Arrived in Tanzania

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) where you will meet Hilbas representatives, be picked up and transferred to the hotel for hot showers, comfortable beds, briefing, and gear checks. We will also arrange for you to hire any equipment you may need.

Day 1- Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut

Elevation: 1830m/6039ft to 2720m/8976ft

Distance: 8 km

Hiking time: 3 – 4 hours

Vegetation Zone: Rainforest.

The driver will pick you up from the Hotel at Marangu Gate, where registration takes place, while guides and porters prepare equipment. We start to climb up through a lush tropical rainforest to Mandara Hut. Here you will be surrendered to Eucalyptus trees, different species of birds, impatiens Kilimanjarii, Colobus Monkey, Blue Monkey, and many interesting things. You will spend your nights in special huts along the Marangu route. After coffee or tea at Mandara Hut, you will have a chance to visit the Maundi Crater which offers spectacular

Day 2- Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut

Elevation: 2720m/8976ft to 3720m/12276ft

Distance: 11 km/miles

Hiking time: 5-6 hours

Vegetation Zone: Moorland

This is a long day. After morning breakfast, you will begin with an hour hike through rainforest glades. You will then ascend through heathland and on into the open moorlands where the vegetation is sparse with small shrubs. Stop halfway for lunch, short rest and you will be able to spot the two volcanos at once: Kibo and Mawenzi before reaching the camp, here you will have dinner and overnight.

Day 3- Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

Elevation: 3720m/12276ft to 4720m/15576ft

Distance: 9 km

Hiking time: 5-6 hours

Vegetation Zone: Alpine Desert

After breakfast, we hike to Kibo Hut. We now pass the last watering point, walking onto Kilimanjaro's saddle between the peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. When you reach camp, you will be served lunch. Pay attention to your body and keep your guide informed of any signs of altitude sickness. At Kibo Hut you will be served an early dinner then go to bed.

Day 4- Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak to Horombo Hut

Elevation: 4720m/15576ft to 5895m/19453ft to 3720m/12276ft

Distance: 21 km

Hiking time: 13-15 hours

Vegetation Zone: Alpine Desert/Arctic zone/Moorland.

This is your special day when your dream comes true, your guide will wake you up around 11:00 pm for tea and biscuits, Summit will begin at midnight, we follow a switchback path up to a volcanic scree slope, passing William Point (5000m/15000 ft) to Hans Meyer Cave (5200m/17000 ft), after a short break we proceed to Gillman's point (5681m), which is located on the crater rim.

A bit further around the crater, we reach our goal, Uhuru Peak (5895m/19453ft), the roof of Africa. You'll have a short time to take photos at the summit. Descending to Kibo Hut is fast. After lunch, other refreshments. Continue to the Horombo huts. You'll enjoy your last dinner on the mountain in the evening despite your exhaustion.

Day 5- Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate

Elevation: 3720m/12276ft to 2720m/8976ft

Distance: 19 km

Hiking time: 6-7 hours

Vegetation Zone: Moorland/Rainforest

This is another big day, and after an early breakfast, we will start descending passing through Mandara Hut before reaching the Marangu gate. We will cross through the moorland to the rainforest where you can spot many birds, tall trees, flowers, and many interesting things. Our route will end at Marangu Gate which will require all hikers to sign out in order to receive certificates of completion. A driver from Hilbas tours will drive back to Hotel. On the way back you will pass through coffee and banana farms around Marangu villages.

Departure or onwards travel

After an early breakfast, transfer to Safari or Kilimanjaro airport for your home departure flight.