



FROM USD 1,374 Per person	DURATION 6 Days / 5 Nights	TRIP STYLE Kilimanjaro Trekking Camping Route	DESTINATIONS Mount Kilimanjaro, Umbwe Route, Mweka Route Tanzania	BEST FOR Experienced Climbers Steep Scenic Route
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Overview

Climb Kilimanjaro Umbwe Route 6 Days with Serengeti Wild Tours and take one of the steepest, most direct, and least crowded trails to Uhuru Peak. This route begins in dense rainforest, follows the dramatic Umbwe ridge, joins the Southern Circuit through Barranco, Karanga, and Barafu, then descends through Mweka Gate. It is best for fit trekkers who want a challenging Kilimanjaro climb with strong scenery and a more adventurous route.

Highlights

- Climb Kilimanjaro Umbwe Route 6 Days on one of Kilimanjaro's steepest and most direct trails
- Start from Umbwe Gate and trek through dense montane forest to Umbwe Cave Camp
- Follow the dramatic Umbwe ridge toward Barranco Valley with fewer crowds on the lower trail
- Climb the Barranco Wall and continue through Karanga Valley toward Barafu Camp
- Prepare for the summit attempt from Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak at 5,895 meters
- Descend through Mweka Camp and finish at Mweka Gate with summit certificate collection
- Includes professional mountain crew, park fees, camping equipment, mountain meals, airport transfers, and safety support

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Private transport from the hotel to the park gate and return transfer after the climb
- Pickup and drop-off to the airport
- Qualified medical guides
- Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, porters, and cook
- Salaries for guides, cook, and porters
- All Kilimanjaro National Park entry fees
- All camping fees
- Accommodation before and after the climb
- Kilimanjaro National Park certificate for successful summit attempt
- Rescue fees
- Government taxes
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and hot drinks on the mountain
- Evacuation services
- Three fresh meals daily on the mountain
- Hot drinks and hot water for washing on the mountain
- Quality spacious tents, sleeping mats, camping tables, camping chairs, and mess tent
- Supplementary portable oxygen and complete first aid kit for emergencies
- Pulse oximeter checks carried by chief guides
- Three to four liters of treated drinking water per climber daily during the climb

EXCLUSIONS

- Items of a personal nature
- Portable toilet at USD 150
- Tanzania entry visa
- International and domestic flights
- Tips for guides, assistant guides, cook, and porters
- Personal hiking and trekking gear
- Travel insurance
- Snacks and personal medicine
- Laundry
- Optional tours or safari extensions
- Personal expenses and souvenirs

Itinerary

Day 1

Moshi to Umbwe Gate and Umbwe Cave Camp

Meals: Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Umbwe Cave Camp

Your Climb Kilimanjaro Umbwe Route 6 Days adventure begins with a drive from Moshi to Kilimanjaro National Park for registration and permit clearance at Umbwe Gate. After formalities, start trekking through dense montane forest on a steep and often muddy trail. The path follows a narrow ridge between deep valleys, giving this route its wild and dramatic character from the first day. Your guide will help manage the pace as you move through rainforest vegetation and natural wildlife habitats before reaching Umbwe Cave Camp. The trek covers about 9.6 kilometers and usually takes 6 to 8 hours, rising from around 1,651 meters to 2,944 meters.

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Umbwe Cave Camp	—

Day 2

Umbwe Cave Camp to Barranco Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Barranco Camp

After breakfast, leave the rainforest zone as the trail continues steeply along the Umbwe ridge. The vegetation becomes thinner and the views open toward Kilimanjaro's upper slopes. This day is shorter in distance but demanding because of the altitude gain and the steep ascent. As you approach Barranco Valley, the landscape becomes more rugged and temperatures begin to drop. You arrive at Barranco Camp below the impressive Barranco Wall, one of the most iconic features on the Southern Circuit. The walk is about 4.75 kilometers and takes around 4 to 6 hours, climbing from about 2,944 meters to 3,986 meters.

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Barranco Camp	—

Day 3

Barranco Camp to Karanga Valley

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Karanga Camp

Begin the day by climbing the adventurous Barranco Wall, a steep but rewarding section that requires steady movement and careful guidance. From the top, enjoy wide views across the mountain before descending toward Karanga Valley. This part of the Climb Kilimanjaro Umbwe Route 6 Days itinerary supports acclimatization by keeping the walking day active without pushing too high too quickly. The trail joins the route that connects with the Mweka descent path and gives strong views of Kilimanjaro's southern slopes. Overnight is at Karanga Camp, a strategic stop before moving higher toward Barafu.

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Karanga Camp	—

Day 4**Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Barafu Camp

After breakfast, continue toward Barafu Camp through the alpine desert. The route becomes drier and more exposed as you complete the South Circuit, with views of the summit from different angles. Barafu Camp sits at about 4,662 meters and is the base for the summit attempt. On arrival, your crew will set camp, serve an early dinner, and help you prepare your summit gear. Rest is important because the final ascent begins around midnight. This day is shorter than summit day, but the altitude makes slow pacing essential.

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Barafu Camp	—

Day 5**Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak and Mweka Camp**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Mweka Camp

The summit attempt starts between midnight and 2:00 a.m., making this the most physically and mentally demanding day of the climb. From Barafu Camp, ascend through heavy scree between the Rebmann and Ratzel glaciers toward Stella Point on the crater rim. After a short rest and sunrise views, continue toward Uhuru Peak at 5,895 meters, the highest point in Africa. After summit photos and celebration, descend back toward Barafu for a brief rest and lunch, then continue down to Mweka Camp. The ascent covers about 4.86 kilometers and the descent to Mweka covers about 11.5 kilometers, with total walking time often reaching 10 to 13 hours.

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Mweka Camp	—

Day 6**Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate and Return to Moshi**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Accommodation: Moshi Hotel

After breakfast, descend through rainforest toward Mweka Gate. The lower trail can be wet, muddy, and steep, so trekking poles and gaiters are useful. At the gate, successful climbers receive their Kilimanjaro summit certificates before saying farewell to the mountain crew. A Serengeti Wild Tours vehicle will meet you and transfer you back to Moshi for a hot shower, rest, and celebration. This final stage covers about 9.1 kilometers and usually takes 3 to 4 hours, descending from around 3,106 meters to 1,633 meters.

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Moshi Hotel	—

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the Umbwe Route suitable for beginners?

The Umbwe Route is not usually recommended for beginners because it is steep, direct, and physically demanding. It is better for fit trekkers with previous hiking experience or strong preparation.

How difficult is Climb Kilimanjaro Umbwe Route 6 Days?

It is one of the more challenging Kilimanjaro climbs because the trail rises quickly from the rainforest to high altitude. Good fitness, slow pacing, and careful guide support are important.

Where does the Umbwe Route start and end?

The route starts at Umbwe Gate on the southern side of Mount Kilimanjaro. After the summit attempt from Barafu Camp, the descent follows the Mweka Route and ends at Mweka Gate.

What is included in this Serengeti Wild Tours package?

The package includes park transfers, airport pickup and drop-off, professional mountain crew, park fees, camping fees, tents, meals on the mountain, drinking water, oxygen support, first aid kit, rescue fees, and accommodation before and after the climb.

What is not included in the Umbwe Route package?

The package excludes flights, Tanzania visa, travel insurance, personal trekking gear, tips, portable toilet rental, snacks, personal medicine, laundry, and optional safari or tour extensions.

Does Serengeti Wild Tours provide safety support on the climb?

Yes. The climb includes trained mountain guides, first aid supplies, supplementary oxygen for emergencies, pulse oximeter checks, and an evacuation procedure if altitude sickness or another urgent situation occurs.
