



6 DAYS

TANZANIA · MOUNTAIN TREKKING

Kilimanjaro Umbwe Route: 6-Day Climb

The steepest and quietest way up Kilimanjaro: a direct ridge climb to Barranco in two days, suited to experienced trekkers who acclimatise well.

DURATION

6 days

DESTINATIONS

1

TRIP STYLE

Mountain Trekking

AT A GLANCE

Experience Overview

Umbwe goes straight up. Where other routes take three or four days to reach Barranco Camp, Umbwe does it in two, following a narrow forested ridge with tree roots for steps and steep drops on both sides.

That directness is the appeal and the risk. The first two days are the quietest on the mountain, and you may well have the trail and camps to yourself. They also gain more than 2,000 metres with no chance to climb high and sleep low, so the route is unforgiving of anyone who adapts slowly to altitude.

From Barranco, Umbwe joins the southern circuit used by Machame and Lemosho: up the Barranco Wall, across to Karanga, on to Barafu and to the summit by Stella Point. The descent is by Mweka.

Good for: strong, experienced hikers, ideally those who have been to altitude before or have just climbed Mount Meru. We do not recommend Umbwe for a first high-altitude trek. If you like the idea of a quiet route but are new to altitude, look at Rongai or the Northern Circuit.

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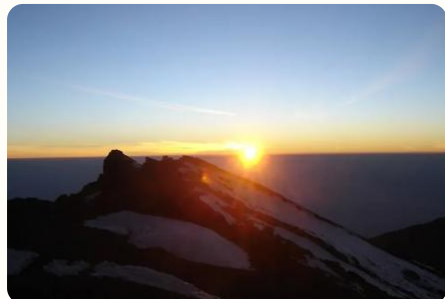
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Highlights

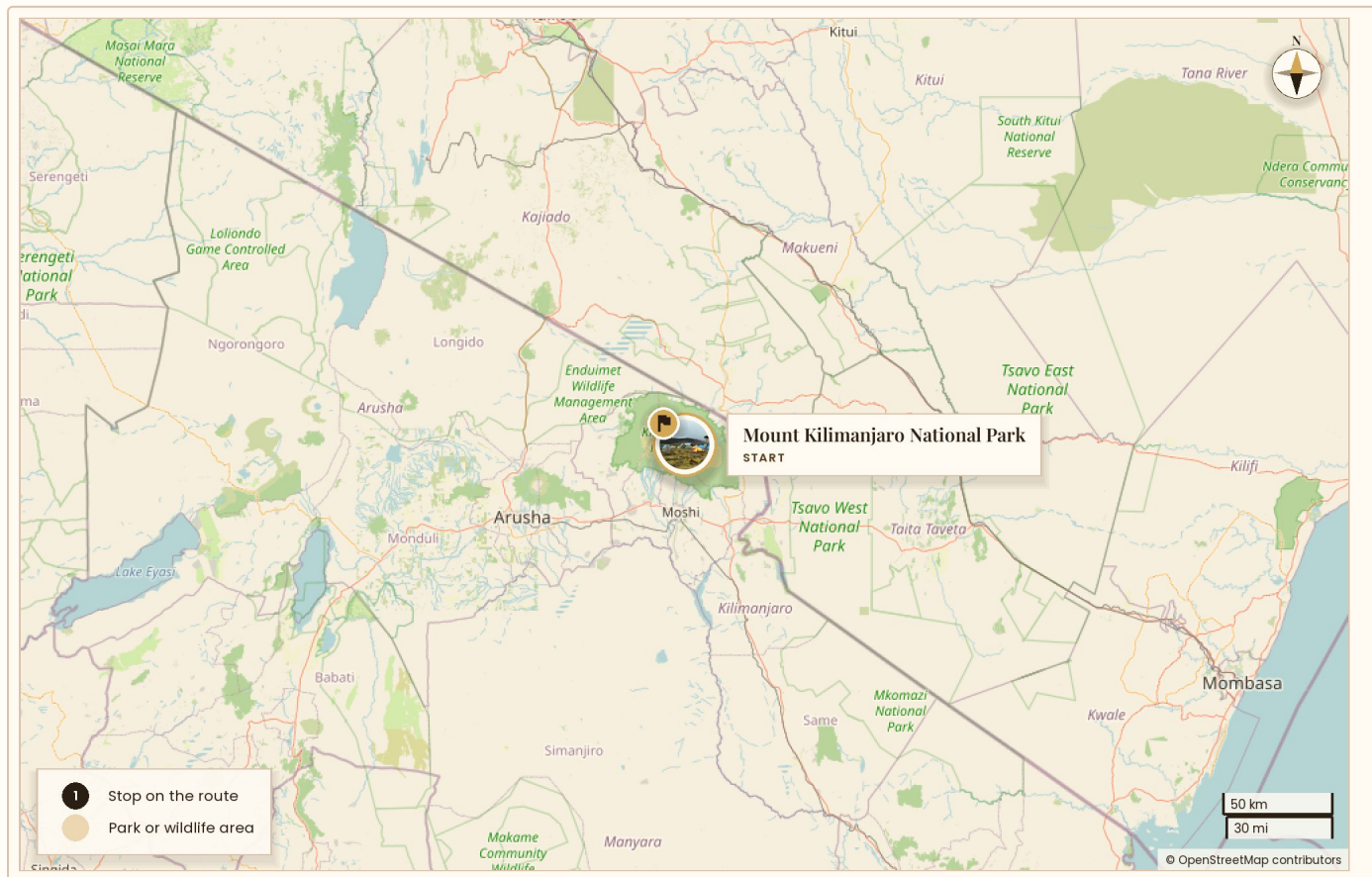
- The most direct route to the Barranco valley
- Steep forested ridge walking on tree roots and rock
- Summit by Stella Point to Uhuru Peak, 5,895 m
- Very few other climbers on the first two days
- The Barranco Wall scramble
- A serious challenge for experienced trekkers



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Your route

Where the journey takes you, from the first day to the last.



Mount Kilimanjaro National Park Days 1-6



Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

DAYS 1-6 · START

Overnight: Kilimanjaro Mountain Camps

6 DAYS

Day by day

Your journey through Tanzania, one day at a time.



DAY 01

Umbwe Gate (1,600 m) to Umbwe Cave Camp (2,850 m)

After your night in Moshi you register at Umbwe Gate and start up a steep path through dense forest, following a ridge between two river valleys. Five to six hours of sustained climbing.

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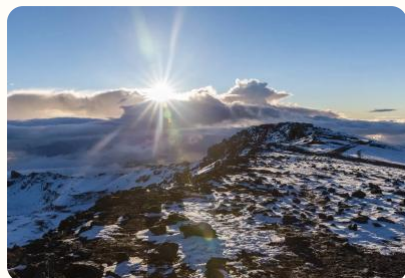
DAY 02

Umbwe Cave to Barranco Camp (3,900 m)

The ridge narrows and the forest gives way to heather and bare rock, with Kibo appearing ahead. Four to five hours bring you to Barranco Camp. You have gained over 2,000 m in two days, so rest and drink.

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DAY 03

Barranco Wall to Karanga Camp (3,995 m)

A scramble up the Barranco Wall followed by a path that rises and falls across the southern slopes to Karanga. Four to five hours. An acclimatisation walk above camp is advisable in the afternoon.

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DAY 04

Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp (4,673 m)

Three to four hours up to base camp. Rest through the afternoon and evening ahead of the summit attempt.

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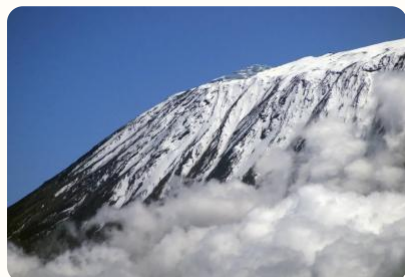
DAY 05

Summit: Uhuru Peak (5,895 m), descend to Mweka Camp (3,100 m)

Leave at midnight for the six- to seven-hour climb to Stella Point and the final hour to Uhuru Peak. Descend to Barafu, rest, and continue down to Mweka Camp.

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DAY 06

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate (1,640 m)

A three-hour descent through rainforest to the gate. Collect your certificate and transfer to Moshi.

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Where you stay

Lodges and camps chosen for their setting, comfort and service. (or similar, depending on availability)



Kilimanjaro Mountain Camps

DAY 1-5 · MOUNTAIN CAMP · MOUNTAIN STAY

Our crew sets up camp at the official park campsites along your route: sleeping tents with mattresses, a dining tent with table and chairs, and hot meals cooked on the mountain. Wa...

Sleeping tents and mattresses · Dining tent · Warm washing water

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Inclusions & Exclusions

Included

- All KINAPA park fees
- KINAPA-licensed lead guide and assistants
- Porters and private camp chef
- Quality camping equipment
- All meals on the mountain
- Purified drinking water
- Pulse oximetry health checks
- Summit certificate
- Airport transfers
- Pre-trek hotel night in Moshi

Not included

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Personal climbing gear
- Gratuities for mountain crew
- Personal snacks



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Make this journey yours

Every itinerary can be changed: dates, pace, lodges and the parks you visit. Tell us how you like to travel and we will shape this trip around you.

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