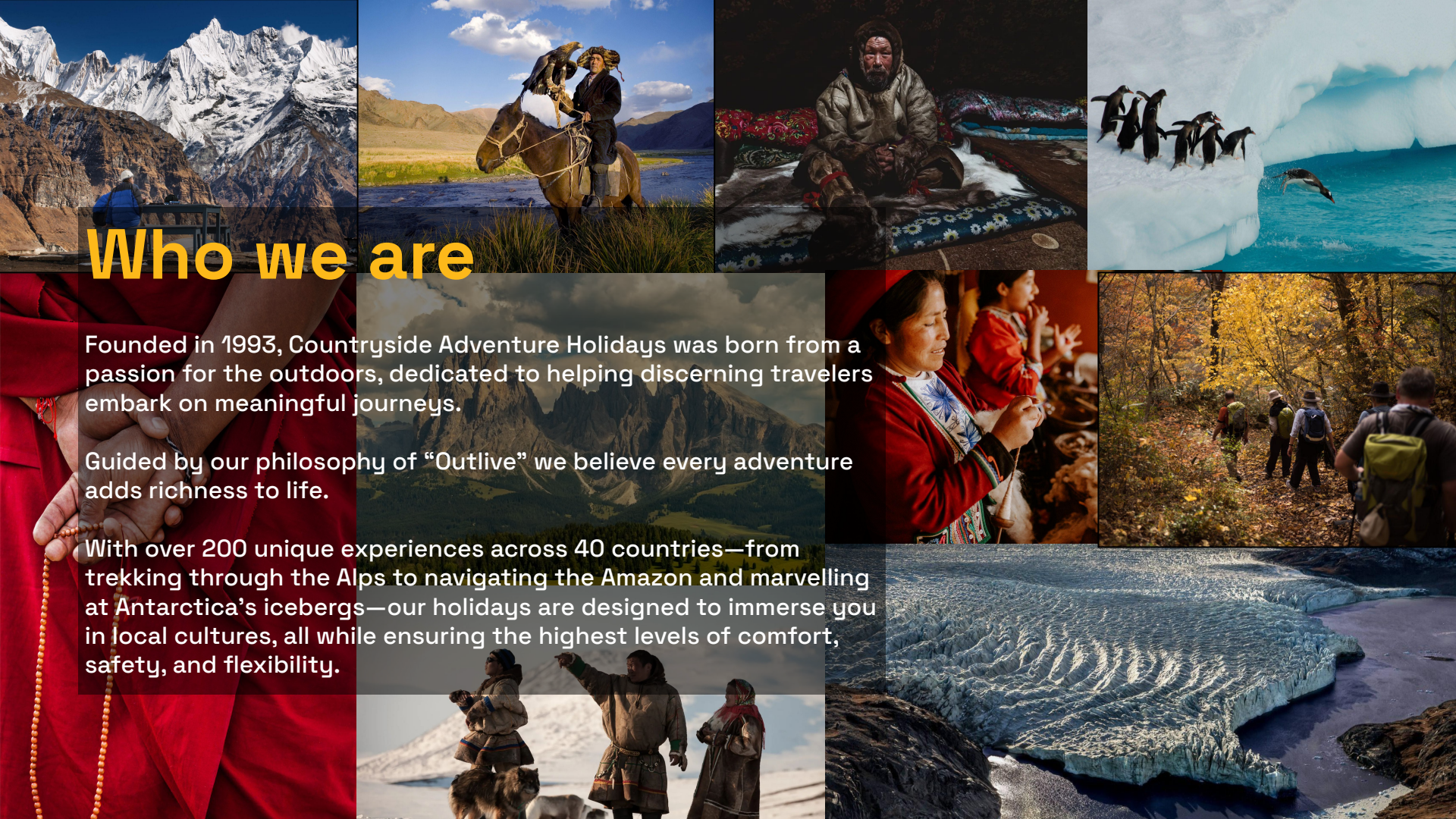


Mt Kilimanjaro Northern circuit

/Tanzania
07 to 17 Aug 2026



Who we are

Founded in 1993, Countryside Adventure Holidays was born from a passion for the outdoors, dedicated to helping discerning travelers embark on meaningful journeys.

Guided by our philosophy of “Outlive” we believe every adventure adds richness to life.

With over 200 unique experiences across 40 countries—from trekking through the Alps to navigating the Amazon and marvelling at Antarctica’s icebergs—our holidays are designed to immerse you in local cultures, all while ensuring the highest levels of comfort, safety, and flexibility.

About

The climb begins at Londorossi Gate, at an altitude of 2360 metres, with an approach far to the west of the mountain. It follows the Lemosho route, passing through majestic rainforest where some of the region's most unique wildlife can often be seen. The route continues up to the mountain's third summit at Shira Ridge. From there you will cross the famed Shira plateau and see the awe inspiring Shira Cathedral before turning north onto the Northern Circuit proper. The northern slopes of Kilimanjaro are far more remote and have the benefit of less traffic from other climbers. On a clear day the views stretch over the Amboseli Plains of Kenya. The trail then joins the Rongai and Marangu routes in the east for the final summit ascent via Gilman's Point. After reaching the summit, you will descend by the Mweka trail, rather than retracing your steps along the ascent route.

Grade:
Hard to Strenuous

Ex- Kilimanjaro airport

Tour Price: USD 3600
per person

Requisite group size 10
pax

Brief Itinerary

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Day 01 (07-Aug) Arrival in Kilimanjaro; Drive to Moshi (42 km; 1 hr)

Day 02 (08-Aug) Moshi Londorossi Gate (2,100m) Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,821m)

Day 03 (09-Aug) Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,821m) Shira 1 Camp (3,504m)

Day 04 (10-Aug) Shira 1 Camp (3,504m) Shira 2 Camp (3,875m)

Day 05 (11-Aug) Shira 2 Camp (3,875m) Moir Hut (4,200m)

Day 06 (12-Aug) Moir Hut (4200m) to Pofu camp (4130m)

Day 07 (13-Aug) Pofu camp (4130m) to Third cave camp (3870m)

Day 08 (14-Aug) Third cave camp (3,870m) School hut (4754m)

Day 09 (15-Aug) School hut (4754m)- Summit (5895m) and back to Millenium camp(3800m)

Day 10 (16-Aug) Millenium camp (3800m) to Mweka gate. Drive to Moshi.

Day 11 (17-Aug) Final departure.



Trip Overview

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- The route is 98 km long and completed in 8-10 days, with 9 days as the standard. Its extended duration gives trekkers more time to acclimatize, greatly reducing the risk of altitude sickness and resulting in some of the highest summit success rates (often quoted at 90-98%)
- The trek begins at Londorossi Gate on the western side, ascending through lush rainforests to the Shira Plateau, then diverges north to traverse the remote and rarely visited northern slopes. It eventually joins the Rongai route to summit from the east (Uhuru Peak) and descends via the southern Mweka route.
- As the least crowded of all Kilimanjaro routes, it's ideal for those seeking quiet trails. The path also offers beautiful landscapes: rainforests, moorlands, alpine deserts, and panoramic views across to Kenya and the plains below.

Stay in hotel and walk-in tents
on the trek.

10 Breakfasts, 09 lunch & 10 Dinners Incl

**Pricing is based on 1 USD = INR 89.50 and is subject to change. Exchange rate on day of booking will be applicable*



Day 01: Arrival in Kilimanjaro; Drive to Moshi (42 km; 1 hr)

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport and proceed through immigration and baggage collection. Meet our local representative and transferred to the hotel. Pre climb briefing and overnight at the hotel. Meal included: Dinner only

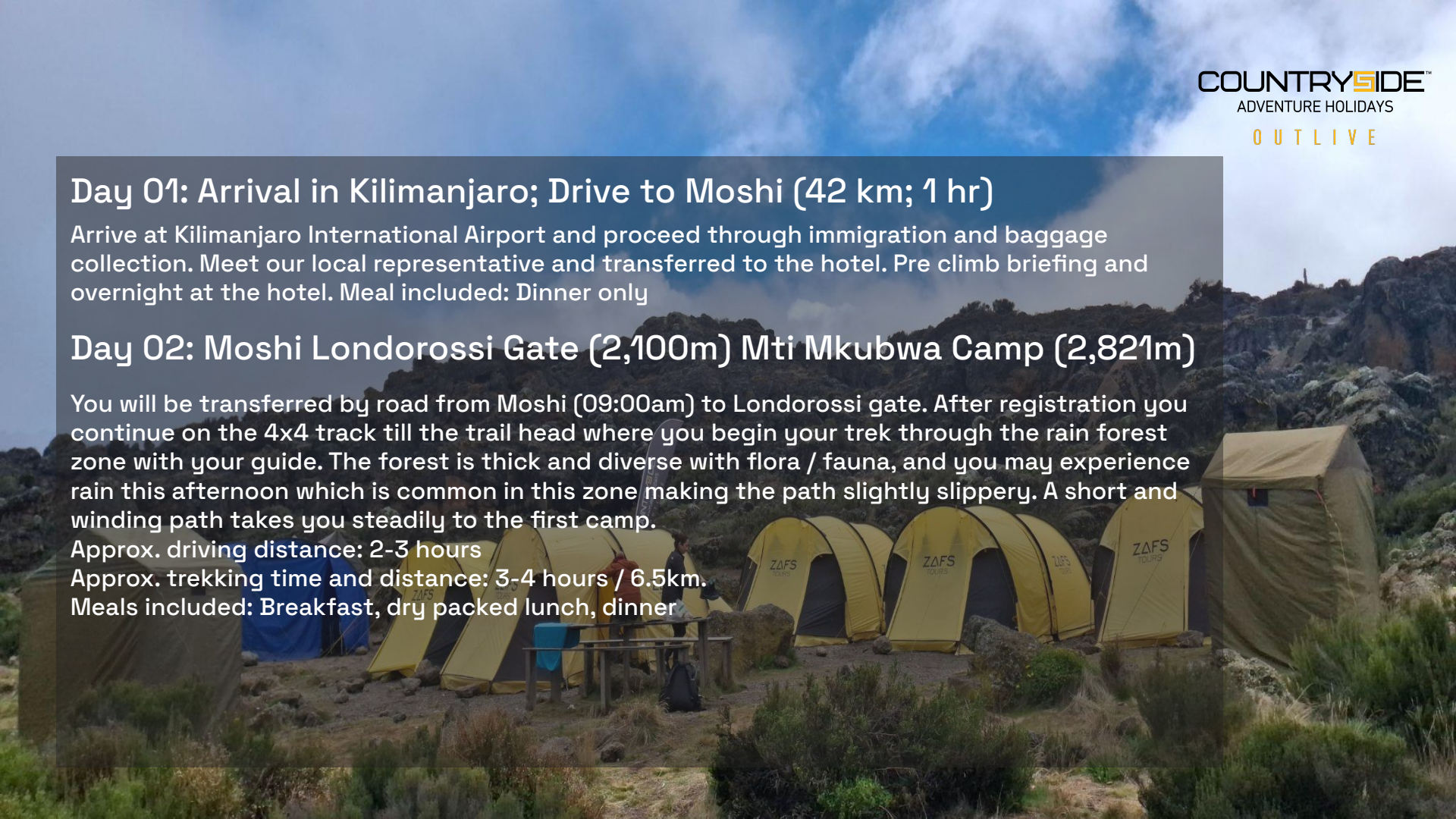
Day 02: Moshi Londorossi Gate (2,100m) Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,821m)

You will be transferred by road from Moshi (09:00am) to Londorossi gate. After registration you continue on the 4x4 track till the trail head where you begin your trek through the rain forest zone with your guide. The forest is thick and diverse with flora / fauna, and you may experience rain this afternoon which is common in this zone making the path slightly slippery. A short and winding path takes you steadily to the first camp.

Approx. driving distance: 2-3 hours

Approx. trekking time and distance: 3-4 hours / 6.5km.

Meals included: Breakfast, dry packed lunch, dinner



Day 03: Mti Mkubwa Camp (2,821m) Shira 1 Camp (3,504m)

This morning you quickly leave the forest zone on a steep path as the dense vegetation slowly eases into the Heather and moorland zone. The remainder of the day takes you on a steady hike across the Shira ridge where views of the Shira peak (the third of Kilimanjaro's volcanic cones) gives you the spectacular jagged scenery of this eroded peak.

Approx. trekking time and distance: 4-5 hours / 8km

Meals included: Breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner.

Day 04: Shira 1 Camp (3,504m) Shira 2 Camp (3,875m)

Today's hike takes you gradually across the Shira Plateau within the heather and moorland and an optional extra hike to the Shira Cathedral peak (3880m) before gradually taking you to Shira two camp. Shira is the third of Kilimanjaro's volcanic cones and has been shaped by lava and volcanic activity to create a stunning jagged peak and offering a unique western view of Kibo, the highest of the peaks and your final destination on the tour.

Approx. trekking time and distance: 3-5 hours / 8km

Meals included: Breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner

Day 05: Shira 2 Camp (3,875m) Moir Hut (4,200m)

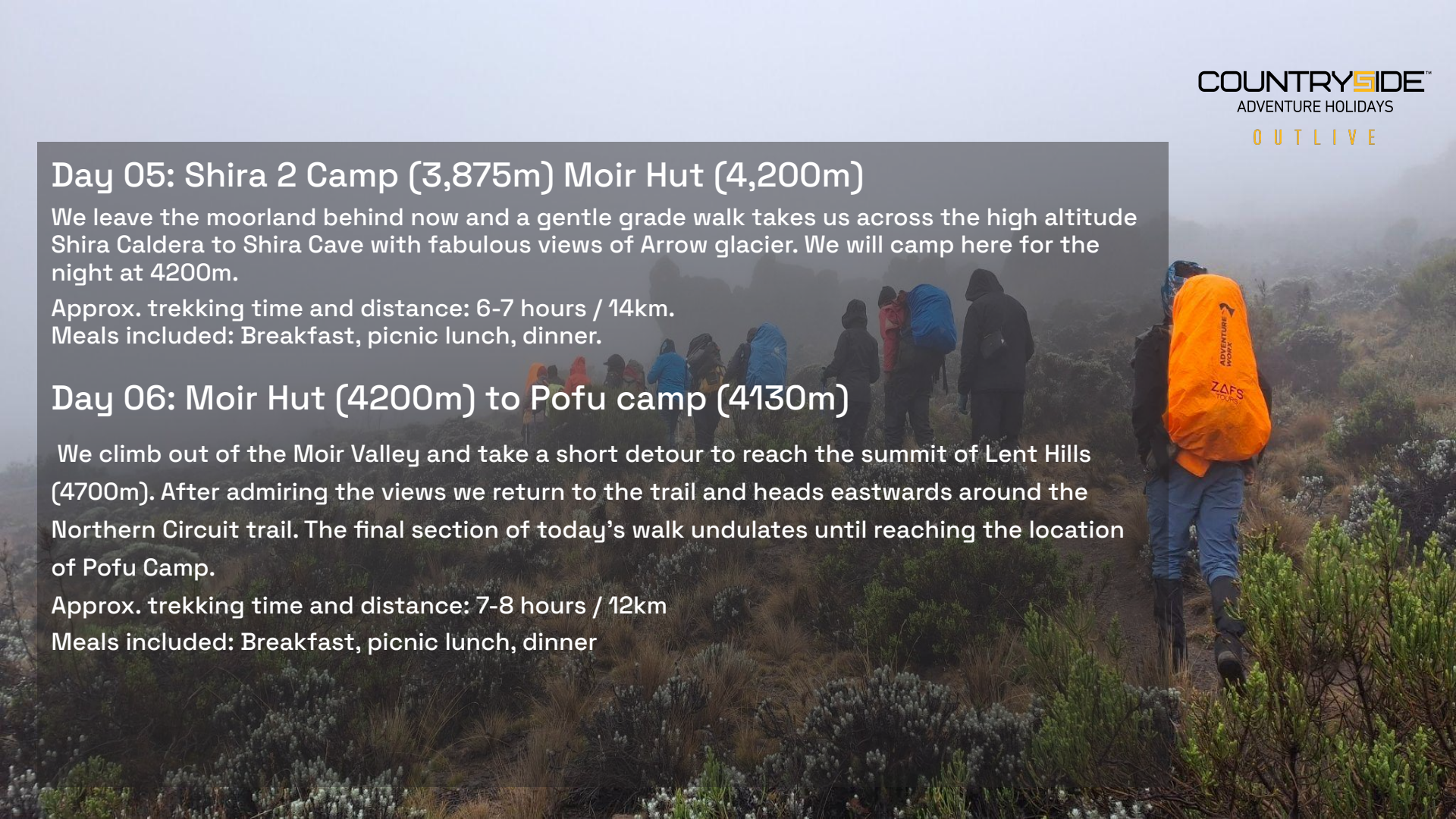
We leave the moorland behind now and a gentle grade walk takes us across the high altitude Shira Caldera to Shira Cave with fabulous views of Arrow glacier. We will camp here for the night at 4200m.

Approx. trekking time and distance: 6-7 hours / 14km.
Meals included: Breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner.

Day 06: Moir Hut (4200m) to Pofu camp (4130m)

We climb out of the Moir Valley and take a short detour to reach the summit of Lent Hills (4700m). After admiring the views we return to the trail and heads eastwards around the Northern Circuit trail. The final section of today's walk undulates until reaching the location of Pofu Camp.

Approx. trekking time and distance: 7-8 hours / 12km
Meals included: Breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner



Day 07: Pofu camp (4130m) to Third cave camp (3870m)

From Pofu Camp we cross numerous small valleys as the trail continues through a landscape that has increasingly sparse vegetation to eventually reach Third Cave Camp.

Approx. trekking time and distance: 6-7 hours / 8km

Meals included: Breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner

Day 08: Third cave camp (3,870m) School hut (4754m)

Today there is a steady ascent to reach the Saddle, a lunar landscape between the peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. From here we continue upwards and reach School Hut in the early afternoon. The remainder of the afternoon is spent resting and preparing for the summit day.

Approx. trekking time and distance: 5-6 hours / 5km

Meals included: Breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner.



Day 09: School hut (4754m)- Summit (5895m) and back to Millenium camp(3800m)

We start the final and most demanding part of the climb around 1 am on a switchback trail through loose volcanic scree to reach the crater rim at Gillman's Point. We rest here for a short time to enjoy the spectacular sunrise over Mawenzi. We then head on to Uhuru Peak, passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that still occupy most of the summit area. We retrace our steps along the crater rim at Stella Point and then descend down through Barafu Camp, where our porters will meet us with a packed lunch. We will then continue to descend & reach Millennium Camp.

Approx. trekking time and distance: 14-16 hours / 16km

Meals included: Breakfast, picnic lunch, dinner.

Day 10: Millenium camp (3800m) to Mweka gate. Drive to Moshi.

Your final day on the trek. Departing after breakfast, we descend a further 1300m to the Mweka Park Gate to pick up your summit certificates from the Park Headquarters. We will then transfer to our hotel for a well-earned shower and celebration..

Approx. trekking time and distance: 14-16 hours / 12km

Meals included: Breakfast, Celebration lunch, dinner.

Day 11: Final departure.

Departure day or continue with next activity Today has no planned activities and after check-out (10:00am) you will be transferred by a private shuttle to Kilimanjaro International Airport (time and flight to be confirmed). Meals included: Breakfast.

End of arrangements..

Inclusions:

- ✓ Moshi: In a hotel on twin sharing basis; Breakfast & dinner basis.
- ✓ On trek: Walk-in tents with bed-cots inside on twin sharing basis.
- ✓ One experienced Countryside Outdoor professional throughout with comprehensive medical kit.
- ✓ Airport group transfers by a private coach.
- ✓ To and from transfers - Moshi based lodge to park gates
- ✓ All National Park conservation, park entry, camping, and rescue fees as applicable.
- ✓ Trained, certified, and experienced English-speaking Mountain guide/s
- ✓ Trained and experienced mountain cook and waiter.
- ✓ High quality Walk-in tents with a comfortable foam mattress on a bed cot.
- ✓ A high-quality four-season sleeping bag along with liner is included for your comfort and warmth during the climb, ensuring restful nights at higher altitudes.
- ✓ All meals on the mountain and eating utensils, cutlery, bowls, cups etc.
- ✓ Boiled drinking water on trek (from 1st camp onwards)
- ✓ 1 Emergency oxygen cylinder per group and first aid kit.
- ✓ 02 toilet tents are provided for group of 10 pax.
- ✓ 1 x luggage porter carrying luggage of 15kg per person
- ✓ Pre-climb briefing and equipment check with the guide / tour consultant in Moshi.
- ✓ 1 x approx. 100Ltr rubberized hold all bag / packsack



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Exclusions:

- ✗ Goods & Service Tax as applicable
- ✗ International airfare.
- ✗ Tips / gratuities. Recommended tipping is \$30-\$35 per trekker per day.
- ✗ Beverages such as soft drinks, alcohol etc.
- ✗ International flights fares
- ✗ Travel Insurance. All trekkers must have valid travel insurance that covers high-altitude trekking up to 6000 meters, including medical evacuation.
- ✗ Tanzania Visa
- ✗ Water on first day of trek
- ✗ Metal & hard plastic water bottles, water bladders etc.
(note: soft plastics are not permitted on the mountain)



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