



KILIMANJARO TREK

7 Days Umbwe Route Kilimanjaro Climb

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FROM USD 1,801 Per person — Price is based on the provided package rate. Final cost may vary depending on group size, travel dates, hotel arrangements, gear rental, and confirmed inclusions.	DURATION 7 Days Steep, direct, and scenic Kilimanjaro route	TRIP STYLE Private Kilimanjaro Climb Challenging camping route with acclimatization day	DESTINATIONS Umbwe Route Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania	BEST FOR Year Round Best during dry climbing seasons
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Overview

The 7 Days Umbwe Route is a challenging Kilimanjaro climbing package designed for trekkers who want a steep, scenic, and less crowded route to the mountain. Umbwe is known for its direct ascent through forest and ridge landscapes before joining the southern circuit near Barranco.

This 7-day version gives more time than the shorter Umbwe itinerary by adding an acclimatization day around Barranco. With Serengeti Wild Tours, the climb includes mountain crew support, meals during the trek, camping accommodation, park fees, and guided summit preparation.

Highlights

- Climb Mount Kilimanjaro through the steep and dramatic Umbwe Route.
- Experience one of the most direct and adventurous routes on Kilimanjaro.
- Trek through rainforest, moorland, alpine desert, and summit zones.
- Enjoy extra acclimatization around Barranco before continuing higher.
- Cross the famous Barranco area and continue toward Karanga and Barafu.
- Attempt Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa.
- Descend through the Mweka Route after the summit attempt.

Inclusions & Exclusions

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• Private Kilimanjaro climb as per itinerary • Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook, and porters • Kilimanjaro National Park fees and camping fees • Rescue fees as required by Kilimanjaro National Park • All meals during the mountain trek • Drinking water during the climb after the first day • Camping equipment including tents and sleeping mats • Transport to the starting gate and from the finishing gate • Pre-climb briefing and basic mountain support	• International flights • Tanzania visa fees • Travel insurance • Personal trekking gear and sleeping bag • Tips for guides, cook, and porters • Alcoholic drinks, soft drinks, and bottled drinks unless specified • Hotel accommodation before and after the climb unless arranged • Airport transfers unless arranged • Personal expenses and items of personal nature • Any extra activities not mentioned in the itinerary

Itinerary

Day 1	Day 1: Moshi to Umbwe Gate, Trek to Umbwe Camp Meals: Lunch, Dinner Accommodation: Umbwe Camp
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After breakfast and a pre-climb briefing, drive from Moshi to Umbwe Gate for registration. Begin trekking through dense rainforest on a steep and quiet trail. The path gains elevation quickly before reaching Umbwe Camp for dinner and overnight camping.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION IMAGE
Umbwe Camp	—

Day 2

Day 2: Umbwe Camp to Barranco Camp

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

Continue ascending through forest and into the moorland zone. The trail becomes more open with views of deep valleys and the southern slopes of Kilimanjaro. Arrive at Barranco Camp, set beneath the Barranco Wall, for dinner and overnight.

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Barranco Camp	—

Day 3

Day 3: Barranco Acclimatization Day

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

Spend an extra day around Barranco for acclimatization. Your guide may lead a short acclimatization walk depending on weather and team condition. This day helps the body adjust before continuing higher on the mountain.

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Barranco Camp	—

Day 4

Day 4: Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

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

After breakfast, climb the Barranco Wall with guidance from your mountain crew. Continue across ridges and valleys with views of Kibo and the southern glaciers before reaching Karanga Camp for dinner and overnight.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION IMAGE
Karanga Camp	—

Day 5

Day 5: Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

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

Trek from Karanga to Barafu Camp across alpine desert terrain. Barafu is the base camp for the summit attempt. Arrive early, rest, eat, prepare summit gear, and sleep before the midnight climb.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION IMAGE
Barafu Camp	—

Day 6

Day 6: Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak, Descend to Mweka Camp

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

Begin the summit attempt around midnight and climb slowly toward Stella Point and Uhuru Peak. After reaching the summit area, descend back to Barafu for a short rest, then continue down to Mweka Camp for dinner and overnight.

ACCOMMODATION	ACCOMMODATION IMAGE
Mweka Camp	—

Day 7

Day 7: Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate, Return to Moshi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch | Accommodation: No accommodation included

Descend through the rainforest to Mweka Gate. After park checkout and certificate procedures where applicable, meet your driver and transfer back to Moshi. This marks the end of your 7 Days Umbwe Route Kilimanjaro climb.

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No accommodation included	—

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this Kilimanjaro package private or group joining?

This package can be arranged as a private Kilimanjaro climb. Group joining may be available depending on dates and confirmed departures.

What is included in the Kilimanjaro climb price?

The price usually includes park fees, camping fees, rescue fees, mountain crew, meals on the mountain, drinking water during the trek, camping equipment, and gate transfers as listed in the package inclusions.

What should I pack for Kilimanjaro?

Bring warm layers, waterproof jacket and trousers, thermal base layers, trekking boots, gloves, hat, headlamp, sleeping bag, daypack, water bottles, personal medicine, and other recommended mountain gear.

Do I need previous climbing experience?

Technical climbing experience is not required for most Kilimanjaro routes, but good fitness, preparation, and the ability to walk for several hours per day are important.

When is the best time to climb Kilimanjaro?

Kilimanjaro can be climbed year round, but the drier months are generally preferred. Weather can change quickly on the mountain, so proper gear is required in every season.

Can the itinerary be customized?

Yes. The itinerary, hotel arrangements, airport transfers, safari extension, or Zanzibar extension can be customized before booking.

Is the Umbwe Route difficult?

Yes. Umbwe is one of the steeper and more demanding Kilimanjaro routes. It is better suited for fit trekkers who are comfortable with challenging uphill walking.

Why choose the 7-day Umbwe itinerary?

The 7-day version adds more acclimatization time than shorter Umbwe climbs, making the itinerary more balanced before the summit attempt.
