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Umbwe Route

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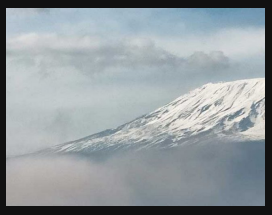
Summary



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Day by Day

Days	Main Destination	Meal Plan
Day 1	Umbwe Gate	Full board on safari
Day 2	Barranco	Full board on safari
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Day 4	Karanga	Full board on safari
Day 5	Uhuru Peak	Full board on safari
Day 6	Millennium	Full board on safari

Accommodation is chosen together with you: every night on this itinerary can be a lodge, a tented camp or a hotel, at the level of comfort you prefer.

Highlights

- **Kilimanjaro, Tanzania**

Trekking from Umbwe Gate to Umbwe Camp

Change in Elevation: - Umbwe Gate (1,640 m) - Umbwe Camp (2,930 m) - Hiking distance: 11 km - Hiking time: 5 to 7 hours A guide and a mountain support crew will arrive at the hotel in the morning in order to meet you and hold a quick briefing, after which you will travel by vehicle to the entrance to Kilimanjaro National Park: Umbwe Gate (1,640 m). After the quick formality of acquiring climbing permits and registering with the search and rescue service, the group will start trekking up to your first camp: Umbwe Camp (2,930 m). This will be a long trekking day that includes an important increase in altitude, so don't hurry. It is important to find the right pace for your group and stick with it for the rest of the trip. You should also remember to take your raincoats: this route includes passage through a rainforest, where tropical showers are highly probable. By the time you reach the camp, our professional mountain crew will prepare everything necessary, put tents and cook dinner for you. This will be your first day at this altitude, so it is strongly recommended you heed the following instructions from this point on: - Abstain from consuming alcohol and caffeine - Drink over 4 liters of bottled water daily (little by little, frequently) - Take a Diamox pill to help alleviate symptoms of altitude sickness. Most mountain climbers take Diamox in the morning, before they start their ascent, in order to reduce discomfort associated with altitude sickness. We recommend you consult your doctor prior to the trip in case of potential allergies. At night you may experience discomfort associated with acclimatization to the high altitude: because of a reduction in your waking breathing pattern, your body gets less oxygen than during the day. Taking altitude into account, you may therefore start feeling sick and have a headache. Pay attention to your own body and tell your guide if you start feeling any symptoms of altitude sickness.

Umbwe Gate

Trekking from Umbwe Camp to Barranco Camp

Change in Elevation: - Umbwe Camp (2,930 m) - Barranco Camp (3,960 m) - Hiking distance: 6 km - Hiking time: 4 to 5 hours Early wakeup, breakfast and the start of trekking to Barranco Camp. The rainforest will quickly give way to brush, and if it is not too cloudy you will be able to see Meru Volcano for the first time. Trekking on the Umbwe Route for this day will be of a moderate length, and around lunchtime you will reach Barranco Camp (3,960 m), which is nestled inside a huge volcanic fault. Lunch will be provided here, and then you have the opportunity to relax for the rest of the day, which significantly facilitates the acclimatization process.

Barranco

Trekking from Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp

Trekking from Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp: Change in Elevation: - Barranco Camp (3,960 m) - Karanga Camp (4,035 m) - Hiking distance: 5 km - Hiking time: 4 to 5 hours Acclimatization hike: Change in Elevation: - Karanga Camp (4,035 m) - Destination point en route to Barafu Camp (4,270 m) - Hiking distance: 2.5 km - Hiking time: 1 to 2 hours Early wakeup, breakfast and the start of summiting Barranco Wall (we recommend you leave the camp as early as possible to avoid crowds of the other groups). Hiking up the gorge wall is not difficult and only takes around an hour. After the climb you can have a rest and take photos in front of the Kibo volcano. Then you start a more difficult hike to Karanga Camp, which features numerous ascents and descents during the route, but don't worry: our guides are experts at choosing an optimal pace for the group. After reaching the camp you will be offered warm lunch. After a couple of hours you will have to complete an acclimatization hike in the direction of Barafu Camp with a 200-meter gain in altitude, and then descent back down to the camp.

The acclimatization hike is an easy trek with a slight gain in altitude done in order to speed up the acclimatization process. You should take the acclimatization hikes very seriously. They help increase your chances of successfully summiting Kilimanjaro and save you from the consequences of altitude sickness.

Barranco

Trekking from Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp

Trekking from Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp: Change in Elevation: - Karanga Camp (4,035 m) - Barafu Camp (4,640 m) - Hiking distance: 6 km - Hiking time: 4 to 5 hours Acclimatization hike: Change in Elevation: - Barafu Camp (4,640 m) - Kosovo Camp (4,800 m) - Hiking distance: 2 km - Hiking time: 1 to 2 hours In the morning after breakfast you begin your way to Barafu Summit Camp (4,640 m), the starting point for a night summiting Uhuru Peak (5,895 m). Our team will set up a camp for you ahead of time, including tents and sleeping bags, so you can relax. After regaining strength, you have to complete an acclimatization hike towards the intermediate Kosovo Summit Camp (4,800 m) and then back to Barafu Camp, where you will be served a hot dinner. It is better to spend the remainder of the day resting and sleeping before night summiting.

Karanga

Ascent to Uhuru Peak and Descent to Millennium Camp

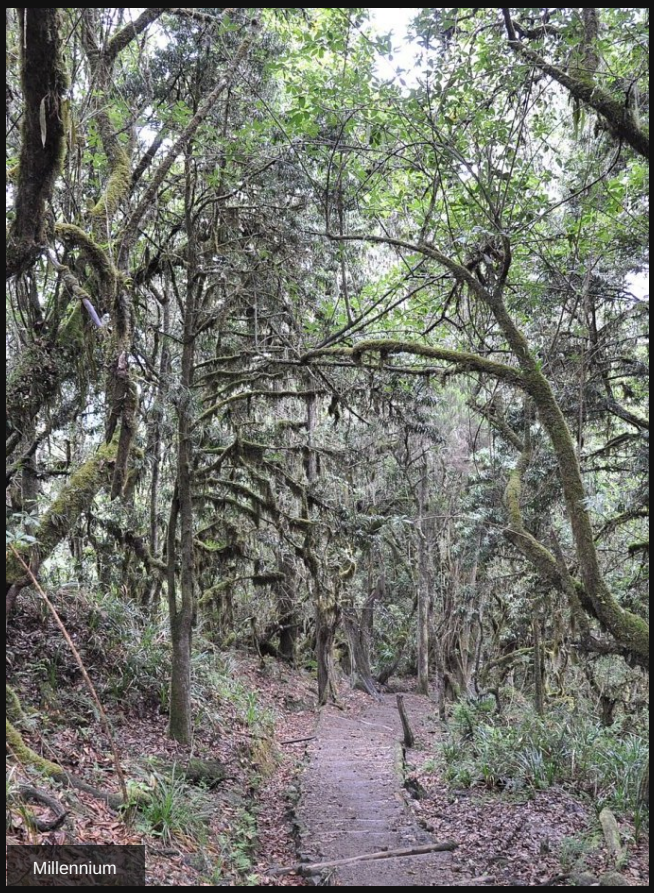
Change in Elevation: - Barafu Camp (4,640 m) - Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) - Millennium Camp (3,820 m) - Hiking distance: 15 km - Hiking time: 8 to 12 hours Departure from Barafu Camp (4,640 m) at night and the start of summiting Kilimanjaro: Uhuru Peak (5,895 m). Technically the climb is relatively simple; however, the most challenging part is the high altitude. Each pair of climbers will get a personal guide for the entire ascent to monitor your physical and mental conditions. After your successful ascent to Uhuru Peak, you can descend to the nearest glacier if desired. Then you will return to Barafu Camp and after a 2-hour rest continue your descent to Millennium Camp (3,820 m).

Don't forget that 90% of all accidents occur during the descent, including all broken arms and legs. Please pay attention to your feet, as there is a high risk of damaging your toenails.

Uhuru Peak

Descent from Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

Change in Elevation: - Millennium Camp (3,820 m) - Mweka Gate (1,650 m) - Hiking distance: 12 km - Hiking time: 4 to 5 hours The camp is situated in a tropical rainforest. When you wake up, you will feel relief from the reduction of the height and the satisfaction of reaching the summit. After a warm breakfast, you will head for the park's exit: Mweka Gate (1,650 m). After your descent the whole group will gather to congratulate you, followed by offering you a chance to share your opinions on the climb in the guestbook. Lastly, we will present you with your commemorative certificates in our office and provide you a transfer back to the hotel.



Millennium

What's included in your journey

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- Transfers from and to Kilimanjaro International Airport
- All park entrance, rescue and camping fees
- Professional mountain guides, cooks and porters
- All meals on the mountain and drinking water
- Tents and sleeping mattresses
- Accommodation before and after the climb
- Oxygen and a pulse oximeter for daily health checks
- Certificate for a successful ascent

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Meals outside the tour, unless stated otherwise
- Rental of personal gear
- Tips for the mountain crew (200–250 USD per person)
- Mountaineering insurance

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