



KILIMANJARO NATIONAL PARK

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“The roof of Africa”



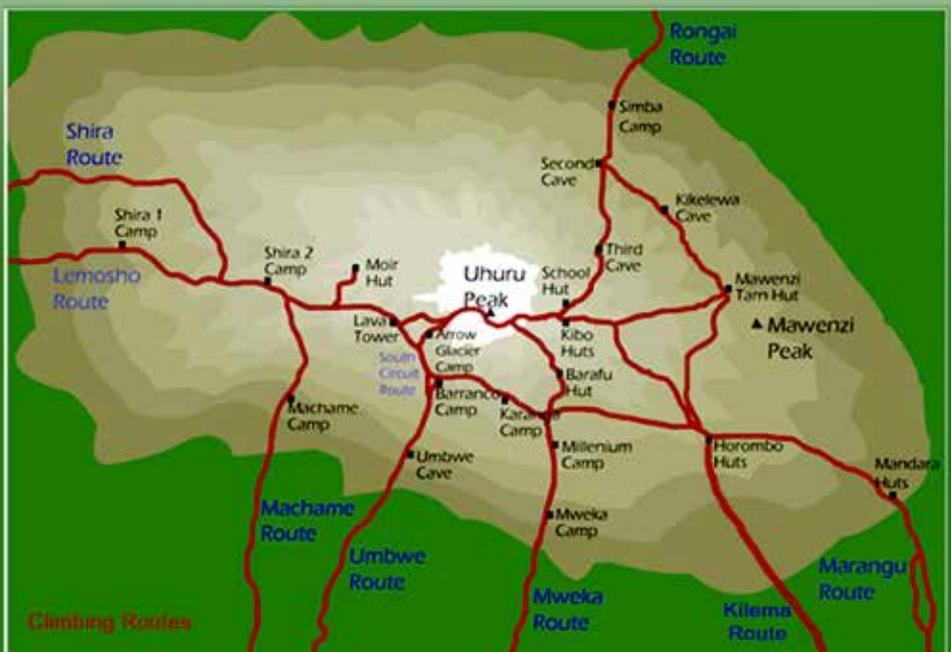


Welcome to Kilimanjaro National Park!

You are now at the foot of the highest mountain in Africa, snow capped and world's highest free standing volcano; the Kilimanjaro. Climbing to the top which is far up into the sky is a life time experience that no one can forget. The park offers a range of tourism activities including mountain climbing, paragliding, mountain cycling, crater camping, mawenzi peak technical climb, shira plateau day visit and nature walk in montane forest.

Park History

The park was gazetted in 1973, officially opened for tourism in 1977, declared as World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1987 and Natural Wonder of Africa in 2013. Its size is 1712 Km².



Getting there

The park can be accessed by road or flight via Kilimanjaro International Airport – about 45 km to the west. Marangu gate is the Park Headquarters and one of the ascending route is located 41 km from Moshi town and 86 km from Kilimanjaro International Airport. The other seven gates of Rongai, Machame, Londorosi, Lemosho, Kilema, Mweka and Umbwe are located around the mountain base and can be reached by road.

Climate

There are two rainy seasons in a year mainly influenced by the prevailing trade winds. The short rainy period is from October to November and the wet season is from March to May during which it rains around the mountain base and snow accumulates on its peak. The dry season is from late June to September and from December to early March during which the nights are cool and the days completely clear and thus provides good climbing conditions.



Attractions

The Park is endowed with a diverse variety of attractions ranging from terrestrial wilderness to permanent glaciers on the mountain peaks.

Three Peaks

Kibo, the highest peak [5,895m] is covered by snow throughout the year though located near the equator and to many climbers, conquering this peak is an adventure of their lifetime. Mawenzi [5,149m] is rugged and opened for technical climb. Shira [3,962m] is the oldest peak that collapsed and forms a shira plateau with outstanding scenic beauty on the mountain habited with several kinds of migratory large mammals such as buffaloes, elephants and elands.





- **Montane Forest**

A wide band of exceptionally beautiful montane forest encircles the whole of Kilimanjaro from about 1800 – 2800m. The forest zone is worth a visit even if you are not climbing to the peaks. The present nature trails in particular take you through this forest belt. This belt supports several plant species, including endemic ones like *Impatiens kilimanjari*.

- **Birds and Animals**

The park harbors more than 179 bird species inhabit the different vegetation zones. At high altitudes, the White Necked Raven, Lammergeyer and Alpine Chat are common. The mountain also inhabits 140 species of mammals; 7 primates, 25 carnivores, 25 antelopes and 24 species of bat. Hikers may see various animals including the Black and White Colobus Monkey, Blue monkey, Forest Duikers and small mammals like *Myosorex zinkii* which is endemic to Mt. Kilimanjaro.



- **Zonation of Vegetation**

Five eco-climatic zones take you to the equivalent of a trip from the equator to the arctic in a brief tour. As one climbs Kilimanjaro, vegetation and weather changes in response to the changing elevation from montane forest, heath and moorland, alpine desert and the summit zone (arctic). The mountain peak is covered by snow all year-round.

- **Kifinika Cultural Site**

This is a sacred site along Marangu route that is used by the local Chagga people. Historically, the site was used for cultural rituals.

- **Maundi Crater**

Located just 15 minutes walk past Mandara huts on the Marangu route the crater provides a panoramic view of Lakes Chala, Jipe and Nyumba ya Mungu, all of which derive their water from the majestic Kilimanjaro.

- **Lauwo waterfall**

This waterfall is located 2.8 kms from Marangu gate. It provides a spectacular experience while enjoying walking inside the thick montane forest.

- **Lake Chala**

Lake Chala is located about 30 minutes' drive from Himo town. Although situated outside the Park, the lake is an important geological link to the park. This deep fresh water lake can be visited prior to, or after climbing the mountain.



Tourism Activities

- **Climbing to the Summit**



Climbing to Kibo peak takes 5 – 9 days depending on the route. Seven mountain trails can take a climber to the mountain peak, each route offering different attractions and challenges.

- **Mountain Cycling**

On two wheels tourist has a chance of cycling to the roof of Africa. There are two routes which are used for cycling, one for summit bound visitors (Kilema route) and second one for non summit visitors (Shira plateau).

- **Crater Camping**

Camping in the crater provides unique visitors' night experience. While at the crater tourists can visit the unique bench-shaped like glaciers, the formation that can only be found at Mount Kilimanjaro.



- **Paragliding**

Tourists can fly from the top of Mount Kilimanjaro and may use parachutes or wingsuits while undertaking this activity.



- **Mawenzi Technical Climbing**

Mawenzi is the second highest peak on Mount Kilimanjaro. Technical climbers can hike the present seven sub-peaks while enjoying the view of cliffs, complexity of gullies and rock faces.

- **Non summit tourism activities** includes, visit to the water falls, walking on nature trails, visiting maundi crater and cultural sites such as kifinika [in the park] and cultural camps in the villages around.

Available tourism facilities

- **Huts**

The park provides huts accommodation for mountain climbers using Marangu route at Mandara, Horombo and Kibo mountain stations.





- **Camping**

There are professionally designated camping sites with toilet facilities on the wilderness routes of Rongai, Mweka, Umbwe, Machame, Lemosho, Kilema and Londorosi. Also rescue services for the sick and injured including first aid and radio communications are available in all mountain stations.

- **Trail Network**

The network of nature trails offers a spectacular scenic beauty of the vegetation zones. Each trail represents distinct flora and fauna with a view of the mountain peaks, geological features and physical challenge to climb differs significantly between the trails.



PARK TARIFFS

	East Africa TShs.	Non Resident US\$	Expatriate US\$
A. Conservation fees per person			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	10,000	70	35
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,000	20	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
B. Hut Fees all ages (Marangu route/night)			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	5,000	60	60
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	2,500	20	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
C. Camping Fee - (Rongai, Machame, Londorosi, Umbwe, Mweka and Lemosho)			
i. Of or above age of 16 years	10,000	50	50
ii. Between the age of 5 and 15 years	5,000	10	10
iii. Children below the age of 5 years	Free	Free	Free
D. Special Products Fees (Per Day/Night)			
i. Mountain Cycling	30,000	50	50
ii. Crater Camping	10,000	100	100
E. Hostel	5,000	10	10
F. Rescue Fees (Per Person/Trip)			
All ages	2,000	20	20
G. Video shooting per group of 2-20 pax This is for recording own art (music or movies)			
i. Inside the Park (payable on top of conservation fees per day)	100,000	100	100
H. Special Products Fees (Per Person/Activity)			
Paragliding			
i. Pilot	100,000	500	500
ii. Passenger	100,000	250	250
Mawenzi Technical Climbing	30,000	750	750

I. Motor Vehicle Fees	Tanzanian Register TShs.	Foreign Register US\$.
i. Tare weight up to 2000 kgs	20,000	40
ii. Tare weight 2,001 to 3,000kgs	35,000	150
iii. Tare weight 3001 to 5,000kgs	60,000	200
iv. Tare weight 5001 to 7,000kgs	150,000	300
v. Tare weight 7001 to 10000kgs	300,000	500
vi. Open vehicles will be charged 50% extra of the normal vehicle fee.		
J. Accident Fee (all type of vehicles)		Tshs. 200,000
K. Over Speeding (all type of vehicles)		Tshs. 50,000
L. Filming Fees		
The following filming fees are applicable to each person per day and covers entrance, camping and filming. This applies to all Nationalities		US \$ 250
N. Crew fee per person per day		Tshs. 5,000
M. Students Fee for Orgniazed Groups and Individuals		
i. Conservation fee for Primary, Secondary and High School students		TShs 2,000
ii. Conservation fee for Colleges and Universities Students		TShs 5,000
iii. Camping fees for Primary, Secondary and High school students		TShs 2,000
iv. Camping fee for College and University students		TShs 3,000
v. Huts and hostel for the students		TShs 5,000
N. Annual Directors' Pass Fee		US\$ 100
<i>Requires prior authorization from the Conservation Commissioner</i>		

O. Multiple entry in the park

There shall be two multiple entries in the Park where entry fees shall apply

- i. Day-trip permit, which is valid for twelve daylight hours and allows multiple entries within such validity period.
- ii. A sleep-over permit which is valid for twenty-four hours and allows multiple entries within such validity period.

P. Tourism Investment Site Allocation Fee and Annual Land Base Rent Fee

Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation and Annual Land Base Rent fees for new investors in National Parks.

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| i. Non-Refundable Tourism Investment Site Allocation fee | US\$ 5,000 |
| ii. Annual Land Base Rent fee: | |
| Lodges | US\$ 50,000 |

NOTE:

- Conservation and Vehicle fees are for multiple entry
- Fee once paid is non- refundable
- Proof of identification is mandatory at entry gate
- All tariffs are VAT (18%) exclusive
- Expatriates/residents and their dependents living in Tanzania must have either of the following documents: residents permit Class A,B or C; exemption certificate; temporary pass attached with
- Government receipt plus acknowledgement letter; and Diplomatic passport or ID
- EAC citizen refers to the nationals of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda and South Sudan
- Nationals of other EAC member states must produce their passport at entry gate
- EAC private vehicles are strictly prohibited to conduct any tourism business in the park
- For video shooting consult Park Management for guidance



Visit and support the park

Visit the park and experience the real side of an Africa culture where locals can share their traditions, cultural values and where you can contribute by improving their livelihood in this ever changing world! Thank you!

Park Rules and Regulations

Please do not:

- Litter
- Kill, harass, disturb or feed any wild animals in the Park
- Enter the park without a valid permit
- Push yourself to go if your body is exhausted or if you have extreme mountain sickness
- Ignite wildfires
- Erect, mark or remove any signboard in the Park
- Enter or leave the Park at points other than the official entry/ exit gates stipulated in your permit
- Hike and camp at the designated trail and campsites only
- Children under 10 years of age are not allowed to go above 3700m above sea level
- Porters are allowed to carry a maximum of 25kgs (including their belongings) during the climb





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