UMBWE ROUTE

8 Days / 7 Nights

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Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

Overview of the Umbwe route

Umbwe is the **steepest and most direct** line on Kilimanjaro's south side through the forest, then joins the southern circuit at **Barranco**. The first two days are strenuous; later days follow the same summit line as **Machame**.

Usually offered as **6 or 7 days on the mountain**. Best for **fit trekkers** who can maintain a sustainable pace and follow guide advice closely.

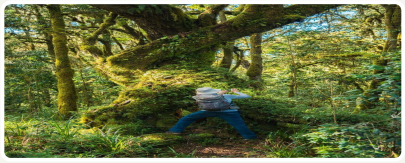
Safety first: Typical age range **12–70 years**.

Expert recommendation

Not the default choice for a first high-altitude trek. If you are unsure, consider **Machame 7-day** or **Lemosho 7/8-day** instead.

This package with Serengeti Nexus

Itinerary below: **6-day mountain / 8-day tour**.



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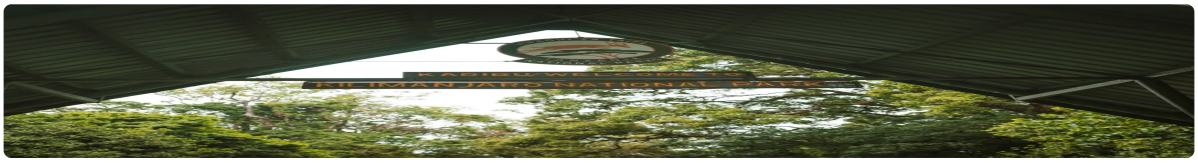

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at JRO; hotel; briefing with **Serengeti Nexus**. **Please note:** Check-in often from **2:00 PM**.

Day 2: Umbwe Gate to Umbwe Camp

Crew meets you at the hotel; gear check, then drive to **Umbwe Gate** (~1,800 m / 5,904 ft). Permits and registration, then a steep forest climb to **Umbwe Camp** (~2,850 m / 9,348 ft). Sustained altitude gain — maintain a sustainable group pace. Rain is likely in the forest.

Please note:

- High water intake; report symptoms early.
- Discuss altitude medication with your doctor.

Trekking time: 5–7 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (6.8 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)

Day 3: Umbwe Camp to Barranco Camp

Early wake-up, breakfast, then trek into moorland toward **Barranco Camp** (~3,900 m / 12,792 ft). If skies are clear you may first see **Mount Meru**. Lunch at Barranco; rest in the afternoon to acclimatize before the wall tomorrow.

Trekking time: 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~6 km (3.7 mi)

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Day 4: Barranco Wall to Karanga Camp

Climb the **Barranco Wall** early to avoid crowds (about an hour, hiking trail). Rest and photos toward Kibo, then traverse to **Karanga**. Warm lunch, then acclimatization hike toward Barafu with ~200 m gain, return to Karanga.

Please note: Acclimatization walks matter for summit success.

Acclimatization hike: Karanga (~3,995 m) toward ~4,270 m en route to Barafu — ~2.5 km, **1–2 hours**.

Trekking time (main): 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~5 km (3.1 mi)

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Day 5: Karanga to Barafu Camp

Breakfast, then hike to **Barafu Summit Camp** (~4,673 m / 15,327 ft). Crew prepares tents and bags. Optional acclimatization swing toward **Kosovo Camp** (~4,870 m), then rest and early sleep before summit night.

Acclimatization hike: ~2 km, **1–2 hours**.

Trekking time (main): 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~6 km (3.7 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

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Day 6: Uhuru Peak and Millennium Camp

Depart Barafu around midnight for **Uhuru Peak**. Altitude makes the night long; guides stay close to pairs. After the summit, optional glacier viewpoint, return to Barafu for ~2 hours rest, then descend to **Millennium Camp**.

Please note: Descent carries most injury risk — watch footing and toenails.

Trekking time: 8–12 hours | **Distance:** ~15 km (9.3 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)

Day 7: Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

Final descent through rainforest to **Mweka Gate**; certificates; thank your crew; hotel transfer.

Trekking time: 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~12 km (7.4 mi)

Day 8: Departure

Rest and airport transfer. **Please note:** Check-out often **11:00 AM**.

ACCOMMODATION

No Accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

Included

- All transfers in Tanzania as per programme (airport pick-up and drop-off, hotel ? park gate / trailhead)
- Hotel accommodation before and after the climb (typically bed & breakfast; shared twin unless single supplement)
- Kilimanjaro National Park fees, camping or hut fees, and rescue fee contributions as applicable
- Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook(s), and porter crew
- All meals on the mountain; mess / kitchen tent and group dining equipment
- Four-season mountain tents (shared, two per tent by default), group sleeping mat, group camping furniture
- Safety: emergency oxygen, comprehensive group medical kit, daily health monitoring with guides
- Summit certificates after a successful climb

Excluded

- International flights to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- Tanzania visa fees (confirm current rate before travel)
- Travel and high-altitude evacuation insurance (mandatory — confirm coverage for trekking to 6,000 m)
- Tips for guides, cooks, and porters (budget per consultant advice)
- Personal trekking clothing, boots, and sleeping bag (rental may be available)
- Lunch and dinner at the hotel before/after the climb unless stated otherwise
- Single room or single tent supplements; optional portable toilet hire; optional private tent surcharge
- Personal expenses, drinks, laundry, and phone/data charges

PRICING INFORMATION

All prices are per person in USD and may vary based on season and group size.

Low Season

April 1 - May 31

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,637	$2,847	$2,575	**$2,501**	$2,446	**$2,415**

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,637	$2,847	$2,575	**$2,501**	$2,446	**$2,415**

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,740	$2,956	$2,687	**$2,617**	$2,562	**$2,531**

Group Discount: The more travelers, the lower the price per person. Perfect for families and groups!

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