

RWENZORI TREKKING Weismann Peak, 6-day trek

Trek the Kilembe Trail to Weismann Peak



Arrive Entebbe Day 1

Arrive Entebbe. Overnight in a centrally-located hotel.

NB. We can arrange your international flights and accommodation in Entebbe for you. Please note that these are not included in the published climb rates.

Day 2 Transfer Entebbe to Kasese. Overnight at local hotel.

Transfer from Entebbe to Kasese by road or air. On arrival, you will be met at the airstrip by the local climb team and transferred to the Sandton Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation in Kasese

There are a range of hotels and guesthouses available to suit different budgets in and around Kasese and in nearby Fort Motel, from very basic lodges (the Trekkers Hostel) to comfortable hotels (Hotel Sandton). Please contact us for alternative options.







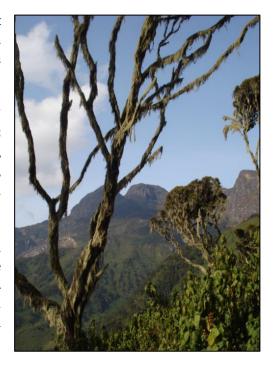
Day 3 To Sine Hut - 9.5km

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Your trek departs from the Trekkers Hostel in Kilembe at approx. 10am. Meet with your climb team at 9am for a final kit check and briefing, before setting off on foot from the Hostel.

Today's walk is approx. 9.5 km, expected time 5 to 7 hours. The start height is 1,450 metres, climbing to 2,598 metres. Leaving the Trekkers' Hostel at approx. 10am, you walk 2.2km to the UWA rangers post at 1,727m, where you will be briefed on the rules of the Rwenzori National Park.

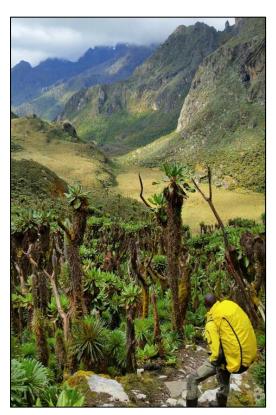
From the ranger's post, the trail leads you through tall grasses and ferns and into magnificent rainforest. The forest in this region of the Rwenzoris is largely untouched. Many birds can be heard and seen in this rich environment, as can Chimpanzees (albeit rarely!) and Colobus monkeys.



Upon entering the forest, the first few kilometres of the trail climb steadily, crossing several small streams and rivers. The trail becomes gradually steeper as you approach the bamboo zone and ascend to your camp for the night, Sine Hut (2,560m), located just below the bamboo zone on a narrow ridge.

Day 4 To Mutinda Camp - 6.1km





Commence walking after a hearty breakfast. Today's trail climbs steadily to begin with, as you enter the bamboo zone and then continue onto a steep moss-covered ridge about 200m in height. The thick moss covering the ground and rocks is spectacular and we ask you to help preserve this pristine environment by keeping to the trail. Please note that during the rainy season this section of the trail becomes very muddy – rubber boots are essential!

As you near the top of the ridge and exit the bamboo forest, you'll be greeted with stunning views of the valleys and hills below, stretching as far as Lake George and Queen Elizabeth National Park.

You'll be in the giant heather zone now, as you approach Kalalama Camp (3,150m), perched on a high ridge overlooking the Kilembe Valley and town.

After a rest at Kalalama Camp, continue along an undulating trail to Mutinda Camp. The trail becomes less







steep from here on out, and will soon see you drop down into the beautiful Mutinda Valley. Expect to reach Mutinda Camp (3,680m) late afternoon.

Day 5 To Bugata Camp - 8.6km

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Your starting height today is 3,590 metres, climbing to 4,200 metres on the top of the confluence between the Nyamwamba and Namusangi Valleys, before dropping to Bugata Camp at 4,100m.

Trekking along the valley floor, you will pass small bogs and giant lobelias. Both sides of the valley are lined with sheer cliff faces as we near the confluence of the Nyamwamba and Namusangi Valleys.



Bugata Camp at 4,100 metres is situated above Lake Kopello, and has spectacular views looking down into the Namusangi, the valley of the nine glacier lakes.

Day 6 Acclimatisation Day

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Today is a rest and acclimatisation day, though with the option of an acclimatisation trek to a high pass if you are feeling strong.

The optional trek will take approx. 2 hours. Starting at 4,100m, you will climb to the top of the Bamwanjara Pass (4,450m), from where, on a clear day, you'll be able to enjoy spectacular views to Mts Stanley and Baker, and also the Kachope Lakes.

After time to rest and take in the view, return to camp for lunch and a chance to rest up in advance of tomorrow's summit climb

Day 7 To Weismann Peak - 9km

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Leaving camp after breakfast, you continue along the valley with fantastic views of the Namusangi below. The last half kilometre to the ridge is a steep climb.

The climb to the top of Weismann, while not technical, involves a steep ascent on solid rock – it is important to follow the advice of your climb guides and not to rush during the ascent. It is normally







safe to climb without ropes, but in the event of icy conditions, your guides will employ fixed ropes to ensure a safe ascent.

Your reward for summiting will be wonderful views towards the Kachope Lakes below and to Mts Baker and Stanley in the distance. From the summit of Weismann Peak (4,620m), it is possible to trek across the moss-covered dome shaped ridge to Stella Peak (4,635m). After taking in the views, descend to Kiharo Camp (3,430m).

Day 8 To Kilembe - 14.6km

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Descend to Kilembe. Today's trail is long but downhill all the way, as you cross the Nyamwamba Valley, then continue through the bamboo forest and down the ridge to the Ranger's Post. After debriefing, it is a short walk down to the Trekkers Hostel.

After lunch and rest at the Trekkers Hostel, you will be collected by your driver for the short transfer to Kasese.

Dinner and overnight at the Sandton Hotel.

Day 9 Departure

Your itinerary ends this morning in Kasese. We can arrange for your transfer back to Entebbe/Kampala if required.

If you are continuing with a safari to Queen Elizabeth or gorilla tracking in Bwindi, your driver and guide will come to meet you this morning at your hotel for the start of your safari.









Price Guide:

The cost of this itinerary is £1,340 per person, based on 1-2 travellers. Lower rates apply for groups of 3+.

This price is inclusive of Rwenzori park fees and accommodation before and after the climb, but does not include transfers to/from Entebbe. Please see our <u>Rwenzori price guide</u> for basic climb rates independent of accommodation and transfers.

Includes:

- o Accommodation as outlined in itinerary
- Meals as outlined in itinerary
- Kasese airstrip transfers
- o Fully-supported climb to Weismann Peak
- Rwenzori park fees

Excludes:

- International flights please ask us for a quote
- Transfers between Entebbe/Kampala and Kasese
- o Visas
- Personal expenses and tips

NB. Please note that, depending on the condition of the trails and the weather you experience, your precise hiking route may vary from that outlined above.



