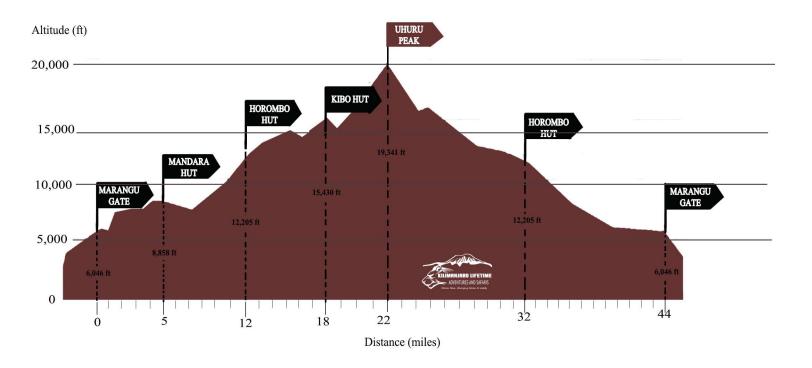




**KILIMANJARO CLIMBING - MARANGU ROUTE 5 DAYS** 

# **OVERVIEW**

**Marangu Route Kilimanjaro climb** is more developed route and the first discovered where the Kilimanjaro National Parks headquarters are located. Climbing Kilimanjaro via Marangu route, climbers will approach the Kilimanjaro on the southeast. Marangu route is the easiest Kilimanjaro hiking route because it is more developed with the reduced adventure of camping as climbers will be overnight in the huts other than sleeping in tents. Marangu huts are equipped with bunk beds with supplies of mattresses and pillows but still you will need a sleeping bag. Moreover, the huts are with dining halls with equipped washrooms.

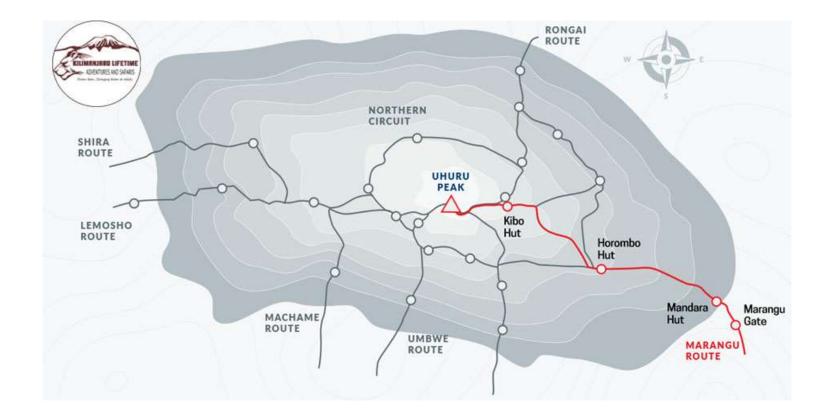


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## **TOUR ITINERARY**

#### **ARRIVE IN TANZANIA**

You will be picked up at the Kilimanjaro International Airport and transferred to Parkview Inn hotel/ in Moshi town; you will meet your 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.

✓ Hotel accommodation (Bed & Breakfast).

Day 1: Marangu Gate - Mandara Hut

#### Departing

Departing from Moshi a 60-minute drive will take you through the Village of Marangu to the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate. We will patiently wait for our permits to be issued while watching the hustle and bustle of operations as many crews prepare for the journey ahead enjoy the beautiful rainforest scenery and windy trails while your guide tells you about the local flora and fauna and natural wildlife. At these lower elevations, the trail can be muddy and quite slippery. We highly recommend proper rain gear and trekking poles. We will spend our first night at Mandara Hut, a group of wooden A-framed huts set in a forest clearing

- ✓ Transport: Private transfer (1 hour, 40 km)
- ✓ Hiking time: 3 4 hours (7 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 720 m
- ✓ altitude: 2700 m
- Accommodation: Hut
- Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

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## Day 2: Mandara Hut - Horombo Hut

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, we emerge from the rainforest and continue on an ascending path, through heath land, looking for giant lobelias and groundsels. Continue up into open moorlands where small shrubs are the main vegetation. Stop halfway for lunch, to enjoy amazing views of Mawenzi. Arrive at the Horombo Huts late afternoon beneath the spectacular Kibo Summit viewpoint. Temperatures begin to drop.

- ✓ Hiking time: 6 7 hours (11 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 1020 m
- ✓ altitude: 3720 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Hut
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

## Day 3: Horombo Hut - Kibo Hut

After breakfast, we continue through the dwindling heath land that blends into a moonscape as you enter the sweeping saddle connecting Mawenzi and Kibo. Here while we stop for lunch, and later when you cross this surprisingly large saddle, you can examine the summit climb up Kibo that you will be starting in just a few hours. The last place where water is available is at 4130m. From Kibo Hut, the summit is now a further 1195m of ascent. We will make our summit ascent tonight so we will have to go to bed early to get as much rest as possible.

- ✓ Hiking time: 6 7 hours (10 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 980 m
- ✓ altitude: 4700 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Hut
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

## Day 4: Kibo Hut - Uhuru Peak - Horombo Hut

Excitement is building as morning comes with an early start between midnight and 2 a.m. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. We continue our way to the summit in a switchback formation trying to stay warm and focused on the amazing sense of accomplishment that lies ahead. With a switchback motion, we ascend through heavy scree and possibly snow toward Gillman's Point on the crater rim. You will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise during your short rest here. Faster hikers may view the sunrise from the summit. From here on your remaining 1 hour ascent to Uhuru Peak, you are likely to encounter snow all the way. Congratulations, one step at a time you have now reached Uhuru Peak, the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the entire continent of Africa! Later we shall descend our way back to Kibo have breakfast then head towards Horombo.

- ✓ Hiking time: 12 14 hours (17 km)
- ✓ Ascent: 1195 m
- ✓ Descent: 2175 m
- ✓ altitude: 5895 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Hut
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

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## Day 5: Horombo Hut - Marangu Gate

After breakfast and a heartfelt ceremony of appreciation and team bonding with your crew, it's time to say goodbye. We continue the descent down stopping at the Mandara Huts for lunch. Remember to tip your guides, cooks, and porters, since you will be leaving them here. You return back to the Marangu Park Gate and receive your summit certificates. As the weather is drastically warmer, the terrain is wet, muddy, and steep and we highly recommend gaiters and trekking poles. From the gate, a vehicle will meet you to drive you back to your hotel in Moshi (about 60 minutes).

- ✓ Transport: Private transfer (1 hour, 40 km)
- ✓ Hiking time: 6 7 hours (18 km)
- ✓ Descent: 1740 m
- ✓ altitude: 3720 m
- ✓ Accommodation: Parkview Inn
- ✓ Meals included: Breakfast / Lunch

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### Depart Tanzania

#### Moshi

The day is left free to wind down after the trek before your flight home. Depending on flight times you could go and explore Moshi town and grab some gifts before heading to the airport. Our vehicle will be ready to take you to the airport at your time.

✓ Hotel: Bed &Breakfast

#### PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Kilimanjaro Airport Pickup and Drop Off
- ✓ 2 Nights' hotel accommodation in Moshi is included.
- ✓ All transfers to the mountain and back to your hotel in Moshi
- ✓ Professional, experienced, mountain guides
- ✓ Guides, Porters, cook salaries and park fees.
- ✓ Oxygen Cylinder
- $\checkmark~$  Quality, waterproof, four seasons private mountain sleeping tents.
- ✓ Sleeping Mattress
- ✓ All meals while on the mountain
- ✓ Quality mess tents with table and chairs
- ✓ Large portions of fresh, healthy, nutritious food
- Clean purified drinking water
- ✓ Kilimanjaro National Park Entrance fees
- ✓ All Government taxes and levies include 18% VAT.
- Community Development Fund & Conservation Fund

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- International or Local Flights
- Optional activities
- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Passport and Visa fees
- Personal spending money for souvenirs etc.
- Travel insurance.
- Travel Documents (Yellow Fever Certificate etc.)
- Tip for your crew.

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