



MT. KILIMANJARO-THE ROOF OF
AFRICA

THE NORTHERN CIRCUIT ROUTE

WHO WE ARE

Founded in **1993**, Banjara has a deep-rooted presence in the Indian Himalayas when it comes to hospitality and adventure. Through our experiences we hope to share the same spirit of adventure & exploration with everyone and also bring the best of adventure and hospitality together in doing so.



OUR ROUTE - THE NORTHERN CIRCUIT

The Northern Circuit is the newest and longest route on Mount Kilimanjaro. This route takes a minimum of eight days to complete, with most tour operators offering a nine-day trek. We prefer the nine days climb, additional time on the mountain increases the success rate for trekkers on the Northern Circuit.

The Northern Circuit Route begins in the West at the Lemosho Gate and follows the same path as the Lemosho Route for the first two days. After crossing the Shira Plateau the path veers north near Lava Tower, following the longer Northern Circuit instead of the more popular Southern Circuit via Barranco Valley. The route circles around the quieter northern slopes on the eastern side of the mountain.



ITINERARY

- 1 ARRIVE JRO & DRIVE TO MOSHI
- 2 TREK TO MTI MKUBWA CAMP
- 3 MTI MKUBWA TO SHIRA 1
- 4 SHIRA 1 TO SHIRA 2
- 5 SHIRA 2 TO MOIR HUT
- 6 MOIR HUT TO POFU / BUFFALO CAMP
- 7 POFU / BUFFALO CAMP TO THIRD CAVE
- 8 THIRD CAVE TO SCHOOL HUT
- 9 SCHOOL HUT TO SUMMIT TO MILLENNIUM CAMP
- 10 MILLENNIUM CAMP TO MWEKA GATE
- 11 DEPART FOR JRO



SAMPLE ITINERARY - SAFARI ADD ON

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DRIVE MOSHI TO KARATU VIA LAKE
MANYARA NATIONAL PARK.

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DRIVE KARATU TO SERENGETI
NATIONAL PARK

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EXPLORE SERENGETI PLAINS.
GAME DRIVES.

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DRIVE SERENGETI TO KARATU VIA
NGORONGORO CRATER.

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DROP TO JRO AIRPORT.



JRO TO MOSHI

You will be met at JRO (Kilimanjaro International Airport) and transferred to Moshi town, an hour away, where you will spend the night. If you are missing any equipment for the climb, you have a chance to procure them in Moshi town. At a suitable time between lunch and dinner, we'll do a safety briefing for the group with our local team.



Day 1



40 km
1 hrs



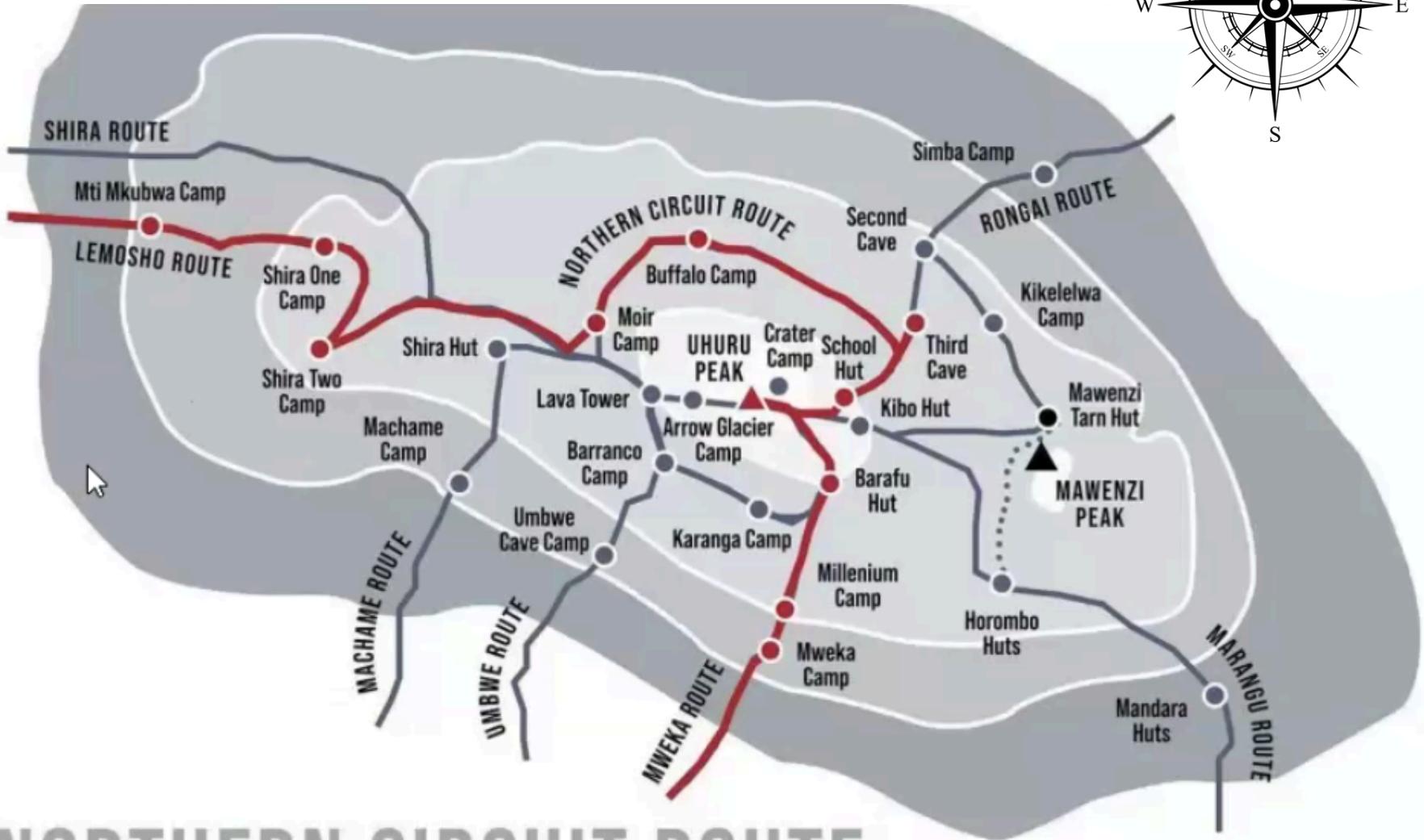
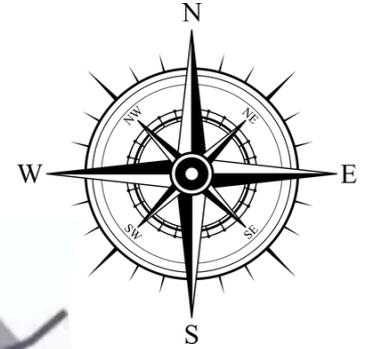
950 m



Dinner



RED MARKS OUR ROUTE



NORTHERN CIRCUIT ROUTE

TREK TO MTI MKUBWA CAMP

Following breakfast, we will be transferred from our hotel in Moshi (950 m) to Lemosho Gate (2200 m). We will have a substantial packed lunch at the gate while our local team gets the National Park entry paperwork done. Our porters prepare and pack our supplies and luggage before we start our ascent along the forest trail to Mti Mkubwa (Big Tree) campsite at 2650m.



Day 2



3500 m



80 km
2 hours



4 hrs



Breakfast, Lunch
& Dinner



MTI MKUBWA TO SHIRA 1

Today we make our way to the Shira 1 camp on Shira Plateau, one of the largest plateaus in the world. On our way towards the plateau, we'll stop at a nice spot for some hot tea and snacks before heading to Shira 1 where hot lunch will be served. At 3500 m Shira 1 is well into the high-altitude zone, so rest and acclimatise the rest of the afternoon and layer up to stay warm in the evening.



Day 3



6 hours



3500 m



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



SHIRA 1 CAMP TO SHIRA 2 CAMP

Today is a short day as we walk from Shira 1 to Shira 2 on the plateau. The altitude gain is gentle and you'll be at camp before you realise it. You will feel the thinning air as we get closer to the 4000 metres above sea level. From our camp near Shira Hut, we take in the unforgettable views of Mt Meru and Kilimanjaro



Day 4



4 hours



3810 m



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



SHIRA 2 CAMP TO MOIR HUT

We leave the moorland behind now and a short walk and climb later, we'll be at Moir Hut. With fabulous views of Arrow glacier and the mountain, it's a great place to be. Depending on the weather conditions, we might go for a short acclimatisation hike after lunch



Day 5



4200 m



7 hrs



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



MOIR HUT TO POFU CAMP

Today is the longest walking day after the summit day. We will be walking the slopes on the Northern side of the mountain as we gain altitude and climb up to 4400 m. From here, the trail is undulating with some fun and scrambly sections on the trail to keep us excited. We lose altitude to eventually reach our camp at 4000 m. Be prepared for winds and clouds to roll in on us.



Day 6



4700 m



8 hours



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



POFU CAMP TO THIRD CAVE

We continue our walk on the dormant volcanic slopes of the mountain, going up and down over some scrambles and bottlenecks that we'll find along the way. These keep an otherwise short walking day exciting



Day 7



4020 m



7 hours



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



THIRD CAVE CAMP TO SCHOOL HUT

Today we make the steady ascent to reach the summit camp on this trek, School Hut, a lunar landscape between the peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. On a clear day, one can look down to the Kenyan plains. We will be at camp for lunch and the remainder of the afternoon is spent resting and preparing for the summit day.



Day 8



6 hours



4790 m



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner



SCHOOL HUT TO SUMMIT TO MILLENNIUM CAMP



Day 9



15 hours



5895 m



Breakfast,
Lunch & Dinner

Brace yourself for a long and demanding night & day. We wake up around 2230 and following a small meal, we start our climb at midnight on a switchback trail through loose volcanic scree to reach the first landmark on the crater's rim, Gillman's Point (5600 m). We rest at Gilman's for a short time and continue along the rim to the next landmark, Stella point (5700 m) where different routes merge. From Stella Point we make the final approach to Uhuru Peak (5895 m), the summit of Kilimanjaro. After some pictures and time at the summit we retrace our steps to Stella Point from where we go down towards Barafu Camp (4600 m) where our support team will be waiting for us for some well-deserved lunch and refreshments. Following lunch at Barafu we continue downhill to our final stop for the day at Millenium Camp (3800 m). The long descent will be taxing on one and all but, reaching the highest point has to come with certain physical challenges that you must feel proud to have overcome, tonight's sleep shall be extra sweet.





THE SUNRISE & THE SUMMIT



MILLENNIUM CAMP TO MWEKA GATE

Your final day on the trek. After the long ascent and descent on the summit day this descent will also feel long as we lose 2100 meters to get to Mweka Gate which marks the culmination of your trek. Celebrate with the team at Mweka with some cold drinks and beers as we wait for our guides to get our summit certificates from the Park Headquarters. We will have lunch with our team before our final transfer to the hotel for a well-earned shower and celebration with your fellow trekkers.



Day 10



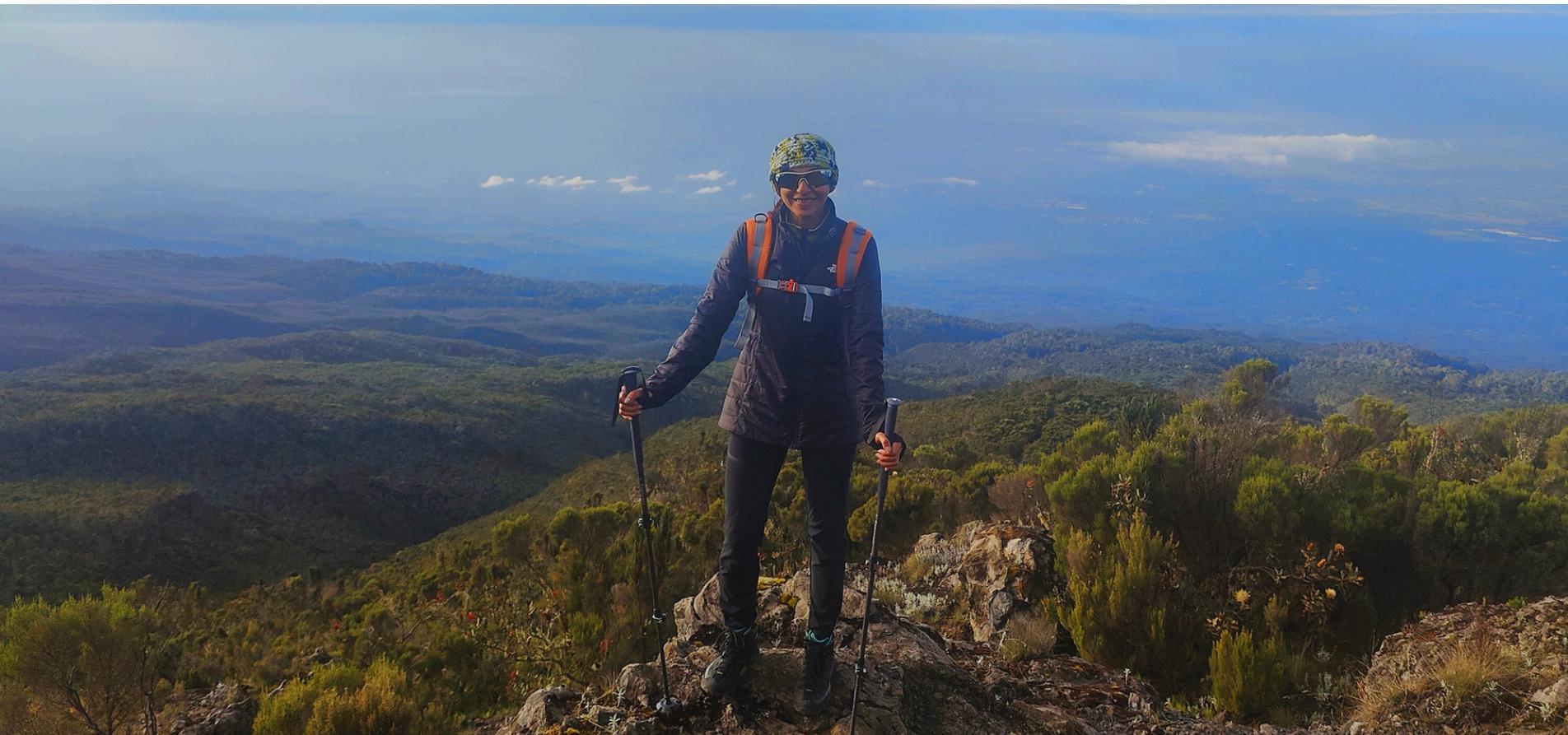
6 hours



3827 m



Breakfast,
Lunch
Dinner



DEPARTURE TO JRO



Day 11



45 km/1 hour



Breakfast

After a much-needed night's rest we will bid you goodbye. Depending on your onward plan, you will be picked up either for your safari extension or for your flight out from JRO.



SAMPLE SAFARI ADD - ON

(Will be quoted separately based on group size.
Approximate range US\$ 2600 to 3500 per PAX)

DAY 11-15

SERENGETI, NGORONGORO, TARANGIRE

DRIVE MOSHI TO KARATU



Day 11



250 km/6 hours

We start our quintessential African Safari experience today with a drive to Lake Manyara. Set around the Great Rift Valley this place is rich in wildlife of all kinds. Following the visit to the National Park we head to Karatu for the night. Overnight at Country Lodge or similar.



DRIVE KARATU TO SERENGETI

 Day 12

 180 km/4 hours

In the morning you drive to the Serengeti plains. In the afternoon you explore the endless plains and observe animals like zebras, wildebeests, antelopes and maybe some lions enjoying the view from a kopje. Overnight at Whisper Serengeti or similar.



EXPLORE THE SERENGETI PLAINS



Day 13



8 hours

You continue to explore the Serengeti and observe its fascinating wildlife. On close observation, you discover how different herbivores share the same feeding grounds or have the luck to spot some well-hidden predators like cheetahs, leopards or servals. We return to the camp in the evening. Overnight at Whisper Serengeti or similar.



DRIVE SERENGETI TO KARATU VIA NGORONGORO CRATER



Day 14



200 KM
7 hours

In the morning, you drive to the floor of the Ngorongoro Crater. You enjoy the abundance and variety of wildlife in the crater – among them all Big Five. Expect to see zebras and wildebeests, meet some lions and with some luck glimpse at the rare rhino. From Ngorongoro we'll drive to Karatu for the night. Overnight at Country Lodge or similar.



DRIVE KARATU TO JRO AIRPORT



Day 15



30 KM/1 hour

Free morning to relax at the lodge. In the afternoon, you drive back to JRO in time for your return flight.



INCLUSIONS

- Banjara team lead / Escort.
- Local team of guide & spotters.
- Accommodation 10 nights.
- Transfers as per itinerary.
- All meals from dinner on day 1 to breakfast on day 11.
- All Permits and fee.
- Porterage of personal and common luggage.

EXCLUSIONS

- Taxes. GST 5% & TCS, 5-20%
- Insurance.
- Tips (250 to 300 US\$).
- Alcohol & additional beverages.
- Single room supplement
- Anything not in the inclusions.
- Safari add on to Ngorongoro and Serengeti, approx US\$ 2500 - 3500 per PAX

US \$ 3850/- Per PAX Climb only

Group size: 6 to 12 PAX



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