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YOUR ULTIMATE TRAVEL PARTNER

6 DAYS UMBWE ROUTE

National Park: Mount Kilimanjaro

Number of days: 6

Number of Nights: 5

Budgeted Costs (in USD)

Tour Days	1 Person (Non sharing)	2 Person group	3+ Person Group
6	\$ 2,250	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,850

Route Itinerary:

Day 1:

Umbwe Gate to Umbwe Cave Camp

Elevation (m): 1,600m.a.s.l to 2,940m.a.s.l

Distance: 11 km

Hiking Time: 5-7 hours

Habitat: Heath

Breakfast and departure to Umbwe Gate through villages and coffee and banana plantations. The trail ascends sharply on a forestry track which winds up the dense rain forest. The path narrows and steepens as we climb the ridge between two rivers surrounded by huge trees. Umbwe Cave Camp is perched between trees and thick undergrowth.

Day 2:

Umbwe Cave Camp to Barranco Camp

Elevation (m): 2,940m.a.s.l to 3,950m.a.s.l

Distance: 6 km

Hiking Time: 4-5 hours

Habitat: Heath

The second day of the trek follows rockier terrain with sparse undergrowth and straggly, moss-covered trees. As we gain elevation, glimpses of Kilimanjaro can be seen. The path flattens as we approach Barranco Valley. From Umbwe ridge, the route descends to Barranco Camp through the strange but beautiful Senecio garden.



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Day 3:

Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp
Elevation (m): 3,950m.a.s.l to 4,000m.a.s.l
Distance: 5 km
Hiking Time: 4-5 hours
Habitat: Alpine Desert

We begin the day by descending into a ravine to the base of the Great Barranco Wall. Then we climb the non-technical but steep, nearly 270 m cliff. From the top of the Barranco Wall we cross a series of hills and valleys until we descend sharply into Karanga Valley. One steeper climb up leads us to Karanga Camp. This is a shorter day meant for acclimatization.

Day 4:

Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp
Elevation (m): 4,000 m.a.s.l to 4,600 m.a.s.l
Distance: 4 km
Hiking Time: 4-5 hours
Habitat: Alpine Desert

We leave Karanga and hit the junction which connects with the Mweka Trail. We continue up to the rocky section to Barafu Hut. At this point, you have completed the Southern Circuit, which offers views of the summit from many different angles. Here we make camp, rest and enjoy an early dinner to prepare for the summit day. The two peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo are viewable from this position.

Day 5:

Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak
Elevation (m): 4,600 m.a.s.l to 5,895 m.a.s.l
Distance: 5 km
Hiking Time: 7-8 hours
Habitat: Arctic

Uhuru Peak to High Camp / Mweka Camp
Elevation (m): 5,895 m.a.s.l to 3,950 m.a.s.l / 3,100 m.a.s.l
Distance: 9 km / 12 km
Hiking Time: 2 hours / 4-6 hours
Habitat: Rain Forest



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Very early in the morning (around midnight), we begin our push to the summit. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. The wind and cold at this elevation and time of day can be extreme. We ascend in the darkness for several hours while taking frequent, but short, breaks. Near Stella Point (5,750m), you will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see coming over Mawenzi Peak. Finally, we arrive at Uhuru Peak—the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa.

From the summit, we now make our descent continuing straight down to either the High Camp or the Mweka Hut camp site, stopping at Barafu for lunch. The trail is very rocky and can be quite hard on the knees; trekking poles are helpful. Mweka Camp is situated in the upper forest and mist or rain can be expected in the late afternoon. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep.

Day 6:

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

Elevation (m): 3,100 m.a.s.l to 1,700 m.a.s.l

Distance: 10 km

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Habitat: Rain Forest

On our last day, we continue the descent to Mweka Gate and collect the summit certificates. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. From the gate, we continue another hour to Mweka Gate. A vehicle will meet us here and drive us back to the Hotel. We will have a get together party, dinner and drinks and rest.

Inclusions:

Park fee (entry fee, camping fee, and rescue fee), transportation, crew allowances (guide, chef, and porters), Meals (breakfast, Lunch and Dinner), 3 Litres of water per person per day during tour, accommodation on sharing basis, Bottled oxygen for emergency rescue, Private toilet, Camping Equipment (Sleeping Tents and Mattress, Mess Tents, Tables, Chairs, utensils), Taxes.

Excludes:

Beverages, items of person, tips, Medical Evacuation Insurance, bank charges Note that payment by credit card will be addition of 5% as Bank charges as being charged by the bank in Tanzania Payment by Telegraphic Transfer will attract addition of USD 35 per transfer as Bank charges.



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