6 DAYS MARANGU ROUTE KILIMANJARO

The Marangu Route has been referred to as the 'Coca Cola' route and this has led potential climbers to think that it is an easy route to the summit. The only reason that people say it is easier is because it is the only route up where you sleep in huts as opposed to tents.



ARRIVAL DAY: Arrive in Tanzania
You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to your hotel in Moshi town, you will meet our guide who will brief you on your upcoming trek and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gear. Gear which is missing can be rented on this day.

Day 1: Marangu Gate (1860m) to Mandara Hut (2700m)
- Distance: 8 km/5 miles
- Hiking Time: 4-5 hours
- Habitat: Rain Forest

We depart Moshi for Marangu Gate for the necessary formalities before beginning our trek. The hiking trail begins by ascending a beautiful, tropical rain forest. At the upper edge of the forest line, we have the opportunity to see blue monkeys. The trail then widens to expose beautiful hillsides until we reach Mandara Hut.



Day 2: Mandara Hut (2700m) to Horombo Hut (3700m)
- Distance: 12 km/7 miles
- Hiking Time: 6-8 hours
- Habitat: Heath

We start the day continuing through the forest until the trail opens into high moorland. We may get our first views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks - two of the three volcanic peaks that make up the summit of Kilimanjaro.

Day 3: Acclimatization trek to Zebra Rocks (4020m) then back to Horombo Hut (3700m)
- Distance: 5 km/3 miles
- Hiking Time: 2-3 hours
- Habitat: Heath

Mawenzi Ridge to Horombo Hut
- Distance: 5 km/3 miles
- Hiking Time: 1-2 hours
- Habitat: Heath

This is an extra day meant for acclimatization and can be spent day hiking on Mawenzi Ridge. The unique landscape offers motivating views of Kibo and Mawenzi. After spending a few moments exploring the area we head back to Horombo Hut.



Day 4: Horombo Hut (3700m) to Kibo Hut (4700m)
- Distance: 10 km/6 miles
- Hiking Time: 6-8 hours
- Habitat: Alpine Desert

We climb gradually, then cross the lunar desert of the "Saddle" between Mawenzi and Kibo. Our camp, Kibo Hut, sits at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. Once here we rest, enjoy an early dinner to prepare for the summit day.

Day 5: Kibo Hut (4700m) to UHURU PEAK (5895m) & down to Horombo Hut (3700m)
- Distance: 6 km/4 miles
- Hiking Time: 6-8 hours
- Habitat: Arctic

Uhuru Peak to Horombo Hut
- Distance: 16 km/10 miles
- Hiking Time: 4-5 hours
- Habitat: Heath

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. At Gilman's point (18,600 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.
After spending a few moments taking in the plains of Africa and your

accomplishment, we descend to Horombo Hut. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep.



Day 6: Horombo Hut (3700m) to Marangu Gate (1860m)
- Distance: 20 km/12 miles
- Hiking Time: 5-7 hours
- Habitat: Rain Forest

On our last day, we have a long trek mostly downhill through the tropical rainforest. Once at the park headquarters at Marangu gate, we collect our summit certificates. A vehicle will meet us here and drive us back to the hotel in Moshi.



Inclusive:

- Park fees, camping fees & rescue fees
- 18% VAT on tour fees & services
- Professional mountain guides, cooks and porters
- 3 Season mountain tents
- Double layered Sleeping Mats
- Transportation to & from the mountain gate
- Wages of professional mountain guides, cooks and porters
- 3 meals daily while on the mountain
- Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park
- Authority (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- 2- way shared airport transfers (for private transfers it costs $20 extra per vehicle)

Exclusive:
- Local and International flights
- Items of a personal nature
- Laundry Services
- Portable flush toilet with a toilet tent is extra (US$150 per toilet + toilet tent)
- A doctor for the group
- Tips to mountain crew