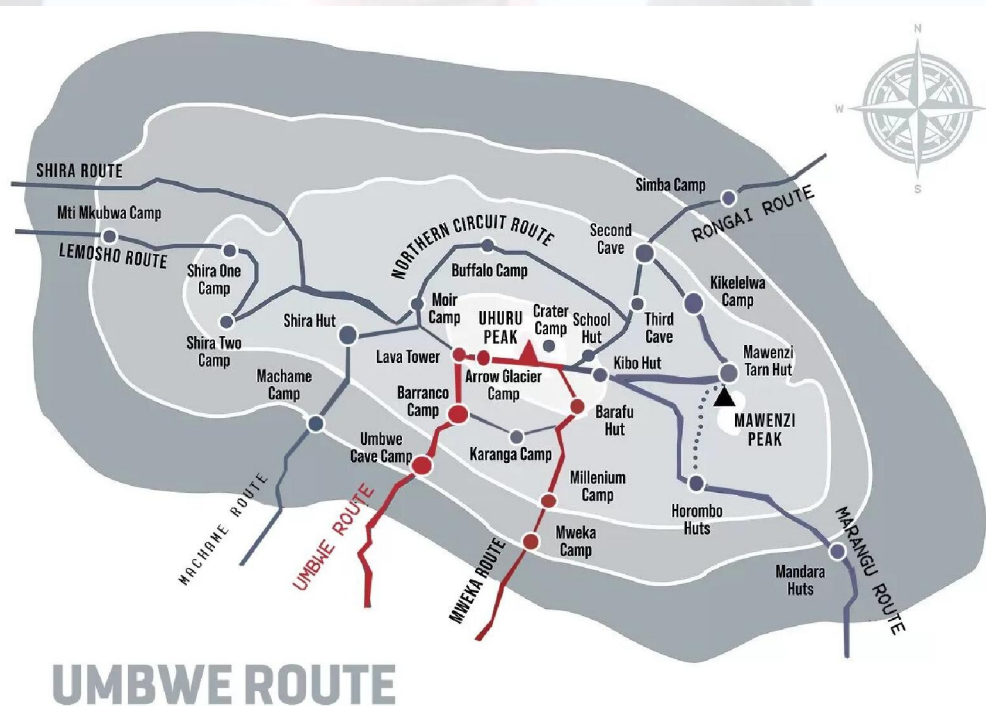


7 DAYS KILIMANJARO CLIMB – UMBWE ROUTE

OVERVIEW

Kilimanjaro Umbwe route is a short route, providing challenges as it is very difficult to climb due to its steepness. It is arguably the least frequented route on Kilimanjaro passes through the tropical rainforest and runs long the Machame Route, joining it at Barranco Camp. The traffic in this route is very low and unless a day is added to the climb. The route is offered at a minimum of six days, but seven days is preferred. This route also merges along with Machame, Lemosho, and Shira Route. If one wants more adventure, then one can approach the Western Breach route -risky and dangerous.

It requires some scrambling (climbing on hands and feet) at certain points. This path is very beautiful but also very challenging due to its rocks formations and its steep slope. The Western Beach was gaining popularity by climbers using the Umbwe route, Lemosho, Shira and Machame routes until a rock fall claimed the lives of three climbers in January 2006. In response, Kilimanjaro National Park (KINAPA) closed the Western Breach Route, but in 2007 KINAPA opened it again with the conditions that all clients and their supporting members who want to use this option must sign at the entrance gate that they are doing for their own risk.



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FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your hotel in Moshi/Arusha; 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: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

DAY 2: UMBWE GATE (1,800M/5,905FT) TO CAVE BIVOUAC CAMP (2,850M/9,350FT)

At 8am leave Moshi for Umbwe Gate where you will meet our porters, guides, and cooks who will spend the next six days trekking with you to Uhuru Peak, the roof of Africa. After arriving, wait at the gate while we register your climb and the porters and guides make final preparations. Your first day's destination is Cave Bivouac Camp, approximately 6 hours from the gate. The trail is steep and can be slippery in some places. Hike through the moss-covered trees of Kilimanjaro's cloud forest. The forest will thin later in the hike and heathers, tall grasses and wildflowers will come into view. Porters and cooks will walk ahead to set up the camp in time for your arrival.

Elevation Gain: 1,050 meters, 3,445 feet

Hiking time: 4 to 6 hours

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

DAY 3: CAVE BIVOUAC (2,850M/9,350FT) TO BARRANCO CAMP (3,950M/12,960FT)

The first section of the trail continues following the ridge. After leaving the forest, continue through open moorlands until reaching Barranco Camp. Barranco is generally regarded as the most scenic campsite on the Umbwe Trail as it's surrounded by giant senecios and lobelias. As Barranco is in a valley, the sun rises later than at the other camps.

- ✓ Total Elevation Gain: 1,100 meters, 3,610 feet
- ✓ Hiking time: 5 to 7 hours
- ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

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DAY 4: BARRANCO CAMP (3,900 M/12,800 FT)

Extra Day for Acclimatization. Adding this day will ease your effort, and amplify your acclimatization.

- ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

DAY 5: BARRANCO CAMP (3,950M/12,960FT) TO KARANGA VALLEY (4,200M/13,780FT)

Leave Barranco Camp after breakfast for Karanga Valley. The day begins with a 1.5 hour scramble up the Barranco Wall. This is the hardest part of the day and in some places you may have to use your hands to aid your climb. After reaching the top, hike through fairly level terrain before making a short but steep descent into the green Karanga River Valley.

- ✓ Elevation Gain: 250 meters, 820 feet
- ✓ Distance: 7 Kilometers
- ✓ Hiking time: 3 to 5 hours
- ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

DAY 6: KARANGA VALLEY (4,200M/13,780FT) TO BARAFU CAMP (4,600M/15,100FT)

After breakfast, begin the hike to Barafu Camp. On the way to Barafu, view several of Kibo's glaciers as well as the junction that connects the descent route, Mweka, with the Machame trail. During day four, hike by the Heim, Kersten and Decken Glaciers. Although the trail to Barafu passes through alpine desert with little vegetation, Barafu Camp offers stunning views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks. Try to sleep after finishing dinner as you will wake before midnight for your summit hike.

- ✓ Elevation Gain: 400 meters, 1,320 feet
- ✓ Hiking time: 3 to 5 hours
- ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

DAY 7: BARAFU CAMP (4,600M/15,100FT) TO UHURU PEAK (5,895M/19,340FT) TO MWEKA CAMP (3,100M/10,170FT)

Around midnight, begin the final ascent to Uhuru Peak. Hike by the light of your headlamp for the next six hours.

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The ascent to the crater rim is the most challenging part of the entire trek. The trail is very steep until you reach the crater rim at Stella Point. The hike from Stella Point to Uhuru Peak is a gradual climb and, as far as hikes go, not very difficult. The altitude, however, makes the hike long and tiring. The crater rim hike takes approximately one hour. Upon reaching Uhuru, take photos of your guide and group at the peak before beginning the descent to Mweka Camp. On the way down from Uhuru, enjoy views of the mountain, crater, clouds and glaciers. At Barafu Camp, eat breakfast and take a short break. You still have another three to five hours to go before reaching Mweka Camp.

- ✓ Elevation Gain: 1,295 meters, 4,240 feet
- ✓ Elevation Loss: 2,795 meters, 9,170 feet
- ✓ Hiking time: 6 hours to the rim, 1 hour to Uhuru, 3 to 4 hours back to Barafu, 4 hours to Mweka
- ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

DAY 8: MWEKA CAMP (3,100M/10,170FT) TO MWEKA GATE (1,500M/4,920FT)

After breakfast, finish the trek with a hike through the forest to Mweka Gate. The trail may be slippery following rain. Our vehicles will meet you at the lower station of Mweka Gate to take you back to Moshi.

- ✓ Elevation Loss: 1,600 meters, 5,250 feet
- ✓ Hiking time: 4 hours
- ✓ Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

DAY 9: DEPART TANZANIA

The day is left free to wind down after the trek before your flight home. Depending on flight times you could go and explore Moshi town and grab some souvenirs before heading to the airport. *Safari, Zanzibar and other add-ons are available if you wish to continue exploring Tanzania.

- ✓ Meals: Breakfast Included

INCLUDES

- ✓ Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodations in Moshi/Arusha.
- ✓ 2 nights of accommodation in Moshi/Arusha
- ✓ Transportation to & from the Kilimanjaro gate
- ✓ Park entry fees,

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- ✓ Crater fee (if any)
- ✓ Team Kilimanjaro Rescue fees
- ✓ 18% VAT on tour fees & services
- ✓ 4 Season mountain tents
- ✓ Double layered Sleeping Mats 4 inches (10cm) thick
- ✓ Friendly and professional mountain guides, cook and porters
- ✓ 3 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
- ✓ Stethoscope
- ✓ Portable flush toilet with a toilet and tent
- ✓ Mountain climbing certificates

EXCLUDES

- ✪ International or Local flights
- ✪ Rental gears
- ✪ Tips for guides, porters and other staff
- ✪ Lunches, dinners and drinks at your hotel before and after climb.
- ✪ Laundry [available in hotel]
- ✪ Personal items at toiletries.
- ✪ Meals and drinks at the hotel in Arusha
- ✪ Travel Insurance, Visa and Medical Insurance

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