



# JOURNEY TO THE ROOF OF AFRICA

AND RAISE FUNDS FOR SEAFARERS IN NEED

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST – SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

# EVENT OVERVIEW



## KILIMANJARO 2021

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Join Sailors' Society on the adventure of a lifetime: conquering the mighty Kilimanjaro.

We are inviting 40 people on this exclusive opportunity to climb the world's highest free-standing mountain in the ultimate bucket-list trip to raise funds for seafarers and their families in need around the world.

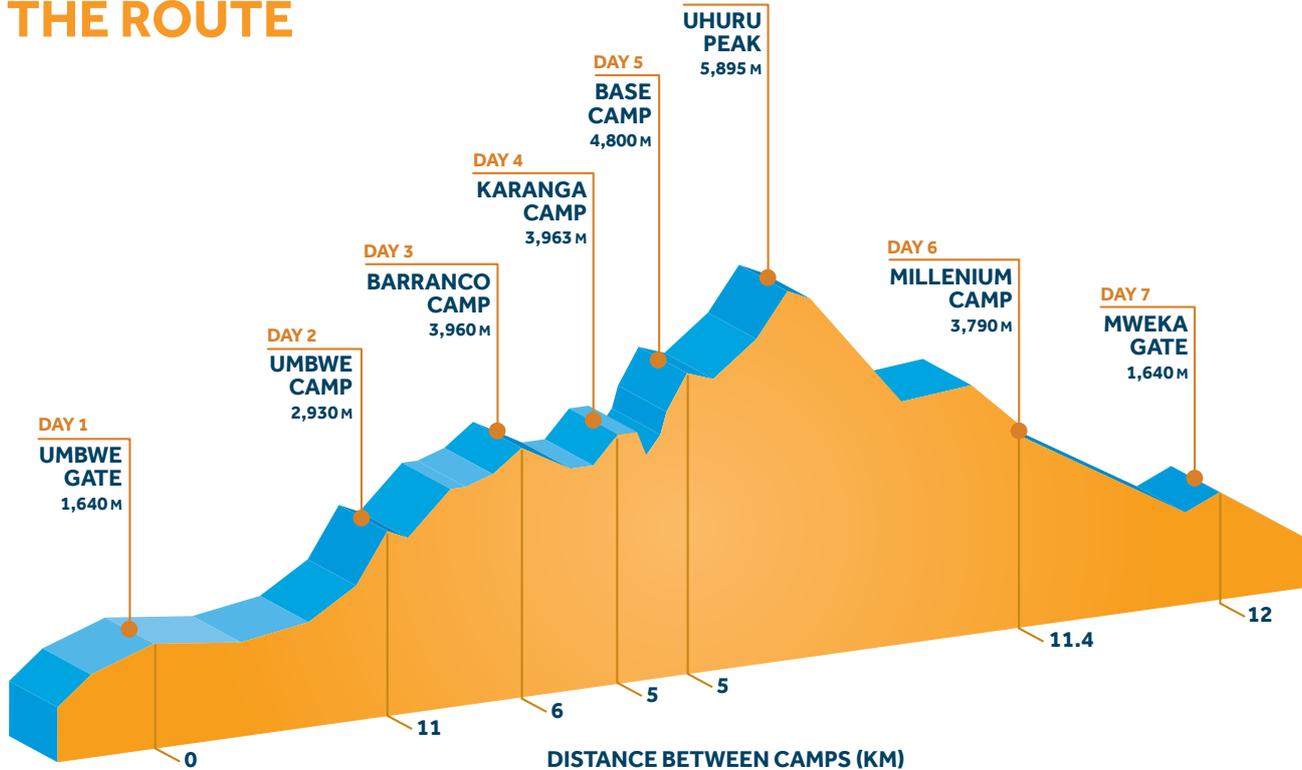
It's not for the faint of heart – you'll test your mental and physical stamina to the limit as you pursue the incredible achievement of scaling Africa's tallest peak.

Following the Umbwe route, you'll experience six ecosystems in six days, trekking 5,985 metres above sea level to the top of the world.

**“There, ahead, all he could see, as wide as all the world, great, high, and unbelievably white in the sun, was the square top of Kilimanjaro. And then he knew that there was where he was going.”**

Ernest Hemingway:  
The Snows Of Kilimanjaro

# THE ROUTE



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# WHAT TO EXPECT, DAY BY DAY

**Kilimanjaro 2021 is no walk in the park; but the absolute pride you will feel knowing you have climbed the world's highest free-standing mountain will be worth every breath!**

## DAY ONE

### ARRIVE IN TANZANIA

22 August 2021

Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport where Sailors' Society event organisers will be eagerly waiting for you. Two transfers will be available and all participants must arrive on time to the Weru Weru River hotel in Moshi town. A briefing dinner will be held in the evening and, to ensure safety, guides will check you are well equipped for the next six days.

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## DAY TWO

### UMBWE CAMP

23 August 2021

Travel the one-hour drive from Moshi to reach the gate to the Umbwe route. There, we will complete registrations, meet porters and start the climb through the dense rainforest to approximately 2,930 metres above sea level. Be ready for a steady climb with magnificent views over often wet and muddy pathways.

**Distance covered: 11 kilometres / 7 miles**

**Approximate time taken: 5-7 hours**

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DAY THREE

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### BARRANCO CAMP

24 August 2021

The second day will change the entire character of the trek as we encounter another of the many ecosystems on our journey to the summit. The terrain will be rockier, with sparse undergrowth and straggly, moss-covered trees. After four or five hours of trekking, taking us up to approximately 3,960 metres above sea level, we will reach Barranco Camp for a much-needed rest.

**Distance covered: 6 kilometres / 4 miles**

**Approximate time taken: 4-5 hours**

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DAY TWO

### DAY FOUR

#### KARANGA CAMP

25 August 2021

Today's aim is to go slow and steady. We will start by descending into the mouth of a huge barranco – Spanish for ravine – climbing over rocks up the great Barranco Wall towards the Kersten Glacier where we will head towards Karanga Valley.

For those who would prefer more time to acclimatise, there is an option to go for a mid-afternoon acclimatisation trek up to around 4,200 metres before descending back to camp at 3,963 metres for the night.

**Distance covered: 5 kilometres / 3 miles**

**Approximate time taken: 4-5 hours**

### DAY FIVE

#### BASE CAMP

26 August 2021

After a well-deserved rest and breakfast we will set off towards base camp at 4,800 metres above sea level. This climb will take us through yet another ecosystem, with desolate scree slopes and no vegetation around us at all. It's going to be challenging due to the altitude but we will only have a short, three-hour hike before we set up camp at Karanga Bay to rest, eat and mentally prepare for reaching the roof of Africa!

**Distance covered: 5 kilometres / 3 miles**

**Approximate time taken: 4-5 hours**

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# DAY SIX

## UHURU PEAK - MILLENNIUM CAMP

27 August 2021

Setting off at midnight, we will make our ascent toward the summit glacier at 5,895 metres. Within four or five hours we will gain incredible height over a short distance. This will undoubtedly be the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. The arctic conditions can be extreme, but you will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise and a great range of emotions as you reach the highest point in the continent of Africa.

### **Uhuru Peak down to Millennium Camp - 6 hours**

Once you have taken your victory photo to commemorate your amazing achievement, we will begin our descent by returning to Stella Point and then descending on scree slope and trekking back to Barafu Camp for breakfast.

We will then make our way to Millennium Camp at a more comfortable 3,790 metres above sea level for our last supper on the mountain.

**Distance covered: 11.4 kilometres / 7 miles**

**Approximate time taken: 12-15 hours**

UHURU PEAK ●



DAY SIX ●

### DAY SEVEN

#### MWEKA GATE

28 August 2021

With spirits high, we will embark on the last leg of the challenge down to 1,630 metres above sea level: Mweka Gate. You will be awarded with a certificate to commemorate your journey and transferred back to the hotel for beers and showers. There will be a celebration dinner party in the evening before an overnight stay at Weru Weru River Lodge.

**Distance covered: 12 kilometres / 7.5 miles**

**Approximate time taken: 6 hours**

### DAY EIGHT

#### SAFARI (OPTIONAL) AND RETURN HOME

29 August 2021

After a peaceful night, we would highly recommend joining us at the Arusha National Safari Park before your departure, for an additional charge. Safari means journey in Swahili – so what better way to end your Kilimanjaro 2020 journey than surrounded by the most stunning views and animals Africa has to offer?

## WHAT WILL WE PROVIDE?

### **FULL SAFETY AND SUPPORT TEAM**

As with all our charity events, safety is of the utmost importance and Sailors' Society makes provision for front-line medical care. Our guides are highly trained in first aid, mountain rescue and the history of Kilimanjaro. They are strong, capable climbers who will be on hand to handle any situation that is encountered on the mountain.

Climbers will have three porters or guides each to support them throughout the climb.

### **COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**

Your safety and enjoyment of this charity trek is paramount to us. We have been working hard with our tour operator to ensure that this trip is as safe as possible, keeping a close eye as the pandemic situation evolves and following Government guidance. We will be climbing in a bubble in order to minimise the risk of infection and will be monitoring the situation daily.

If we have any concerns about the risk to participants' safety, we will take the difficult decision to postpone the trip.

### **EQUIPMENT**

We will provide a list of equipment required for the trip but if you are unable to get everything for it, there are hire options available. The events team can help you with any requests prior to the trip commencing.

### **MEALS AND ACCOMMODATION**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included each day. Accommodation will be provided on day one and the evening of day eight. You will also be provided with tents, sleeping bags and sleeping mats to ensure a proper rest on the mountain.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

All transfers once in Tanzania are included. Please note that you will need to book your own flight to Tanzania and ensure you arrive on time for our transfers.

### **WHY TAKE PART?**

Sailors' Society's Kilimanjaro 2021 challenge offers the experience of a lifetime, giving you the chance to conquer the world's highest free-standing mountain under the guidance of our experienced team.

Trekking alongside up to 40 others from the shipping industry, you'll have the opportunity team build and forge long-lasting relationships, as well as contribute to your company's CSR.

The funds you raise will go towards our global work helping seafarers and their families in need.

### **WHAT WE ASK FROM EACH INDIVIDUAL**

- **A one-person registration fee of \$250 (USD) per person**
- **A minimum fundraising donation of \$5,000 (USD) for Sailors' Society**

The deadline to reach this target is August 2021. The events team will be here to support you every step of the way.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For further information and to book your place, please contact Jonny Cowell on [jcowell@sailors-society.org](mailto:jcowell@sailors-society.org).

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### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sailors' Society is looking for a headline corporate sponsor for this exclusive event.

This is a fantastic opportunity to align with a well-respected maritime charity, as well as to promote your business and reflect your CSR credentials to shipping professionals and the wider world.

For more information on becoming headline sponsor for Sailors' Society's Kilimanjaro 2021 challenge, please contact Jonny Cowell on [jcowell@sailors-society.org](mailto:jcowell@sailors-society.org).



# SAILORS' SOCIETY: A PERSONAL LIFELINE FOR SEAFARERS.

International maritime charity Sailors' Society has been caring for the world's 1.6 million merchant seafarers for more than 200 years.

Seafarers can suffer intense isolation, risk storms and face the threat of piracy to bring us 90 per cent of the goods we use every day. And the Covid-19 pandemic has brought additional stresses.

Global lockdowns are restricting crew changes, leaving hundreds of thousands stuck at sea, some for up to 17 months, and as many others unable to join ship and earn an income. Last year, we gave out 12 times as many welfare grants than in 2020. These key workers of the sea are physically and mentally exhausted.

Every month, Sailors' Society's port chaplains, ship visitors and project staff reach out to more than 23,000 seafarers,

their families and communities, providing vital welfare, counselling and support.

We extend a hand of friendship and offer practical help to seafarers far from home, like free Wi-Fi to call loved ones or lifts to the doctor or shops.

We provide chaplaincy and welfare support, access to education and financial help for those in desperate need. Like the nine Filipino seafarers left unable to work after Manila went into lockdown. Desperate and anxious, with funds running low, they contacted us for help and we provided an immediate grant to pay their rent and food costs.

The funds you raise will benefit the lives of seafarers like these, their families and their communities around the world.

**Find out more at [www.sailors-society.org](http://www.sailors-society.org)**

## SAILORS' SOCIETY WORKS IN 21 COUNTRIES ACROSS THE WORLD





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