



## Climb Kilimanjaro Via Marangu Route

Free cancellation up to 2 day(s) prior departure, after which the tour cancellation policy applies.

- **Activities:**
  - Backpacking
  - Camping and Stargazing
  - Mountaineering
  - Nature
  - Trekking and Hiking
- **Travel Style:** Budget
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
- **Activities:**
  - English
- **Tour Vibe:** Active
- **Guiding Type:** Live Guide/Instructor
- **Recommended For:**
  - Couple
  - Family/Kids
  - For Art Lovers
  - Senior
  - Solo
  - Women
  - Youth
- **Country:**
  - Africa
  - Tanzania
- **Routes:**
  - Kilimanjaro International Airport

- Marangu Gate
- Mandara Huts
- Horombo Huts
- Kibo Huts
- **Pickup:** Kilimajaro International Airport;

From:12:00 AM

To:12:00 AM

- **Drop-off:** Kilimajaro International Airport;

From:12:00 AM

To:12:00 PM

- **Age Range:** 10 - 80 (Years Old)
- **Tour Highlights:**

Advance booking of hut accommodation is required to avoid any inconveniences. The route starts from the park headquarters in the village of Marangu and heads straight westwards towards Kibo.

The trail goes through lush rainforest, heath and moorland to alpine desert and ultimately the arctic zone at the peak and same route down.

- **Tour Introduction:**

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.

This is far from the truth to be honest! The fact that it requires a minimum of 5 days to complete it does not mean that it is easier than any other route.

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. An optional acclimatization day at Horombo Huts is highly recommended for those with no prior trekking in altitude experience under their belt.

- **Itinerary:**
  - **Day 1: Marangu Gate (1860m) to Mandara Hut (2700m)**

After breakfast, you will be collected from your lodge in Moshi and taken to the Marangu gate. Once the necessary paper work has been completed, your trek can begin and you will soon be hiking through the dense rainforest. Alongside the impressive vegetation, you will have the chance to catch a glimpse of some primates as you head to the Mandara Hut. After a well-earned rest, your guide can take you to the Maundi Crater where you can enjoy the wonderful view of the Kenyan interior. Distance covered: 8.3

km / 5.2mi Approx. time taken: 5 hours Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

◦ Day 2: **Mandara Hut (2700m) to Horombo Hut (3700m)**

The day begins with an early breakfast. Shortly after you have left Mandara Hut, you will reach the timberline and then enter the heath and moor zone. Approximately 4 – 6 hours later, the Horombo Hut will come into sight, standing at an altitude of 3700m. From the hut, you will have fantastic views overlooking Mawenzi, Kibo and the wide plain of the Masai steppe. Distance covered: 12.5km / 7.8mi Approx. time taken: 9 hours Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

◦ Day 3: **Acclimatization trek to Zebra Rocks (4020m) then back to Horombo Hut (3700m)**

Leaving the pine forest behind we carry on Today serves as an acclimatization day. This should not be underestimated and greatly improves your chance of success in reaching the summit. After a relaxing breakfast, a 4 hour trek follows to the Zebra Rocks (4020m). The distinctive black and white stripes give the rock formation its name. On your return to Horombo Hut, a warm lunch will be waiting for you. You can relax in the afternoon and regain your strength for the hike the following day. Distance covered: 5km / 3.1mi Approx. time taken: 4 hours Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included with a steady ascent walking through moorland. There are superb views of the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim of Kibo, the highest of the three volcanoes which form the mountain. We will leave the main trail and strike out across moorland on a smaller path towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi, the second of Kilimanjaro's volcanoes. We will set up camp today in the sheltered valley near Kikelewa caves at 3630m Distance covered: 5km / 3.1mi Approx. time taken: 3 – 4 hrs Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

◦ Day 4: **Horombo Hut (3700m) to Kibo Hut (4700m)**

Today's stage is long and tough. The well-built trail passes the "Last Water point" which is followed by the so-called "saddle". This nearly vegetation less plateau joins the main summit Kibo with Mawenzi. Today's destination is the Kibo Hut that is usually reached in about 5 – 6 hours. Here, you will enjoy an early evening meal followed by an early night, as the night will be short. Distance covered: 9.5km / 5.9mi Approx. time taken: 7 hours Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

◦ Day 5: **Kibo Hut (4700m) to UHURU PEAK (5895m) & down to Horombo Hut (3700m)**

Today is "The Big Day" – the summit stage. You will begin your final ascent around midnight which will be long and strenuous. Passing the Hans Meyer Cave at 5220m, the climb slowly but surely goes upwards. At sunrise, you will reach Gillman's Point (5681m) – the crater rim of Kilimanjaro – where the sun will slowly start to warm up the land. You will have soon forgotten the cold of the night and after a further hike of 1 – 2 hours, you will reach Uhuru Peak at 5895m. On your return to Kibo Hut, a warm meal awaits you followed by a 1 – 2 hour break before proceeding back down to Horombo Hut. Distance covered: 22km / 13.7mi Approx. time taken: 12 – 15 hours Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

◦ Day 6: **Horombo Hut (3700m) to Marangu Gate (1860m)**

The last stage passes through the heath and moor zone to the Mandara Hut (2700m) where a warm lunch is waiting for you. Soon, you will once again pass the tropical rainforest and after a total time of 6 hours trekking, you will be back at the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate (1860m). After saying goodbye to your mountain guides, a short transfer follows to take you back to your hotel in Moshi. Once there, you can take a warm and relaxing shower and celebrate your success in reaching the summit of the Kilimanjaro. Distance covered: 20.8km / 12.9mi Approx. time taken: 8 hours Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Location	Nights	Type	Property Name	Rating	Occupancy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pickup &amp; Drop-Off</b></li> <li>• <b>Guide</b></li> <li>• <b>Meals</b></li> <li>• <b>Transport</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Private Vehicle</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

## WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Flights
- Insurance
- Transport
- **Other Excluded:**
  - 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

## Covid Safety

100% climb safe and drop safe too under the guidelines from WHO such as:

**Wear a mask in public**, stay 6 feet apart from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces. You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, get tested and stay home and away from others.

## **Tour Cancellation Policy**

Free cancellation up to 2 day(s) prior departure, Or traveler will pay 20 % of the tour amount

## **Good To Know**

## **FAQs**