



Kilimanjaro Expedition Umbwe Route 6 days:



Day 1 & 2 Depart US cities on Day 1, arrive Amsterdam morning of Day 2, arrive KIA evening Day 2, overnight at [Ngurdoto Lodge](#)



Day 3 Rest day, shopping, gear check. Overnight at [Ngurdoto Lodge](#)



Day 4 Umbwe Trailhead to Cave Campsite

Hike time: 5 hours

Elevation change: 1,000m

Estimated distance: 6km

Camp at 2800m

Drive from Ngurdoto Lodge to the Umbwe gate and begin the climb through the rainforest up steep terrain. The trail is well established and packed out. Packed lunch provided. Overnight at the Cave Campsite.



Day 5 Cave Campsite to Barranco Camp

Hike time: 5 hours

Elevation change: 1,000m

Estimated distance: 5km

Camp at 3900m

After breakfast leave the glades of the forest and follow a rather steep trail up into the heather and moorland to the Barranco Camp. Dinner and overnight at the Barranco Camp.



Day 6 Barranco Camp to Karanga Valley

Hike time: 3.5 hrs

Elevation change: +100m

Estimated distance: 4km

Maximum elevation: 4590m

Camp elevation: 4000m

From Barranco Camp we climb up through the edge of great the Great Barranco Wall. The majority of the day walking will fluxuate around the elevation of 4250m. We will finish our day at Karanga valley campsite at elevation of 4,000m.



Day 7 Karanga Valley to above Barafu Hut (Kosovo Camp)

Hike time: 3.5 hrs

Elevation change: +600m

Estimated distance: 4km

Final elevation: 4600m

Today involves gaining more elevation, acclimatizing and resting for the summit attempt the next morning. We will camp at an isolated spot above all of the masses at Barafu. This will put us an hour closer to the summit! This day will take us 4 to 6 hrs of walking.



Day 8 High Camp to the Summit and then Millineum Camp

SUMMIT DAY!

Estimated summit time: 7 hrs

Elevation change: +1300m

Estimated distance: 5km

Final summit elevation: 5895m

Estimated descent time: 5 hrs

Elevation change: -2800m

Estimated distance: 12km

Final descent elevation: 3100 M

We will start trekking early before sunrise (1-2 am) as the walk today will take 10-14 + hours. We will avoid the mist that sets in later in the day; the scree and snow will still be safely frozen. The 1,100-meter (3,600') ascent in just over 3 km (1.86 miles) will take us about 6-8 hours. After a brief stay at the summit of the highest point in Africa, Uhuru Peak, at over 5,898 meters (19,340'), we descend via the Barafu Route roughly 2,500 meters (8,200') in 12 km (7.44 miles) in about 4-7 hours to Millennium Camp.



Day 9 Millennium Camp to Mweka Gate

Descent time: 4 hrs

Elevation change: -1250m

Estimated distance: 10km

Final elevation: 1828 M

Today we descend about 1400 meters (4,592') through the forest on a jungle path for about 10 km (6.2 miles) in 3-4 hours to reach Mweka Gate. Our representative will transfer you to the Impala Hotel.



Day 10 Relax, eat and shop. If not doing Safari you will depart for home around 9pm.

Safari Option



Day 10 Depart Arusha in a.m. (from Impala Hotel) for Kilimanjaro airport and flight to Serengeti. An afternoon game drive with overnight and dinner at Serengeti lodge.



Day 11 Early morning game drive in Serengeti. Depart for long dusty ride (4-5 hours) to Ngorongoro Crater, lunch in route. Overnight and dinner at lodge.



Day 12 Early morning game drive in Crater. Late morning breakfast, depart for Lake Manyara. Overnight and dinner at Lake Manyara Lodge.



Day 13 Late morning departure from Lake Manyara to Arusha arriving early afternoon at Impala for day room use...shower and packing. Flight home departs at 9pm.

Door to Door Day Total with Travel -

Climb only- 11 days

Climb and Safari- 15 days

Climb, Safari and 3 days of Zanzibar- 18 days