



KILIMANJARO CLIMBING - UMBWE ROUTE 6 DAYS

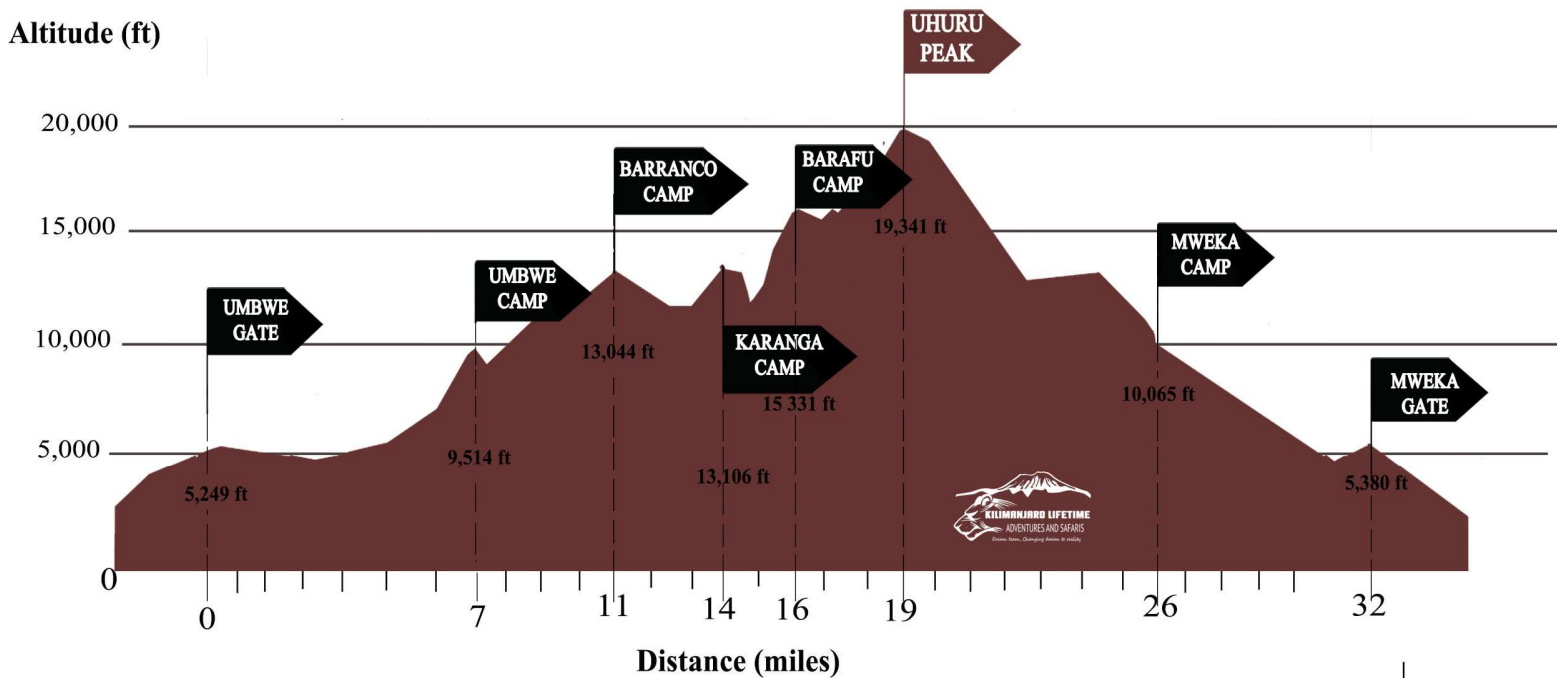
OVERVIEW

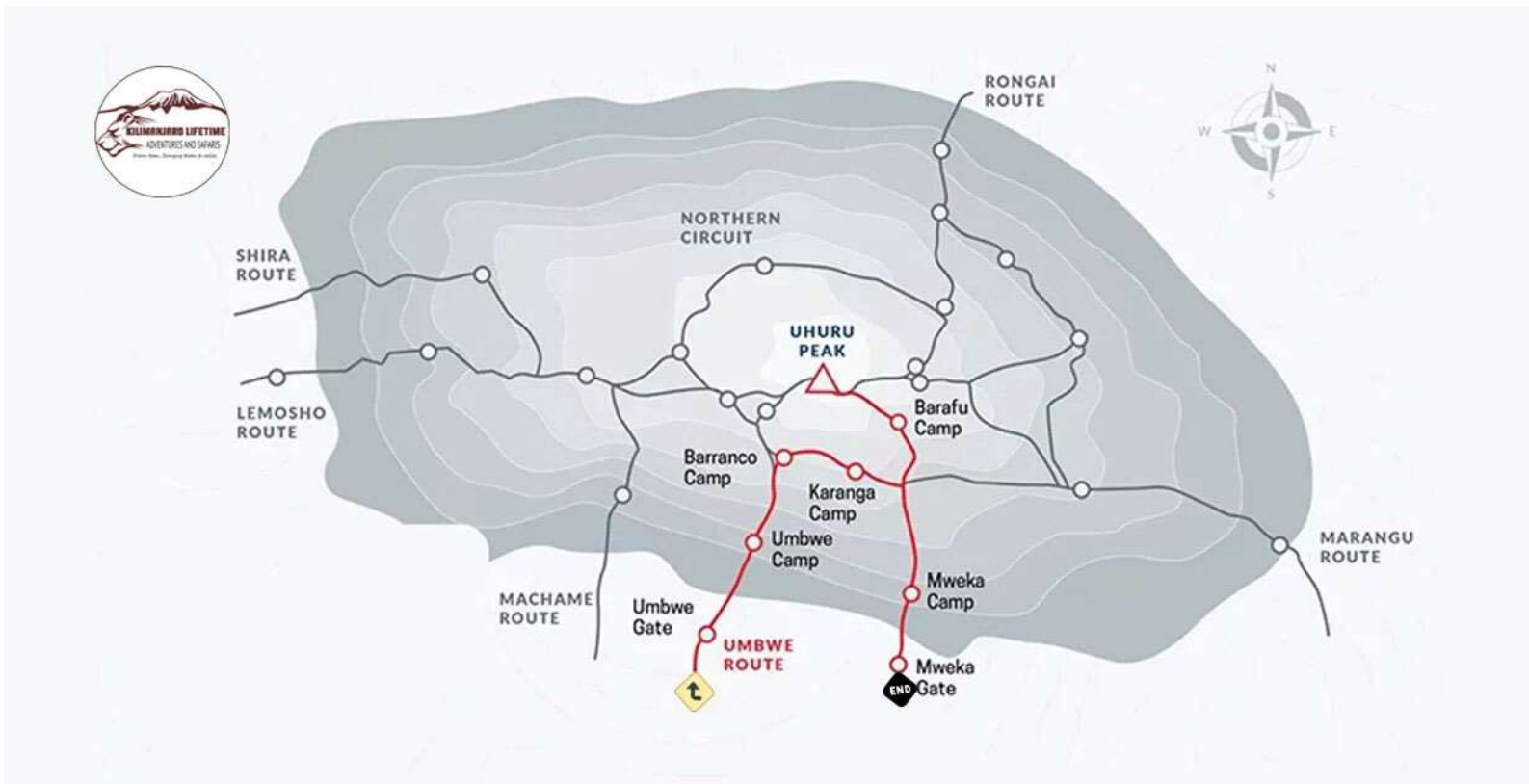
Kilimanjaro via the Umbwe route is one of the most difficult ways to climb it. It's also a quiet, beautiful route. Join one of our certified guides and trek to the top together. This route is steep and includes some scrambling.

The Kilimanjaro 6 Days Umbwe Route is a short, steep, and direct route. It is very difficult and is the most challenging way up Mount Kilimanjaro.

The six-day Umbwe climbing route is steeper and shorter than the Machame Route. Once at the Barranco Hut, you continue with the other Machame hikers. The descent is down the Mweka trail.

Since it is a very short and direct route, it is not recommended for people with little high-altitude experience.





TOUR ITINERARY

ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to Parkview Inn 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. Gear which is missing can be rented on this day.

- ✓ Hotel accommodation (Bed & Breakfast).

Day 1: Umbwe Gate to Umbwe Camp

Drive to Kilimanjaro National Park Umbwe Gate, Hike to Umbwe Cave Camp

We will drive from Moshi to the Umbwe Gate (about one hour) and then commence the climb through the rainforest with a packed lunch en route.

- ✓ Elevation: 1660m/5450ft to 2850m/9350ft
- ✓ Distance: 11km/7mi
- ✓ Hiking Time: 5-6 hours
- ✓ Habitat: Montane Forest
- ✓ Meals: LD
- ✓ Budget Lodging: Umbwe Cave Camp

Day 2: Umbwe Cave Camp to Barranco Camp

After breakfast, we leave the glades of the forest and follow an ascending path on the open moorland toward Barranco Camp.

- ✓ Elevation: 2850m/9350ft to 4000m/13,000ft
 - ✓ Distance: 6km/4mi
 - ✓ Walking Time: 4-5 hours
 - ✓ Habitat: Semi-desert
 - ✓ Meals: BLD
 - ✓ Budget Lodging: Barranco Camp
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Day 3: Hike Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

After breakfast, we will leave Barranco and continue a steep ridge up the Barranco Wall to the Karanga Valley and the junction which connects with the Mweka Trail.

- ✓ Elevation: 4000m/13,000ft to 4050m/13,250ft
 - ✓ Distance: 5km/3mi
 - ✓ Hiking Time: 3-4 hours
 - ✓ Habitat: Alpine Desert
 - ✓ Meals: BLD
 - ✓ Budget Lodging: Karanga Camp
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Day 4: Hike Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

We continued up to the Barafu Camp. You have completed the South Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we will camp, rest, enjoy dinner, and prepare for the summit day.

- ✓ Elevation: 4050m/13,250ft to 4700m/15,350ft
 - ✓ Distance: 4km/2mi
 - ✓ Hiking Time: 3-4 hours
 - ✓ Habitat: Alpine Desert
 - ✓ Meals: BLD
 - ✓ Budget Lodging: Barafu Camp
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Day 5: Hike Barafu Camp to Summit, down to Mweka Camp

Very early in the morning (midnight to 2 am), we will continue hiking toward the summit between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers. We will head in a northwesterly direction and ascend through heavy scree toward Stella Point on the crater rim. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. At Stella Point, we will stop for a short rest and be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see. Faster hikers may view the sunrise from the summit.

From Stella Point, you may encounter snow all the way on your one-hour ascent to the summit. Once at Uhuru Peak, you reached the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa!

From the summit, we begin our descent by continuing straight down to the Mweka Camp, stopping at Barafu for lunch. You may want gaiters and trekking poles for the loose gravel going down. We will arrive at Mweka Camp and enjoy our last evening on the mountain.

- ✓ Elevation: 4700m/15,350ft to 5895m/19,340ft
 - ✓ Down to 3090m/10,150ft
 - ✓ Distance: 5km/3mi up / 13km/8mi down
 - ✓ Hiking Time: 5-7 hours up / 5-6 hours down
 - ✓ Habitat: Stone scree and ice-capped summit
 - ✓ Meals: BLD
 - ✓ Budget Lodging: Mweka Camp
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Day 6: Hike Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate, drive to Moshi.

After breakfast, we will continue the descent down to the Mweka Park Gate to receive your summit certificates. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy, so gaiters and trekking poles will help. Shorts and T-shirts will probably be plenty to wear (keep rain gear and warmer clothing handy).

From the gate, continue another hour to Mweka Village. A vehicle will meet you at Mweka Gate to drive you back to your hotel in Moshi (about 30 minutes).

- ✓ Elevation: 3090m/10,150ft to 1680m/5500ft
 - ✓ Distance: 10km/6mi
 - ✓ Hiking Time: 3-4 hours
 - ✓ Habitat: Forest
 - ✓ Meals: B
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Depart Tanzania

Moshi

This day left for your next destination. If you have safari, then might be used to beginning your safari or fly to Zanzibar or fly back home. Our vehicle will be ready to take you to the airport at your time.

PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Kilimanjaro Airport Pickup and Drop – Off
- ✓ 2 Nights' hotel accommodation in Moshi is included.
- ✓ All transfers to the mountain and back to your hotel in Moshi
- ✓ Professional, experienced, mountain guides
- ✓ Guides, Porters, cook salaries and park fees.
- ✓ Oxygen Cylinder
- ✓ Quality, waterproof, four seasons private mountain sleeping tents.
- ✓ Sleeping Mattress
- ✓ All meals while on the mountain
- ✓ Quality mess tents with table and chairs

- ✓ Large portions of fresh, healthy, nutritious food
- ✓ Clean purified drinking water
- ✓ Kilimanjaro National Park Entrance fees
- ✓ All Government taxes and levies include 18% VAT.
- ✓ Community Development Fund & Conservation Fund

PRICE EXCLUDES

- International or Local Flights
 - Optional activities
 - Alcoholic and soft drinks
 - Passport and Visa fees
 - Personal spending money for souvenirs etc.
 - Travel insurance.
 - Travel Documents (Yellow Fever Certificate etc.)
 - Tip for your crew.
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