

TOUR ITINERARY

CLIMB KILIMANJARO: 8-day tour [UMBWE ROUTE](#) (6 days of trekking)

DAY 1. ARRIVAL

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), where you will meet an Altezza Travel representative, and transfer to the hotel under the rate. The hotel will provide all the essentials for a comfortable stay: cozy rooms, hot water, polite staff, a swimming pool, and Internet access. In the evening there will be a briefing with our managers, who will also make sure you are ready to begin the climb.

Note:

Check-in starts at 2:00 PM.

DAY 2. TREKKING FROM UMBWE GATE TO UMBWE CAMP

A guide and a mountain support crew will arrive at the hotel in the morning in order to meet you and hold a quick briefing, after which you will travel by vehicle to the entrance to Kilimanjaro National Park: Umbwe Gate (1,640 m). After the quick formality of acquiring climbing permits and registering with the search and rescue service, the group will start trekking up to your first camp: Umbwe Camp (2,930 m). This will be a long trekking day that includes an important increase in altitude, so don't hurry. It is important to find the right pace for your group and stick with it for the rest of the trip. You should also remember to take your raincoats: this route includes passage through a rainforest, where tropical showers are highly probable.

By the time you reach the camp, our professional mountain crew will prepare everything necessary, put tents and cook dinner for you.

This will be your first day at this altitude, so it is strongly recommended you heed the following instructions from this point on:

- Abstain from consuming alcohol and caffeine
- Drink over 4 liters of bottled water daily (little by little, frequently)
- Take a Diamox pill to help alleviate symptoms of altitude sickness. Most mountain climbers take Diamox in the morning, before they start their ascent, in order to reduce discomfort associated with altitude sickness. We recommend you consult your doctor prior to the trip in case of potential allergies.

At night you may experience discomfort associated with acclimatization to the high altitude: because of a reduction in your waking breathing pattern, your body gets less oxygen than during the day. Taking altitude into account, you may therefore start feeling sick and have a headache. Pay attention to your own body and tell your guide if you start feeling any symptoms of altitude sickness.

Change in Elevation: Umbwe Gate (1,640 m) — Umbwe Camp (2,930 m)

Hiking distance: 11 km

Hiking time: 5–7 hours

DAY 3. TREKKING FROM UMBWE CAMP TO BARRANCO CAMP

Early wakeup, breakfast and the start of trekking to Barranco Camp. The rainforest will quickly give way to brush, and if it is not too cloudy you will be able to see Meru Volcano for the first time. Trekking for this day will be of a moderate length, and around lunchtime you will reach Barranco Camp (3,960 m), which is nestled inside

a huge volcanic fault. Lunch will be provided here, and then you have the opportunity to relax for the rest of the day, which significantly facilitates the acclimatization process.

Change in Elevation: Umbwe Camp (2,930 m) — Barranco Camp (3,960 m)

Hiking distance: 6 km

Hiking time: 4–5 hours

DAY 4. TREKKING FROM BARRANCO CAMP TO KARANGA CAMP

Early wakeup, breakfast and the start of summiting Barranco Wall (we recommend you leave the camp as early as possible to avoid crowds of the other groups). Hiking up the gorge wall is not difficult and only takes around an hour. After the climb you can have a rest and take photos in front of the Kibo volcano.

Then you start a more difficult hike to Karanga Camp, which features numerous ascents and descents during the route, but don't worry: our guides are experts at choosing an optimal pace for the group. After reaching the camp you will be offered warm lunch. After a couple of hours you will have to complete an acclimatization hike in the direction of Barafu Camp with a 200-meter gain in altitude, and then descent back down to the camp.

Note:

The acclimatization hike is an easy trek with a slight gain in altitude done in order to speed up the acclimatization process. You should take the acclimatization hikes very seriously. They help increase your chances of successfully summiting Kilimanjaro and save you from the consequences of altitude sickness.

Trekking from Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp:

Change in Elevation: Barranco Camp (3,960 m) — Karanga Camp (4,035 m)

Hiking distance: 5 km

Hiking time: 4–5 hours

Acclimatization hike:

Change in Elevation: Karanga Camp (4,035 m) — Destination point en route to Barafu Camp (4,270 m)

Hiking distance: 2.5 km

Hiking time: 1–2 hours

DAY 5. TREKKING FROM KARANGA CAMP TO BARAFU CAMP

In the morning after breakfast you begin your way to Barafu Summit Camp (4,640 m), the starting point for a night summiting Uhuru Peak (5,895 m). Our team will set up a camp for you ahead of time, including tents and sleeping bags, so you can relax. After regaining strength, you have to complete an acclimatization hike towards the intermediate Kosovo Summit Camp (4,800 m) and then back to Barafu Camp, where you will be served a hot dinner. It is better to spend the remainder of the day resting and sleeping before night summiting.

Trekking from Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp:

Change in Elevation: Karanga Camp (4,035 m) — Barafu Camp (4,640 m)

Hiking distance: 6 km

Hiking time: 4–5 hours

Acclimatization hike:

Change in Elevation: Barafu Camp (4,640 m) — Kosovo Camp (4,800 m)

Hiking distance: 2 km

Hiking time: 1–2 hours

DAY 6. ASCENT TO UHURU PEAK AND DESCENT TO MILLENNIUM CAMP

Departure from Barafu Camp (4,640 m) at night and the start of [hiking Mount Kilimanjaro](#): Uhuru Peak (5,895 m). Technically the climb is relatively simple; however, the most challenging part is the high altitude. Each pair of climbers will get a personal guide for the entire ascent to monitor your physical and mental conditions. After your successful ascent to Uhuru Peak, you can descend to the nearest glacier if desired. Then you will return to Barafu Camp and after a 2-hour rest continue your descent to Millennium Camp (3,820 m).

Note:

Don't forget that 90% of all accidents occur during the descent, including all broken arms and legs. Please pay attention to your feet, as there is a high risk of damaging your toenails.

Change in Elevation: Barafu Camp (4,640 m) — Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) — Millennium Camp (3,820 m)

Hiking distance: 15 km

Hiking time: 8–12 hours

DAY 7. DESCENT FROM MILLENNIUM CAMP TO MWEKA GATE

The camp is situated in a tropical rainforest. When you wake up, you will feel relief from the reduction of the height and the satisfaction of reaching the summit. After a warm breakfast, you will head for the park's exit: Mweka Gate (1,650 m). After your descent the whole group will gather to congratulate you, followed by offering you a chance to share your opinions on the climb in the guestbook. Lastly, we will present you with your commemorative certificates in our office and provide you a transfer back to the hotel.

Change in Elevation: Millennium Camp (3,820 m) — Mweka Gate (1,650 m)

Hiking distance: 12 km

Hiking time: 4–5 hours

DAY 8. DEPARTURE

Rest in the hotel and transfer to the airport.

Note:

Hotel check-out is at 11:00 AM. In case you need a late check-out because of an evening flight, there is the option to extend your hotel stay for an extra fee.

CLASSIC RATE

HOTELS UNDER THE CLASSIC RATE:

Accommodation	Hotel	Link to the hotel's website
Accommodation prior to the climb	Ashanti Lodge	www.ashanti-lodge.com
Accommodation after the climb	Ashanti Lodge	www.ashanti-lodge.com

CLIMB PRICE FOR THE CLASSIC RATE

1 person	2 ppl	3 ppl	4 ppl	5 ppl	6 ppl and more
2,166 USD per person	1,852 USD per person	1,806 USD per person	1,770 USD per person	1,734 USD per person	1,705 USD per person

THE CLASSIC RATE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Meeting at Kilimanjaro International Airport;
- Transfer to the hotel — Ashanti Lodge in Moshi*;
- Accommodation prior to the climb (including breakfast; sharing a twin room);
- Transfer to the trail head;
- Professional mountain crew. All guides have "Wilderness First Responder" and "Wilderness First Aid" certificates, along with over 7 years of experience in climbing. Each participant will be provided with a porter (who can carry up to 15 kg of personal baggage);
- Kilimanjaro National Park permits;
- Kilimanjaro National Park rescue fees;
- Camping/hut fees;
- 3 square meals daily. The menu includes different soups, garnishes, several types of fish and meat, fresh fruit and vegetables; vegetarian options are available upon request;
- Modern The North Face VE-25 tents**;
- Oxygen systems and pulse oximeters;
- First aid kit;
- Warm and comfortable sleeping pads (2 inches thick);
- Group equipment (dining tent, table, chairs, crockery and cutlery);
- Meeting the group at the National Park exit and transfer to the hotel;
- Accommodation after the climb (including breakfast; sharing a twin room);
- International certificates for a successful ascent;
- Return transfer to Kilimanjaro airport.

* Basic tour package price includes sharing a twin room. If you need a single bed accommodation only, you should contact a manager a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the start of the tour.

** During the climb you will share a tent with 1-2 other climbers, depending on the number of participants. If you need an individual tent, please, contact our manager.

THE CLASSIC RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Airline tickets;
- Visa fee;
- Lunch and dinner at the hotel (before and after the ascent);
- Personal gear rentals;
- Tips for the mountain crew (200–250 USD per person);
- Mountaineering insurance.

PREMIUM RATE

HOTELS UNDER THE PREMIUM RATE:

Accommodation	Hotel	Link to the hotel's website
Accommodation prior to the climb	Legendary Lodge	www.classic-portfolio.com
Accommodation after the climb	Legendary Lodge	www.classic-portfolio.com

CLIMB PRICE UNDER THE PREMIUM RATE:

1 person	2 ppl	3 ppl	4 ppl	5 ppl	6 ppl and more
4,611 USD per person	3,552 USD per person	3,466 USD per person	3,362 USD per person	3,259 USD per person	3,136 USD per person

THE PREMIUM RATE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING (IN ADDITION TO THE CLASSIC RATE):

- Accommodations at Legendary Lodge before and after the climb (3 meals daily; sharing a twin room) in Arusha;
- Expanded ration, which means a wider choice of products in the mountains;
- The North Face sleeping bags (comfort -18°C / extreme -34°C);
- Iridium 9575 Extreme satellite phone. Uninterrupted contact with our support team;
- Portable toilet and shower;
- Mountaineering insurance up to 6,000 meters by World Nomads;
- Flight insurance by AMREF Flying Doctors.

THE PREMIUM RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Airline tickets;
- Visa fee;
- Personal gear rentals;
- Tips for the mountain crew (250–300 USD per person).

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE CLIMB

KIT LIST:

- Small backpack (20–40 liters) for your daily necessities;
- Large duffel bag for your belongings, which will be carried by a porter (80–120 liters);
- Sleeping bag (designed for up to -15°C);
- Rain poncho, a water-proof covering for your backpack;
- Hiking boots with a water-repellent layer and good protector;
- Gym shoes for the first days of the climb and to change at the camp;
- Hiking pants for the first days of the climb (2 pairs);

- Waterproof pants;
- Warm ski pants (designed for -15°C);
- T-shirts, long sleeve shirts (4–5 pieces);
- Soft-shell or fleece jacket;
- Windproof jacket;
- Insulated jacket for -15°C is an absolute necessity for the final ascent to the summit;
- Thermal underwear for active sports (preferably 2 pairs);
- Light trekking gloves;
- Mittens/gloves designed for -15°C for the final ascent to the summit;
- Hiking socks (4–5 pairs);
- Gaiters for protection against dust/snow;
- Cap/panama hat/hat to protect your face and neck against the equatorial sun;
- Fleece hat;
- Balaclava for wind protection during the final summit ascent;
- Alpine sunglasses or goggles (don't take cheap Chinese sunglasses);
- Headlamp + extra batteries;
- Trekking poles;
- Water flasks (2 liters in total); the flask may be substituted by a water bladder installed in your backpack;
- SPF 40-50+ sunblock;
- Lip balm;
- Towel, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush;
- Personal medication in case of a chronic disease;
- Snacks and energy bars, chocolate and nuts.

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