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## 7 DAYS UMBWE ROUTE | KILIMANJARO TREKKING

### Day 0: Arrive in Tanzania

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your hotel in Moshi town; you will meet your guide who will brief you on your upcoming trek and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gear. The missing gear can be rented on this day. Meals: No Meals Included.

### DAY 1: Umbwe Gate (1614m) – Umbwe Cave camp (2850m)

After breakfast, you will be drive to the Machame gate where registration formalities will be completed. Then we proceed to the Umbwe Gate (1641m), passing through villages with coffee and banana plantations. Depending on the season the air is thick with moisture and the path is usually muddy. The route initially follows a forestry track winding up through the natural rain forest. Then narrows and steepens to climb the ridge between the Lonzo and Umbwe rivers, with huge trees surrounding you. The path offers some spectacular views of deep gorges and if you are lucky, glimpse of Kilimanjaro towering above you in the distance. The camp is perched between huge trees and thick undergrowth. Umbwe Cave Camp

*Hiking time: 6 Hours*

*Distance: Approximately 10.3 km*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included*

### DAY 2: Umbwe Cave camp (2850m) – Barranco camp (3985m)

Shortly after leaving the camp the forest starts ending and is replaced by rockier terrain, sparser undergrowth and straggly, moss-covered trees. The path continues along a narrow, but spectacular ridge. As you gain higher altitude, you will have sightings of Kilimanjaro rising majestically ahead of you – etched against the blue sky. The path flattens as you approach Barranco Valley. From Umbwe ridge, the route descends slightly to Barranco camp. The camp is situated in the valley below the Breach and Great Barranco Wall, which will provide you with a

memorable sunset while drinking coffee outside and dinner is being prepared. Barranco Camp

*Hiking time: 6 hours*

*Distance: Approximately 6.3 km*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included*

### **DAY 3: Barranco camp – lava tower**

This will be acclimatization day. After a late breakfast you will start hiking from Barranco to lava tower in which you will go high and come down to sleep lower. It will take about 3-4 hours walk and back to Barranco for late hot lunch. Enjoy the rest of the day in this wall. Dinner and overnight.

### **DAY 4: Barranco camp (3985m) –Karanga Camp (4040m)**

After spending a night at the great Barranco Wall, we make our way up this awesome looking obstacle, which in the end normally turns out to be easier than anticipated. Topping out just below the Heim Glacier, you will now appreciate just how beautiful Kilimanjaro really is. The route then heads down through the Karanga Valley over intervening ridges and valleys, and then joins up with the Mweka route. The last water stop on the route is the Karanga Valley, as there is no water available at Barafu camp. Karanga Camp

*Hiking time: 6 hours*

*Distance: Approximately 6 km*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included*

### **DAY 5: Karanga camp (4040m) – Barafu camp (4681m)**

After breakfast, we turn left up the ridge and the route ascends 640m towards Barafu Camp. Barafu is the Swahili word for “ice” and it is a bleak and inhospitable camping area to spend the night. Totally exposed to the ever-present gales, the tents are pitched on a narrow, stony, and dangerous ridge. Make sure that you familiarize yourself with the terrain before dark to avoid any accidents.

The summit is now a further 1214m higher and you will commence with your final ascent attempt, the same night. Prepare your equipment, hiking poles and thermal clothing for your summit attempt. This should include the replacement of your headlamp and camera batteries and make sure you have a spare set available as well. To prevent freezing it will be wise to carry your water in a thermal flask.

*Hiking time: 4 hours*

*Distance: Approximately 3.4km*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included*

### **DAY 6: Barafu camp (4681m)-Uhuru Peak (5895m)-Mweka (3090m)**

You will get up around 23h20, and after some tea and biscuits you shuffle off into the night. You will head northwest and ascend through heavy scree towards Stella Point on the crater rim. Most climbers find the 6-hour walk to Stella point as the most mentally and physically challenging.

At Stella Point (5739m), you will stop for a short rest and will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise (weather permitting). From Stella Point, you will normally encounter snow all the way on your 1 hour ascent to Uhuru Peak. The time you will spend on the summit will depend on the weather conditions but it's best not to stop for too long as it will be extremely difficult to get going again due to cold and fatigue.

The walk back to Barafu from the summit takes about 3 hours. Here you will have a short rest before heading down to Mweka hut (3090m). The route is not difficult and will take you down the rock and scree path into the

moorland and eventually into the forest. The camp is situated in the upper forest and mist or rain can be expected in the late evening. Barafu Camp

*Hiking time: 7 to 8 hours to reach Uhuru Peak | 6 to 8 hours to descend to Mweka Camp*

*Distance: Approximately 4.5 km*

*Ascent and 10.8 km descent*

*Vegetation: Forest*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included*

## **DAY 7: Mweka camp (3090m) – Mweka Gate (1641m)**

It will be a short 3 to 4 hour scenic hike back to the gate. Some hikers do experience knee problems, which could make the descent longer than planned. At Mweka gate, successful climbers receive their summit certificates.

Those climbers who reached Stella Point (5739m) they also get certificates with different looking those who reached Uhuru Peak (5895m) receive gold certificates.

From the Mweka Gate you will meet our transfer car in which your bags will be loaded. The guides will get you the certificates while your team will be singing some Kilimanjaro songs plus traditional songs you. With a cold drinks and served a delicious hot lunch. Afterwards, we drive back to Moshi for a long overdue hot shower, dinner and enjoy the night.

*Hiking time: 4 to 6 hours*

*Habitat: Forest*

*Distance: Approximately 8.5 km*

*Meals: Breakfast,*

## **Price Include**

- >>Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodations in Moshi.
- >>2 nights of accommodation in Moshi.
- >>Transportation to & from the Kilimanjaro gate
- >>Park entry fees,
- >>Camping fees.
- >>Team Kilimanjaro Rescue fees.
- >>18% VAT on tour fees & services
- >>4 Season mountain tents
- >>Double layered Sleeping Mats
- >>Friendly and professional mountain guides, cook and porters.
- >>3 hot meals daily while on the mountain.
- >>Enough treated & filtered drinking water throughout the trek.
- >>Hot water for washing. >>Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- >>Government taxes
- >>Portable oxygen tanks & ox meter
- >>Emergency first-aid kit.

## **Price Exclude**

- >>Lunches, dinners and drinks at your hotel before and after climb.
- >>Travel insurance
- >>Flights.
- >>Laundry (Available at hotel).

>>Personal items and toiletries.

>>Tips for guides, porters and cook (this is a guide to tipping on the mountain).

Guide \$20/guide/day

Cook \$15/day

Porter's \$10/porter/day