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SAMPLE ITINERARY

10 Days Kilimanjaro Umbwe Route Trek

The steepest and most direct route on the mountain, for fit trekkers with experience at altitude.

DURATION	STARTS	STYLE	PRICE
10 Days / 9 Nights	Arusha	Mid-range	On request

Route: Arusha → Kilimanjaro

Makao Mapya, Arusha, Tanzania

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YOUR JOURNEY

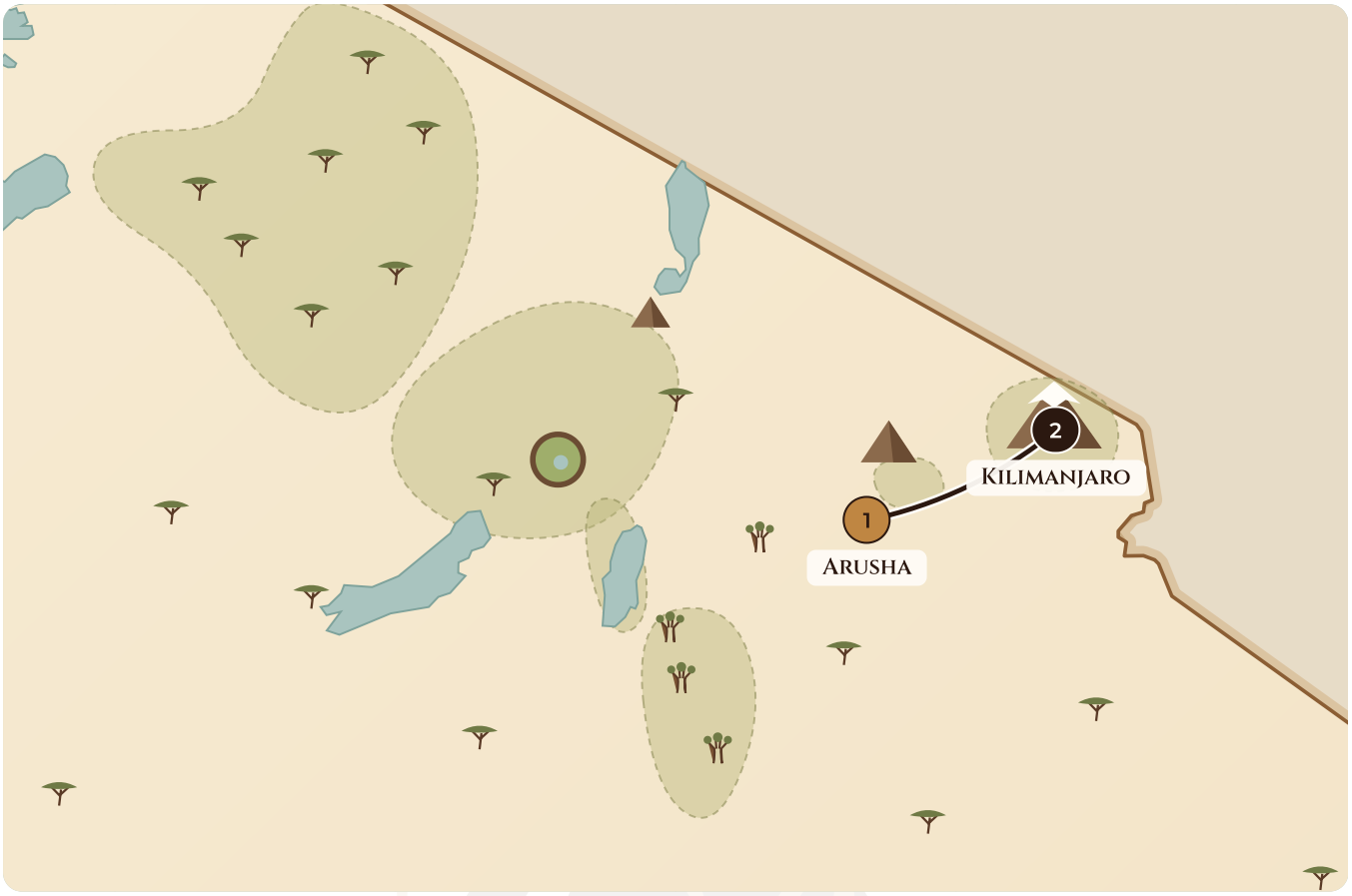
THE OVERVIEW

Umbwe climbs straight up a narrow forest ridge, gaining height quickly before joining the southern circuit at Barranco. It's quiet and spectacular, but its pace gives less time to adapt, so we suggest it only for experienced trekkers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The steepest route
- Quiet forest ridge
- Barranco Wall
- Uhuru Peak at about 5,895 m
- For experienced trekkers

YOUR ROUTE



Journey start · Stop · By road

Illustrative map, not to be used for navigation.

Day 1	Arrival in Arusha
Day 2	Warm-Up Day in Arusha National Park
Day 3	Umbwe Gate – Umbwe Cave Camp
Day 4	Umbwe Cave – Barranco Camp
Day 5	Barranco Camp – Karanga Camp
Day 6	Karanga Camp – Barafu Camp
Day 7	Summit Day: Uhuru Peak – Mweka Camp
Day 8	Mweka Camp – Mweka Gate – Arusha
Day 9	Recovery Day and Materuni Waterfall
Day 10	Departure from Arusha

Day by day

DAY 1

Arrival in Arusha

Arrive in northern Tanzania, where a Hartebeest Safaris representative welcomes you and provides a private transfer to your Arusha accommodation. Settle in, recover from the flight and go through the plan for the days ahead.

Personal airport welcome | Private transfer | Briefing and route review

TRAVEL
Approximately 45–75 minutes from Kilimanjaro International Airport, depending on traffic.

MEALS
Dinner, depending on arrival time

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 2

Warm-Up Day in Arusha National Park

Stretch your legs on a ranger-guided walk among giraffe and buffalo near the Momella Lakes, beneath Mount Meru. Back at your hotel, your guide checks your gear and goes through the climb.

Walking among wildlife | Mount Meru views | Gear check and climb briefing

TRAVEL
Usually about 1 hour by road each way, and 2–3 hours of easy walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 3

Umbwe Gate – Umbwe Cave Camp

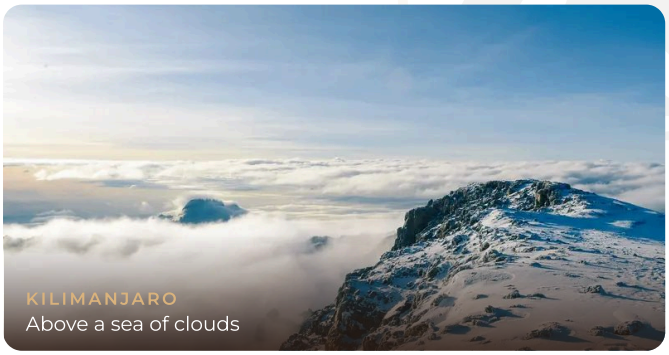
Start straight up a steep ridge through thick rainforest, with tree roots for handholds and the forest falling away on either side.

Steep forest ridge | Quiet trail | First night on the mountain

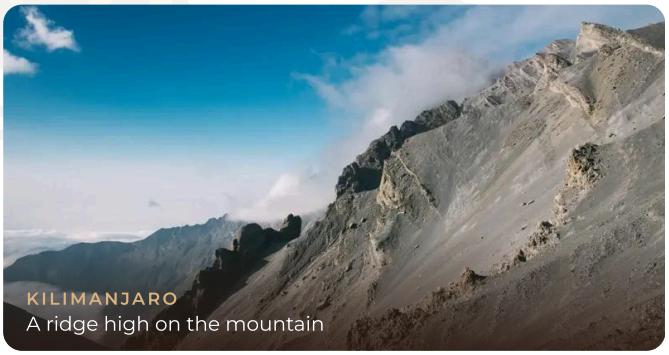
TRAVEL
Usually 5–7 hours of steep walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Umbwe Cave Camp, about 2,940 m.



KILIMANJARO
Above a sea of clouds



KILIMANJARO
A ridge high on the mountain

DAY 4

Umbwe Cave – Barranco Camp

Climb out of the forest along a narrow ridge with big drops, then join the southern circuit at the great Barranco valley.

Narrow ridge walking · Giant groundsel · Barranco valley

TRAVEL
Usually 4–6 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Barranco Camp, about 3,950 m.

DAY 5

Barranco Camp – Karanga Camp

Scramble up the famous Barranco Wall, then follow a rolling path around the mountain. This shorter day leaves the afternoon free to rest.

The Barranco Wall · South-face views · A shorter recovery day

TRAVEL
Usually 4–5 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Karanga Camp, about 3,995 m.

DAY 6

Karanga Camp – Barafu Camp

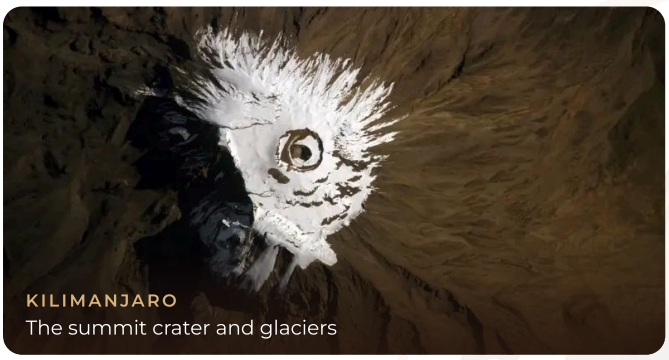
Walk through stark alpine desert to Barafu, the base for your summit attempt. Eat early, prepare your gear and rest before the midnight start.

Alpine desert · Summit briefing · Early night

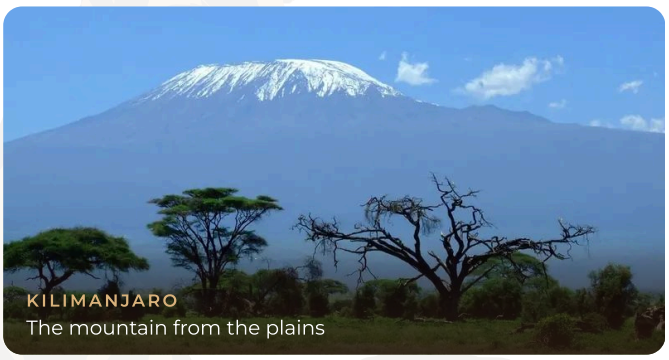
TRAVEL
Usually 3–5 hours of walking.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Barafu Camp, about 4,673 m.



KILIMANJARO
The summit crater and glaciers



KILIMANJARO
The mountain from the plains

DAY 7

Summit Day: Uhuru Peak – Mweka Camp

Set off around midnight from Barafu, climbing by headlamp to Stella Point and on to Uhuru Peak at about 5,895 m, ideally around sunrise. Then descend for a long rest at Mweka Camp.

Sunrise near the Roof of Africa · Uhuru Peak · Long descent to Mweka

TRAVEL
Usually 11–15 hours in total. Your guide may turn back if conditions or your health require it.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Mweka Camp, about 3,100 m.

DAY 8

Mweka Camp – Mweka Gate – Arusha

Walk down through the rainforest to Mweka Gate to collect your summit certificate, then transfer to Arusha for a hot shower and a comfortable bed.

Rainforest descent | Summit certificates | Return to Arusha

TRAVEL
Usually 3–4 hours of walking, then the road transfer.

MEALS
Breakfast and lunch

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 9

Recovery Day and Materuni Waterfall

Give your legs a gentler day. Visit the Materuni waterfall in the Kilimanjaro foothills, see Chagga coffee being roasted and ground by hand, then rest at your hotel.

Materuni waterfall | Chagga coffee experience | A slower afternoon

TRAVEL
Usually 1.5 hours by road each way, with a short, easy walk.

MEALS
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

STAY
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 10

Departure from Arusha

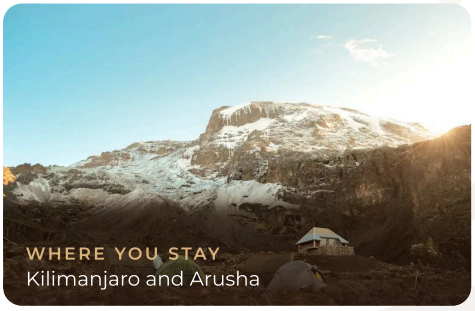
Enjoy a relaxed final breakfast before your private transfer to the airport, or continue to a safari or Zanzibar extension.

Relaxed final morning | Private departure transfer | Optional extensions

TRAVEL
Transfer timing is confirmed once final flight details are supplied.

MEALS
Breakfast

STAY
No accommodation included unless an extension is requested.



Mid-range

Mountain Camps and Arusha Hotel

Tented camps on the mountain, with a hotel in Arusha before and after the trek. Your hotel is confirmed in your tailored quotation.

Included

- Licensed mountain guides, assistant guides, cook and porters
- Kilimanjaro park, camping and rescue fees
- Tents and shared camp equipment on the mountain
- All meals and treated drinking water while trekking
- Hotel nights in Arusha before and after the trek
- Airport and trailhead transfers
- Warm-up day in Arusha National Park with an armed ranger

Not included

- International flights
- Tanzania visa and travel insurance covering high-altitude trekking
- Personal trekking clothing, boots and sleeping bag
- Crew tips and personal expenses
- Meals in Arusha not listed as included

Make this journey yours

This itinerary is a starting point. Tell us your dates, travellers and interests, and we will reply with a tailored proposal and quotation, usually within 24 hours.

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