

## **PAYMENT POLICY:**

After clients confirmed their booking they receive an invoice with all details. In order to confirm our clients' reservation, we require a 50% deposit payment of the itinerary cost and 100% upfront payment for airline tickets. The balance of payment is due 65 days prior to the commencement date of your itinerary. Bookings made within 65 days prior to departure are subject to full prepayment at the time of confirming the reservation

## **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

In the event that you cancel your booking, in full or partially, for any reason whatsoever Travel With Us will levy cancellation charges as defined in the section below.

65+ days before departure: deposit non-refundable

50-65 days before departure: 50% of the itinerary cost

0-50 days before departure: 100% of the itinerary cost

After your booking has been confirmed, should you wish to make any changes to your itinerary or wish an earlier departure date, we will make every effort to accommodate your requests based on availability. However, the extra costs involved to make changes are €150,-

## **Day 1: Umbwe Gate to Umbwe Camp**

**Elevation:** 5,249 ft to 9,514 ft

**Distance:** 11 km/7 miles

**Hiking Time:** 5-7 hours

**Habitat:** Heath

The day begins with a 50 minute drive to Machame Gate where registration formalities will be completed. We then transfer through villages and coffee and banana plantations to Umbwe Gate. The trail ascends sharply on a forestry track which winds up the dense rain forest. The path narrows and steepens as we climb the ridge between two rivers surrounded by huge trees. Umbwe Camp is perched between trees and thick undergrowth.

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## **Day 2: Umbwe Camp to Barranco Camp**

**Elevation:** 9,514 ft to 13,044 ft

**Distance:** 6 km/4 miles

**Hiking Time:** 4-5 hours

**Habitat:** Heath

We leave the glades of the rain forest and continue on an ascending path up to a steep, rocky ridge. On the Shira Plateau, we pass through heather and open moorlands, then cross a large river gorge to Shira 2 Camp.

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## **Day 3: Barranco Camp to Karanga Camp**

**Elevation:** 13,044 ft to 13,106 ft

**Distance:** 5 km/3 miles

**Hiking Time:** 4-5 hours

**Habitat:** Alpine Desert

We begin the day by descending into a ravine to the base of the Great Barranco Wall. Then we climb the non-technical but steep, nearly 900 ft cliff. From the top of the Barranco Wall we cross a series of hills and valleys until we descend sharply into Karanga Valley. One more steep climb up leads us to Karanga Camp. This is a shorter day meant for acclimatization.

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## **Day 4: Karanga Camp to Barafu Camp**

**Elevation:** 13,106 ft to 15,331 ft

**Distance:** 4 km/2 miles

**Hiking Time:** 4-5 hours

**Habitat:** Alpine Desert

We begin the day by descending into a ravine to the base of the Great Barranco Wall. Then we climb the non-technical but steep, nearly 900 ft cliff. From the top of the Barranco Wall we cross a series of hills and valleys until we descend sharply into Karanga Valley. One more steep climb up leads us to Karanga Camp. This is a shorter day meant for acclimatization.

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## **Day 5: Barafu Camp to Uhuru Peak**

**Elevation:** 15,331 ft to 19,341 ft

**Distance:** 5 km/3 miles

**Hiking Time:** 7-8 hours

**Habitat:** Arctic

### **Uhuru Peak to Mweka Camp**

**Elevation:** 19,341 ft to 10,065 ft

**Distance:** 12 km/7 miles

**Hiking Time:** 4-6 hours

**Habitat:** Rain Forest

Very early in the morning (around midnight), we begin our push to the summit. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. The wind and cold at this elevation and time of day can be extreme. We ascend in the darkness for several hours while taking frequent, but short, breaks. Near Stella Point (18,900 ft), you will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see coming over Mawenzi Peak. Finally, we arrive at Uhuru Peak- the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa.

From the summit, we now make our descent continuing straight down to the Mweka Hut camp site, stopping at Barafu for lunch. The trail is very rocky and can be quite hard on the knees; trekking poles are helpful. Mweka Camp is situated in the upper forest and mist or rain can be expected in the late afternoon. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep

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## **Day 6: Mweka Camp to Mweka Gate**

**Elevation:** 10,065 ft to 5,380 ft

**Distance:** 10 km/6 miles

**Hiking Time:** 3-4 hours

**Habitat:** Rain Forest

On our last day, we continue the descent to Mweka Gate and collect the summit certificates. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. From the gate, we continue another hour to Mweka Village. A vehicle will meet us at Mweka Village to drive us back to the hotel in Moshi.