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Mount Kilimanjaro Climbing via Umbwe Route – 8 day-itinerary

The Umbwe route is one of the shortest routes to the Southern Glaciers and the Western Breach. It is probably the most scenic, non-technical route on Kilimanjaro. It is quite taxing, primarily due to the relatively fast ascent to higher altitude, but the rewards are plentiful. Fewer people, pristine forest and shorter walking distances make it a great option for fit hikers. Add to your experience - **OVERNIGHT IN THE CRATER!!** Be one of a few fortunate people to spend a night in Africa's largest volcano. This option is highly recommended, as this will be the only opportunity to get close to the beautiful and fascinating glaciers of Kilimanjaro and to be able to visit the ash pit.

Day 1 – Arusha or Kilimanjaro Airport / Moshi

You are met at the Airport or in Arusha City, drive to Moshi.

Overnight: Hotel in Moshi.

Day 2 - Umbwe Gate (1800m) - Bivouac (first) camp (2940m)

Hiking time: 5h

After breakfast you will be driven to the Umbwe Gate at 1800m, passing through villages with coffee and banana plantations. On arrival at the Parks Gate your guide and porters will meet you. Sign the register before you enter the park for your first step to accomplishing a life-long dream.

The air is thick with moisture and the path is usually muddy. The route initially follows a forestry track winding up through the natural rain forest. It then narrows and steepens to climb the ridge between the Lonzo and Umbwe rivers, with huge trees surrounding you. The path offers some spectacular views of deep gorges and if you are lucky, glimpses of Kilimanjaro towering above you in the distance. The camp is perched between huge trees and thick undergrowth.

Overngiht: Bivouac Camp

Day 3 - Bivouac (first) camp (2940m) - Barranco camp (3950m)

Hiking time: 6h

Shortly after leaving the camp the forest starts thinning and is replaced by rockier terrain, sparser undergrowth and straggly, moss-covered trees. The path continues along a narrow, but spectacular ridge. As you gain higher altitude, catch glimpses of Kilimanjaro rising majestically ahead of you - etched against the blue sky. The path flattens as you approach Barranco Valley. From the Umbwe ridge the route descends slightly to the Barranco camp. The camp is situated in the valley below the Breach and Great Barranco Wall, which should provide you with a memorable sunset while your dinner is being prepared.

Overnight: Barranco Camp.

Day 4 -Barranco camp (3950m) - Lava Tower (4630m) - Arrow Glacier Camp (4800m)

Distance: Approximately kms

Habitat: Moorland / Semi desert

After breakfast you will start your hike towards Lava Tower, a famous landmark on Kilimanjaro. The path is steep and rocky, with views of Mt. Meru, Kilimanjaro's little sister, punching her peak through the clouds.

From Lava Tower you turn towards the Western Breach, a steep climb to Arrow Glacier camp (4800m). This is taxing and symptoms of altitude sickness might become noticeable. The campsite is spectacular. Vegetation has now all but disappeared, leaving only rock and scree in varying shades of brown and black. The campsite is very cold and you need to be prepared.

Day 5 - Arrow Glacier (4800m) - Crater (5700m)

Hiking time: 5h

From the Arrow Glacier camp steep scree and rocky outcrops requiring a scramble lead up the Western Breach to the crater floor (5700m). This day will be the toughest challenge by far. After snowfalls the route can become icy and in these conditions an ice axe or ski stick may be required. When reaching the crater rim, you will be astonished by the view of snow and glaciers.

Visible to you left is the Northern Ice fields of Kilimanjaro with the Furtwangler Glacier in front of you. Walk past this glacier to the Crater camp, situated at the crater rim. If time permits, you can climb to the Ash Pit (1 ½ hour). The Ash Pit is

340m across, 120m deep and is one of the most perfect-formed examples in the world. The campsite is very cold as snow might occur. Be one of a fortunate few to spend a night in the inner crater of Kilimanjaro.

Overnight: Crater Camp.

Day 6 - (Summit attempt) Crater (5700m)-Uhuru Peak (5895m)-Mweka (3100m)

Hiking time: 2h to Uhuru, 7-8h to Mweka

You will rise around 04:00, and after some tea and biscuits you shuffle off into the early morning darkness. From the crater floor you will probably encounter snow all the way on your 2-hour ascent to Uhuru Peak. Time spend on the summit will depend on the weather conditions. Do not stop here for too long, as it will be extremely difficult to start again due to cold and fatigue. Enjoy your accomplishment and a day to remember for the rest of your life.

The walk to Barafu camp from the summit, takes about 3 hours. Here you will have a well earned but short rest, before heading down to Millennium camp (3100m). The route is not difficult and will take you down the rock and scree path into the moorland and eventually into the forest. The camp is situated in the upper forest and mist or rain can be expected in the late afternoon. Dinner and washing water will be provided as well as drinking water.

Overnight: Mweka Camp.

Day 7 - Mweka camp (3100m)- Mweka Gate (1980m)

Hiking time: 3h

Wake early to enjoy a well-deserved breakfast, and then tackle the five hour walk to the park gate. Pay your porters only when you know you and your equipment is safe at the gate.

At Mweka Gate you receive your certificate of summit, after signing the register, and if you've completed the climb successfully. Climbers who successfully got to Uhuru receive golden certificates, while those who made it to Stella Point receive green certificates.

From Mweka Gate you walk to Mweka Village, a one hour walk through 3kms of muddiness (usually). You receive a hot lunch at the Mweka Village, and are taken back to Moshi, where you can celebrate your summit, and have that long-overdue hot shower.

Overnight: Hotel in Moshi..



Day 8 –Moshi /Arusha City or Kilimanjaro Airport

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Airport for your return flight or to Arusha to start your safari.

Rates Year 2017 (Ground Package Costs)

Season 2017	Number of Pax	Per Person Sharing	Single Room Supplement
1 st January	1 Pax only	2.381,00 €	86,00 €
To	2 Pax Each	2.088,00 €	86,00 €
	3 Pax Each	1.987,00 €	86,00 €
	4 Pax Each	1.747,00 €	86,00 €
31 st December 2017	5 Pax and Above	1.718,00 €	86,00 €

Included in the trekking costs are the following:

- Transfers from Arusha or Kilimanjaro Airport.
- Accommodation, meals as per the programme.
- Hut Fees, Entry Fees, Park fees.
- 2 porters for each climber (15Kgs each porter), Guide, Assistant Guide.
- Rescue fees.

Not included in the trekking costs are the following:

- Other meals not mentioned as included, items of a personal nature,
- Gratuities to Porters and Guide/s - the driver guides.
- Mountain Equipments.
- All type of drinks.
- Visa and visa fees for Tanzania.
- Visa fees (currently US\$ 50.00 per passport holder – US CITIZEN US\$ 100.00). Visas are available on arrival at all Entry point/s
- Flying doctors coverage: Optional @ US\$ 50.00 per person.
 - Covers you within East Africa for a period of 14 days. In the eventuality of a medical emergency, you will be airlifted to Nairobi where you will be taken to a good hospital. Hospital bills are born by the patient
 - We highly recommended you to have your personal insurance.

Guideline for tipping

Mount Kilimanjaro for Machame, Rongai, Lemosho, Londorosi, Umbwe, (Staying on Camping).

Number of climbers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Porters	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Cook	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Head guide	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant guides		1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	4