



## Kilimanjaro Climbing - Coca Cola route

Free cancellation up to 61 day(s) prior departure, after which the tour cancellation policy applies.

- **Activities:**
  - Photography
  - 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
  - Senior
  - Solo
  - Women
  - Youth
- **Country:**
  - Africa
  - Tanzania
- **Routes:**
  - Marangu Gate
  - Mandara Huts
  - Horombo Huts
  - Uhuru Peak
  - Horombo Huts
  - Mandara Huts
  - Marangu Gate
- **Pickup:** Kilimanjaro Airport;

From:12:00 AM

To:12:00 AM

- **Drop-off:** Kilimanjaro Airport;

From:12:00 AM

To:12:00 AM

- **Age Range:** 12 - 99 (Years Old)
- **Tour Highlights:**

Marangu is the oldest climbing route on Kilimanjaro. It is the only route that provides huts in dormitory-style accommodations instead of Camping Tents. Although it's possible to climb Marangu in only five days, we strongly recommend six days, to allow acclimatization.

- **Tour Introduction:**

The Marangu route, also known as the “Coca-Cola” route, is the oldest, most well established route on Kilimanjaro. This is the only route which offers sleeping huts in dormitory style accommodations in lieu of camping. There are 60 bunk beds each at Mandara and Kibo Huts, and 120 bunk beds at Horombo Hut. Guests are supplied with mattresses and pillows, but sleeping bags are still required. The huts have communal dining halls and basic washrooms, ranging from flushing toilets and running water at the lower huts to long drop toilets and buckets of water at Kibo Hut.

Many favor Marangu because it is considered to be the easiest path on the mountain, given its gradual slope and direct path. However the short time frame of the route makes altitude acclimatization fairly difficult. The route approaches Mount Kilimanjaro from the southeast. Marangu is unfortunately less scenic than the other routes because the ascent and descent are along the same path. It is also the most crowded route for that reason.

- **Itinerary:**

- Day 1: **Marangu Gate To Mandara Hut**

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. Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut Elevation (ft): 6,046 ft to 8,858 ft Distance: 8 km/5 miles Hiking Time: 4-5 hours Habitat: Rain Forest

- Day 2: **Mandara Hut To Horombo Hut**

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. Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut Elevation (ft): 8,858 ft to 12,205 ft Distance: 12 km/7 miles Hiking Time: 6-8 hours Habitat: Heath

◦ Day 3: **Horombo To Mawenzi Ridge**

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. Horombo Hut to Mawenzi Ridge Elevation (ft): 12,205 ft to 14,400 ft Distance: 5 km/3 miles Hiking Time: 2-3 hours Habitat: Heath Mawenzi Ridge to Horombo Hut Elevation (ft): 14,400 ft to 12,205 Distance: 5 km/3 miles Hiking Time: 1-2 hours Habitat: Heath

◦ Day 4: **Horombo To Kibo Hut**

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. Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut Elevation (ft): 12,205 ft to 15,430 ft Distance: 10 km/6 miles Hiking Time: 6-8 hours Habitat: Alpine Desert

◦ Day 5: **Kibo Hut To Uhuru Peak To Horombo Hut**

The push for the final ascent to Uhuru Peak ! You will be woken at around 11:30pm to make a start just after midnight. This is where your grit and determination will be called upon but your reward is possibly the most amazing sunrise you’ll ever see on the horizon behind Mawenzi. You’ll probably be around Gilman’s Point (5685m) at this time so it’s time for a much needed breather before walking around the top of the crater rim, passing Stella Point and finally reaching Uhuru. Take some time to enjoy the views of the crater and glaciers then you’ll retrace your steps back to Kibo for breakfast and a rest. You’ll then descend back down to Horombo hut which will feel oxygen rich after the summit and a long nights sleep. Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak Elevation (ft): 15,430 ft to 19,341 ft Distance: 6 km/4 miles Hiking Time: 6-8 hours Habitat: Arctic Uhuru Peak to Horombo Hut Elevation (ft): 19,341 ft to 12,250 ft Distance: 16 km/10 miles Hiking Time: 4-5 hours Habitat: Heath

◦ Day 6: **Horombo Hut To Marangu Gate**

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 at the gate and drive us back to the hotel in Moshi. Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate Elevation (ft): 12,205 ft to 6,046 ft Distance: 20 km/12 miles Hiking Time: 5-7 hours Habitat: Rain Forest

## WHAT’S INCLUDED

Location	Nights	Type	Property Name	Rating	Occupancy
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Moshi	2	Hotel	Chanya	3	Private
Moshi	2	Hotel	Chanya	3	Shared

### • Pickup & Drop-Off

We provide airport transfers from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) to your pre-climb hotel in Arusha. You will be met as you come out of Arrivals by a Claris Tours and Travel representative holding a board saying “Claris Tours and Travel” with your name on it as well. Your transfer from Kilimanjaro airport to Arusha will take about an hour. When you arrive at your hotel you can agree the time for your pre-trek briefing that evening, when your guide will carry out a gear check and also review the route with you.

We will also drop you back at Kilimanjaro International Airport in time for you to catch your flight home

### • Guide

- Our guides Licensed by the National Park and are certified Wilderness First Responders (WFR)
- Our guides conduct health checks twice daily using pulse oximeters to measure pulse and oxygen saturation
- Also carry emergency oxygen cylinder a portable stretcher and a medical kit on all our Mt Kilimanjaro climbs

### • Meals

- Halal
- Kosher
- Meat
- Vegan
- Vegetarian

Our chefs will serve large, healthy meals to keep you happy and well-fed on your Kilimanjaro climb.

Our menus are designed to be nutritionally-dense, with plenty of variety to cater to the energy demands of the trek.

Breakfast is usually porridge followed by sausage and eggs, toast and marmalade or jams and hot drinks such as tea, coffee or chocolate. Climbers are asked to communicate with the guide as regards their appetites or we will tend to err on the side of caution in providing much more food than necessary.

Lunch is usually a packed lunch that you will carry in your daypack. It normally consists of a boiled egg, some sandwiches, a chicken portion, fresh fruit and a cold drink. At the end of the day's walking, afternoon tea is served with biscuits, peanuts and, best of all, salted popcorn and

plenty of hot drinks.

Dinner begins with soup, followed by a main course including chicken or meat, a vegetable sauce, some cabbage, and rice, pasta or potatoes, with fresh fruit for dessert .

- **Insurance**

Clariss Tours and Travel does not provide travel insurance and you must obtain personal travel insurance with medical, evacuation and repatriation coverage covering all applicable dates of travel with us. This insurance should cover personal injuries and emergency medical expenses. We strongly recommended that you extend your coverage to include cancellation and all other expenses that might arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay etc. You should make sure your insurance company is aware of the type of travel you plan to undertake, in order to get the right type of insurance.

## **WHAT'S EXCLUDED**

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

## **Covid Safety**

All Clariss and Tours and Travel Staffs have got the COVID19 vaccine. Despite the vaccine they also wash hands frequently with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

## **Tour Cancellation Policy**

Free cancellation up to 61 day(s) prior departure, Or traveler will pay 20 % of the tour amount

If you're obligated to cancel or postpone your tour due to a Corona-virus-related travel ban for travel out of your country of residence or into Tanzania, either by the government of your country of residence or by Tanzanian government, we will adapt our cancellation policy. If you wish to postpone your trip to a later date, the conditions written in article 9 of these Terms and Conditions apply as usual. If you're forced to cancel your trip, we will reimburse you the full price of your booking minus all expenses that have already been made by Clariss Tours and Travel at the time of cancellation and that cannot be recovered. We'll charge a service fee of 100 USD per group to cover costs related to your booking, such as but not limited to salaries and office costs.

## **Good To Know**

## **FAQs**

