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## ITINERARY DETAILS FOR UMBWE ROUTE 6 DAYS.

### Itinerary Overview

- **Length:** 6 Days
- **Category:** Trekking
- **Destination:** Kilimanjaro via Umbwe Route
- **Major Attractions:** Kilimanjaro mountain, Africa's highest mountain
- **Tour Guides Language:** English
- **Starting Point:** Moshi
- **Ending Point:** Moshi
- **Route Accessibility:** It approaches the mountain from the south via Umbwe gate. The trail passes through Southern Circuit and finally leads to the summit. Descent is done via the mweka route.
- **Additional info:** We provides guides, porters and cooks for the guidance and assistance while on the mountain.

### **Day 1: Umbwe Gate (1600M) To Umbwe Cave (2850M).**

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.



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- **Distance:11 Kilometers.**
- **Time:6 Hours wiking.**
- **Zone:Rain forest.**

### **Day 2: Umbwe Cave (2850M) To Baranco Hut (3900M).**

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.

- **Distance:5 Kilometers.**
- **Time:4 Hours walking.**
- **Zone.Moorland.**

### **Day 3: Barranco Hut (3900M) To Karanga Hut (3995M).**

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.

- **Distance:6 Kilometers.**
- **Time:4 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine desesrt.**

### **Day 4: Karanga Hut (3995M) To Barafu Hut (4673M).**

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



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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.

- **Distance:4 Kilometers.**
- **Time:3 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine desesrt.**

#### **Day 5: Ascend To The Summit at Uhuru Peak (5895M amsl).**

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

- **Distance:5 Kilometers.**
- **Time:6/7 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine/Glacial zone.**

#### **Day 6: Mweka Hut (3100M ) To Mweka Gate (1640M).**

In the morning after breakfast you will be trekking down to Mweka gate. The trek is a pleasant one through the lower rain-forested slopes and down to



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Mweka Gate (1,640 meters). Although you cover 9km / 5.5 miles, the trek only takes 3-4 hours. Assuming you successfully reach Stella Point or Uhuru Peak you will be presented with official certificates – a green certificate for the former and a gold certificate for the latter. It is customary to tip your trekking crew before being transported back to your hotel in Moshi.

- **Distance:10 Kilometers.**
- **Time:3 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Rain forest.**

#### **PRICE INCLUDE & EXCLUDE**

##### **INCLUDE**

- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- Kilimanjaro Park rescue team fees.
- Government taxes.
- 3 freshly-prepared delicious meals daily on the mountain prepared by professional cooks who are happy to accommodate your dietary needs.
- 3-4 liters of mineral/treated water per person per day.
- Hot drinks on the mountain and hot water for washing.
- Private transport to and from the hotel to the Kilimanjaro Park Gate.
- National Park entry fees and hut fees.
- Portable oxygen tanks, ox meter and emergency first-aid kit.
- Porter's Cook's and Guide's Salary.
- 2 nights of accommodation at Hotel Moshi.



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- Friendly and highly qualified mountain guides, assistant guides and professional cooks.
- Enough Porters to carry camping gear and additional baggage.
- Accommodation in Huts/camping.
- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- 4 Season mountain tents
- Double layered Sleeping Mats
- Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority
- (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- Emergency first-aid kit

#### **EXCLUDE**

- Flights
- Laundry Services
- A doctor for the group
- Lunches, dinners and drinks at your hotel in Moshi before climb and after climb.
- Personal items and toiletries.
- Tips for guides, porters and cook (this is a guide to tipping on the mountain)
- Tips on Mountain Kilimanjaro are recommended for group sharing as follows:
  - Guides: US \$20/day/guide.
  - Cook : US \$15/day.
  - Porter: US \$10/day/porter.

**Note:** Tipping is not included in the quoted price.

