro guide, you'll begin your hike with a steady ascent through the lush rainforest toward Machame Camp. Along the way, you'll catch breathtaking glimpses of the mountain's upper slopes and walk the very same trail that leads to Uhuru Peak. At Machame Camp, enjoy a packed lunch before beginning your descent. It's an immersive taste of the Kilimanjaro experience—all in a single day.

Even if the summit is often hidden behind clouds by early afternoon, the journey itself is deeply rewarding. You'll get a real feel for Kilimanjaro's natural beauty, diverse ecosystems, and unique atmosphere—all in one unforgettable day.

This is not a technical climb, and no mountaineering experience is required. However, a reasonable level of fitness is recommended. The round-trip hike covers about 22 kilometers (13.7 miles), starting from the gate at an elevation of around 1,800 meters (5,906 feet) and ascending to Machame Hut, approximately 2,835 meters (9,303 feet) above sea level.

The trail is well-maintained but can become slippery after rain. All you need is good hiking or sports shoes, breathable layers, a rain jacket, and a sense of adventure.

Start: 8-8.30 am

Finish: 4-6 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: Intermediate

* 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.

