

Helicopter Evacuation from Mt. Kilimanjaro - FAQ -



1. What is the highest altitude the helicopter can land?

The maximum landing altitude depends on weather and terrain conditions, with approximate limits as follows:

- **Kibo Hut (4,700m)** – max **220 kg** combined passenger + luggage
- **Barafu Hut (~4,600m)** – max **240 kg**
- **Karanga / Barranco / Moir Huts (~3,900–4,200m)** – max **280 kg**
- **Millennium / Shira / Horombo Huts (~3,700m)** – max **300 kg**
- **Sites below 3,350m** – up to **350 kg**

**Final decision lies with the pilot based on real-time conditions.*

2. Where is the helicopter landing point in Moshi, and which hospital is used?

Landings are typically at **Moshi Airport** or **Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)**. In critical emergencies, landing at **KCMC** is possible. Patients are then transferred to **KCMC Hospital in Moshi** or, if required, flown to **Nairobi for advanced care**.

3. Do climbers still receive a membership card?

Yes, all registered climbers will receive a **digital or physical Maisha membership card**.

4. Is the membership valid for one month?

Correct — **coverage is valid for 30 days** from the date of activation.

5. Does the membership cover both mountain climbs and safaris?

Yes, **Maisha coverage extends across Tanzania**, including mountain climbing and safari activities.

When Will a Medevac Be Conducted?

Helicopter evacuations will only be conducted for **life-threatening conditions**, such as:

- Severe altitude sickness (e.g., **HAPE or HACE**)
- **Acute trauma**
- Any other **critical medical emergencies**

Clients experiencing **mild to moderate altitude sickness** will be required to descend the mountain with assistance.

Required Details Before a Medevac Flight

To initiate an air evacuation, we require the following information:

1. Full name of the casualty and passport details
2. Description of the medical condition and any first aid or treatment provided
3. Whether the casualty can sit or needs to lie on a stretcher
4. Name of the climbing company and guide
5. Casualty's weight (in kg)
6. Pickup location, including **wind and cloud conditions**

For more infos, please consult the [Terms & Conditions of AMREF Flying Doctors](#).