

KILIMANJARO & MERU

Umbwe Route 6 Days

The shortest, steepest and most direct line up the mountain — wild and quiet, for very strong hikers only.

LENGTH	LEVEL	GROUP SIZE	FROM
6 days	Challenging	Up to 12 people	US$1,950 pp

HIGHLIGHTS

- The most direct line to the summit
- Very quiet — few climbers choose it
- Wild cloud forest and dramatic ridges
- For strong, experienced hikers only

WHEN TO GO

Best / Good / Rainy & quiet

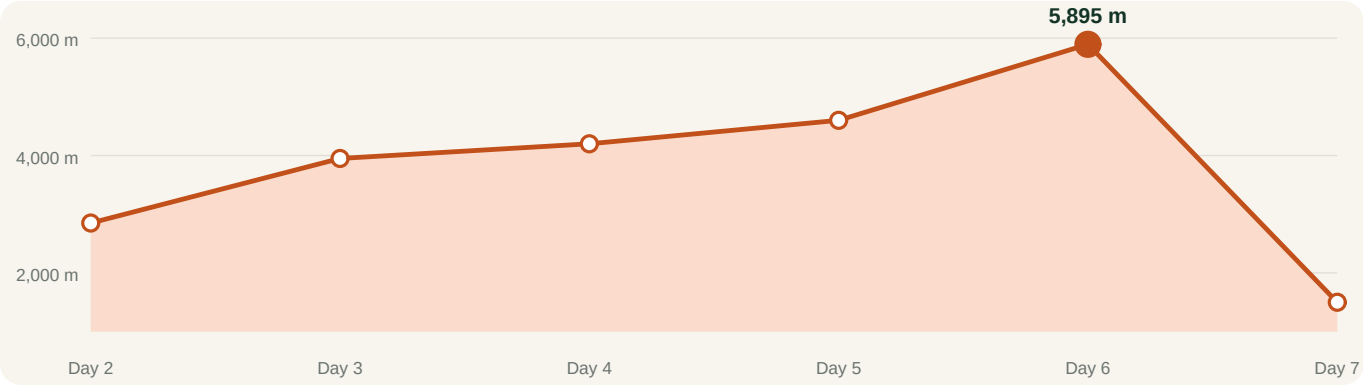
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Best	Best	Good	Rainy & quiet	Rainy & quiet	Good	Best	Best	Best	Good	Rainy & quiet	Good

Plan this trip with us

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Check dates & book

Your trip day by day



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DAY 1

Arrival in Moshi

We meet you at Kilimanjaro International Airport (or pick you up anywhere in Moshi or Arusha) and drive you to Maridadi Hotel. In the evening your lead guide comes to brief you on the route, check your gear and answer every question.

Overnight: Maridadi Hotel, Moshi

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DAY 2

Umbwe Gate to Cave Bivouac

From Umbwe Gate (1,800 m) the path climbs steeply — and can be slippery — through a mossy cloud forest that slowly opens into heath and grassland.

2,850 m · Walking: 4–6 hours · Overnight: Umbwe Cave Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 3

Cave Bivouac to Barranco Camp

Along a narrow ridge and over open moorland to the beautiful Barranco Valley, framed by giant senecios and lobelias.

3,950 m · Walking: 5–7 hours · Overnight: Barranco Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 4

Barranco Wall to Karanga Valley

A scramble up the Barranco Wall, sometimes using your hands, then a steep descent into the green Karanga river valley.

4,200 m · Walking: 3–5 hours · 7 km · Overnight: Karanga Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 5

Karanga to Barafu Camp

Across alpine desert with views of the glaciers to Barafu, with Kibo and Mawenzi above. Rest — you wake before midnight.

4,600 m · Walking: 3–5 hours · 6 km · Overnight: Barafu Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 6

Summit night: Uhuru Peak and down to Mweka Camp

A steep night climb to Stella Point, then a gentler walk along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m). Then the long way down to Mweka Camp.

5,895 m · Walking: 14–15 hours in total · Overnight: Mweka Camp · Meals: B, L, D

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DAY 7

Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate

Down through the forest — slippery after rain — to Mweka Gate, your certificate and the drive back to Moshi.

1,500 m · Walking: About 4 hours · Overnight: Maridadi Hotel, Moshi · Meals: B, L

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DAY 8

Departure

Breakfast, then a private transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home. Not ready to leave? Add a safari or a few days on Zanzibar — we arrange it all.

Meals: B

Meals: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.

Prices

Any group size

US$1,950

Per person in US dollars. Everything under "Included" is in the price.
Children pay from 65% of the adult price — ask us for their exact price.

What is in the price

Included

- ✓ Two nights at Maridadi Hotel in Moshi, bed and breakfast — one night before and one night after the climb
- ✓ Airport pick-up and drop-off at Kilimanjaro International Airport
- ✓ Transport to the mountain gate and back to Moshi
- ✓ All park, camping and rescue fees, plus 18% VAT
- ✓ Professional mountain guides, cooks and porters
- ✓ Three freshly cooked meals a day on the mountain
- ✓ Filtered drinking water throughout the climb
- ✓ Double-layer sleeping mats
- ✓ Portable toilet and a private toilet tent
- ✓ Hot water for washing every morning and evening
- ✓ Emergency oxygen and a medical kit carried by your guides
- ✓ Fair wages for the whole crew, as approved by KINAPA and KIATO

Not included

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Gratuities: tips on Mount Kilimanjaro are recommended for group sharing as follows — Guide US$15–20 per guide per day; Cook US$10–15 per day; Porters US$8–10 per porter per day
- ✗ Travel insurance (it must cover trekking to 6,000 m)
- ✗ Tanzania visa
- ✗ Bank transfer and card fees
- ✗ Personal costs — drinks, laundry and shopping

Good to know

Should I choose Umbwe?

Only if you are a very strong hiker who has been to high altitude before. The fast climb leaves little time to acclimatise, so the success rate is lower than on longer routes. If you are not sure, choose Machame or Lemosho.

How to book

1 Send a request

Choose your date on the trip page or message us. Nothing is charged.

2 We confirm

We check every date and send you an invoice, usually within a few hours.

3 Pay the deposit

15% securely through Pesapal (card or mobile money) or by bank transfer. The rest 28 days before your trip.

Questions? Write to us on WhatsApp or by email.

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Prices valid on 21 November 2026. We confirm the final price for your dates before you pay.