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Mount Kilimanjaro Climbing via Marangu Route – 6 day-itinerary

(For the 5-day route, simply exclude the additional acclimatisation day at Horombo hut - day 3 on the itinerary below.)

Total hiking distance: Approximately 96 kms (excludes acclimatisation hikes on day three)

Affectionately known as the "**Coca-Cola route**", Marangu is by far the most popular route to the summit of Kilimanjaro. This could partly be as a result of the fact that the Marangu is the least expensive route, but more so, perhaps the fact that it is possible to do the Marangu route in 5 days, thereby getting to the summit one day earlier than on the Machame route. This is not always the best way due to a shorter acclimatisation period.

The Marangu route does however offer you the option of spending an extra acclimatisation day on the mountain. This extends the route to a 6-day march, greatly increasing your chances of success. Hut accommodation on the Marangu route forms one of the main differences, compared to the other routes.

It offers you the relative luxury of being able to sleep in huts along the entire route. Mineral water, soft drinks, chocolates and beers are also sold at all the camps on this route. All your equipment and supplies are portered and a cook prepares all your meals.

Day 1 – Arusha or Kilimanjaro Airport / Moshi

You are met at the Airport or in Arusha City, drive to Moshi.

Overnight: Hotel in Moshi.

Day 2 – Moshi Town / Mandara Hut: Marangu Gate (1980m) - Mandara hut (2700m)

Hiking time: 5h

Distance: Approximately 12kms

Habitat: Montane forest

The drive from Moshi to the Kilimanjaro National Park gate, takes about 50 minutes. The journey passes through the village of Marangu, which is located on the lower slopes of the mountain. Once you reach the park gate, all hikers are requested to sign in at the Park office and make their final preparations for the climb.

Porters will be seen arranging and loading their packs, containing the food, water, cooking gas as well as most of your equipment. Make sure that you have all your daypack items (containing at least drinking water, your lunch pack and extra clothing) with you as the porters ascend a lot quicker than the hikers. Our guides will be available to assist with any additional information or needs you might have.

You now leave the Park gate and ascend on a cleared ridge trail through the rain forest. The forest, suffused with mist and dripping with beads of moss, is also where most of Kilimanjaro's animals are found. (An alternative and more scenic parallel forest trail branches off to the left a few minutes after the gate. This trail follows the edge of a stream through the undergrowth and offers you the option to rejoin the main trail either after 1.5 hours hiking, or 1 hour before Mandara hut.)

Your first night stop, Mandara hut, is a group of wooden A-framed huts in a forest clearing. Each hut features 6-8 sleeping bunks with solar generated lighting. The total capacity of the camp is 60 climbers. Water is piped into the camp from springs above and there are flush toilets behind the main hut.

Overnight – Mandara Hut

Day 3 – Mandara Hut / Horombo Hut: Mandara hut (2700m) - Horombo hut (3720m)

Hiking time: 6h

Distance: Approximately 15kms

Habitat: Moorland

From Mandara hut the trail passes through a short stretch of forest, then skirts the base of the Maundi Crater and then emerges into the transition from rain forest to moorland. It is well worth a short detour to scramble up the rim of the Maundi

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Crater for your first really impressive view of the Kibo Crater. On a clear day, Kibo will glimmer in the distance, showing off her majestic glaciers in the morning sun.

Once you are in the open moorland you will get the chance to see some of Kilimanjaro's most spectacular plants - the endemic giant lobelia which grows up to 3 m in height and the giant groundsel (*Senecia Kilimanjaro*), which can reach heights of 5m! After about 6 hours from here you reach the Horombo hut, where you will have hot washing water, rest; an evening meal.

Day 4 – Horombo Hut – Acclimatization Day: Horombo hut (3720m).

Horombo hut is a village of huts perched on a small plateau, with buildings similar to Mandara, but with a total capacity of 120 climbers! Horombo is normally bustling with hikers, guides and porters, with an atmosphere of adventure and excitement. You will meet both ascending and descending hikers here. This extra day and night at Horombo is for additional acclimatisation. A hike towards the Mawenzi hut, passing the Zebra Rocks on the way (about 3 hours up and 1,5 hours down), is strongly recommended. This hike will further assist with the process of acclimatization. Remember to drink enough water and move slowly! All meals for the day are provided at the hut. Retire to bed early and get a last good night's rest

Overnight: Horombo Hut.

Day 5 – Horombo Hut / Kibo Hut: Horombo hut (3720m) - Kibo hut (4700m)

Hiking time: 6h

Distance: Approximately 15kms

Habitat: Alpine desert

After breakfast you now continue your ascent into the Alpine desert habitat. From Horombo there are two trails to the "Saddle" (which refers to the area located between the peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo). There is an upper route (right hand fork) and lower route (left hand fork) to choose from. The upper route (right hand fork) will be very familiar, as you will have climbed most of it the previous day towards Mawenzi hut. It is very stony and eroded.

The recommended lower route (left hand fork) is much easier and nearly an hour shorter, and it also passes the last watering point at 4130m. You will have to fill your water bottles with all the water you will need until your return to Horombo hut in two night's time (unless you are willing to buy Mineral water at Kibo hut). Once again remember to slow down and drink enough water!!!

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Situated in the barren Alpine desert is Horombo hut, a stone build block house which has bunk beds for 60 climbers, but **no streams with water nearby**. It is however possible to buy mineral water and soft drinks at the camp office. There are platform toilets behind the hut.

The summit is now a further 1195m up and you will make your final ascent the same night. Prepare your equipment, ski-stick and thermal clothing for your summit bid. This should include the replacement of your headlamp and camera batteries and make sure you have a spare set available as well. To prevent freezing it will be wise to carry your water in a thermal flask. Go to bed at round about 19h00 and try to get as much rest and sleep as possible.

Overnight: Kibo Hut.

Day 6 –Kibo Hut = Uhuru Peak / Horombo Hut: (Summit Attempt) Kibo hut (4700m) - Uhuru Peak (5895m) - Horombo hut (3720m)

Hiking time: 8h to Uhuru, 6h to get to Horombo

Distance: Approximately 6kms ascent, 21kms descent

Habitat: Stone scree and ice-capped summit

You will rise around 23h30, and after some tea and biscuits you shuffle off into the night, and this is where the going really gets tough. The first section of the trail consists of a rocky path to the Hans Meyer Cave (5150m), also a good resting spot. The path then zigzags up to Gillman's point (5681m), which is located on the crater rim. This section is very steep with a lot of stone scree, requiring a great physical and mental effort. This is probably the most demanding section of the entire route. Do the Kili shuffle and **move slowly**.

From Gillmans Point you will normally encounter snow all the way up to Uhuru peak (5895m), the highest point in Africa. **Total exhilaration and satisfaction - you made it.** Weather conditions on the summit will determine how long you will be able to spend, taking photographs, before the 3 hour descent back to Kibo hut. After a short rest you gather all your gear you left behind for the ascent and head down to Horombo hut (3 hours) for your overnight.

The return to Horombo hut will seem surprisingly fast compared to the ascent. The total time spent walking on this day is around 14 hours, so be prepared for a very tough day. Later in the evening you enjoy your last dinner (with soft drinks and beer for sale at the camp office) on the mountain and a well-earned sleep, filled with memories and stirring emotions.

Overnight: Horombo Hut.

Day 7– Horombo hut (3720m) - Marangu Gate (1980m)

Hiking time: 6h

Distance: Approximately 27kms

After breakfast you continue your descent (6 hours), passing the Mandara hut, down to the Marangu gate. It is strongly recommended not to pay your porters any tips until you and all your gear have reached the gate safely. (More info on tips see below.) At Marangu gate you sign your name and details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive their **summit certificates**.

Those climbers who reached Gillman's Point (5685m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak (5895m), receive gold certificates. You now drive back to Moshi for a long overdue hot shower, dinner and celebrations!! Overnight at the hotel in Moshi.

Day 8 –Moshi /Arusha City or Kilimanjaro Airport

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Airport for your return flight or to Arusha to start your safari.

An overview: climbing Marangu Route

Known as the "Coca-Cola" route, the Marangu route approaches Kilimanjaro from the southeast. It is the oldest, most well established route.

Many favor the Marangu route because it is considered to be the easiest path on the mountain, given its gradual slope and direct path.

Marangu is the only route which offers sleeping huts in dormitory style

accommodations. There are 60 bunk beds each at Mandara and Kibo Huts, and 120 bunk beds at Horombo Hut.

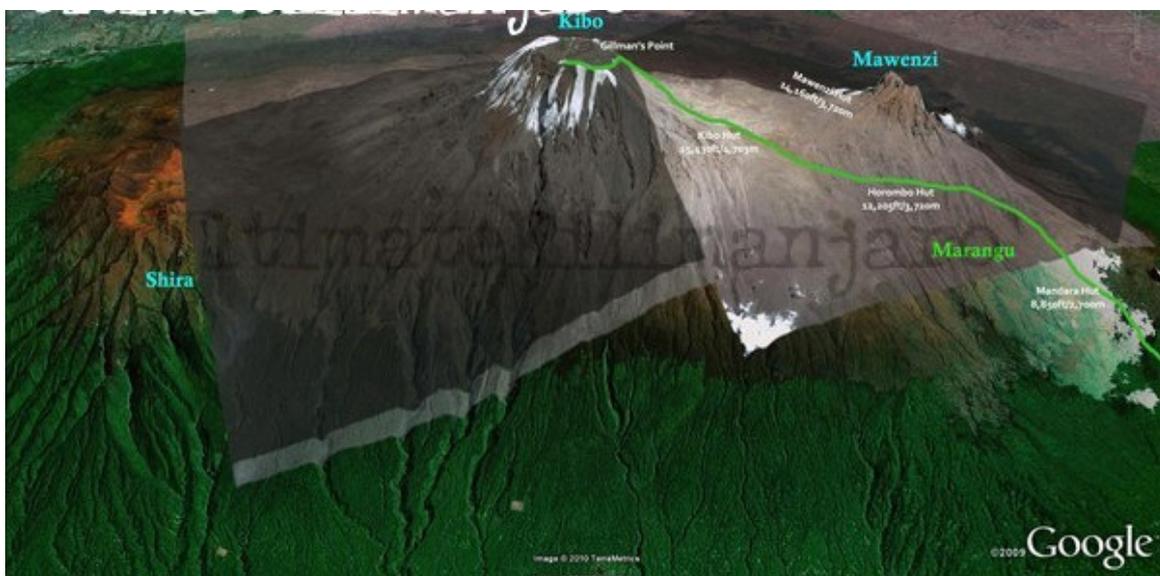


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Guests are supplied with mattresses and pillows, but sleeping bags are still required. The huts have communal dining halls and basic washrooms, ranging from flushing toilets and running water at the lower huts to long drop toilets and buckets of water at Kibo Hut. Also available for consumption are soft drinks, bottled water, and beer.

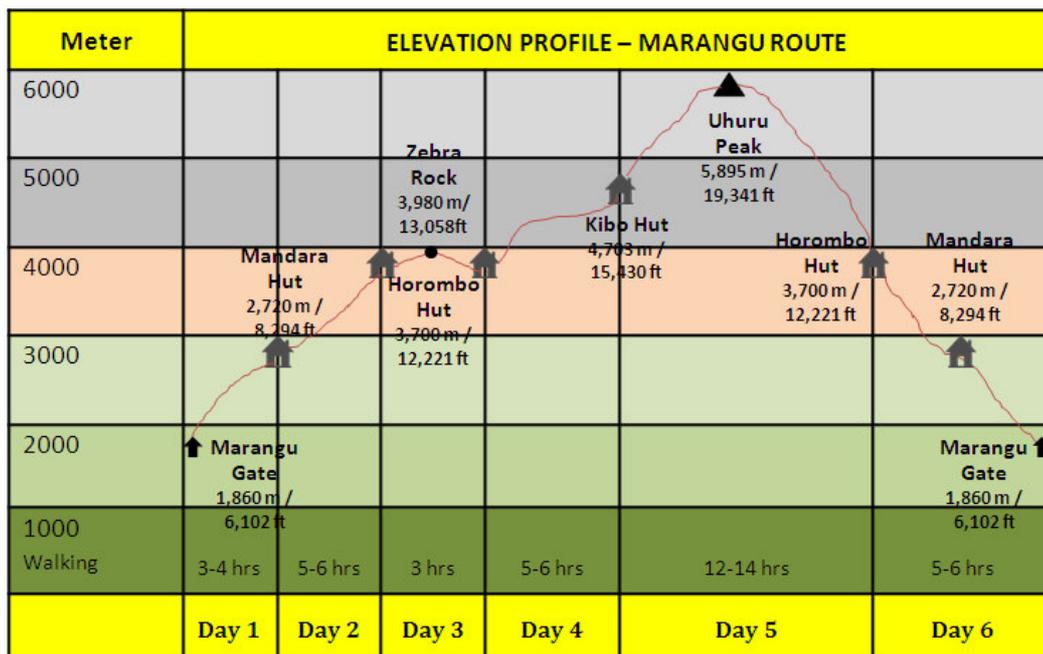


The minimum days required for this route is five, although the probability of successfully reaching the top in that time period is quite low. Spending an extra acclimatization day on the mountain is highly recommended. The Marangu route is a classic trek to the top of Kilimanjaro. However, it has the least scenic variety of all routes (ascent and descent are done on the same path) and is the most crowded for that reason.



6 DAYS MARANGU ROUTE

DAY	START	GOAL	ELEVATION	DISTANCE	WALKING TIME
Day 1	Marangu Gate (1,860 m / 6,102 ft)	Mandara Hut (2,720 m / 8,924 ft)	↑ 835 m 2,740 ft	7 km 4.4 miles	3-4 hrs
Day 2	Mandara Hut (2720 m / 8924 ft)	Horombo Hut (3,720 m / 12,205 ft)	↑ 1,000 m 3,280 ft	11 km 6.8 miles	5-6 hrs
Day 3	Horombo Hut (3,720 m / 12,205 ft)	Acclimatization Day	↑↓ 800 m 2,600 ft	5-8 km 3-5 miles	3 hrs
Day 4	Horombo Hut (3,720 m / 12,205 ft)	Kibo Hut (4,703 m / 15,430 ft)	↑ 983 m 3,225 ft	12 km 7.5 miles	5-6 hrs
Day 5	Kibo Hut (4,703 m / 15,430 ft)	Uhuru Peak (5,895 m / 19,341 ft)	↑ 1,192 m 3,910 ft	21 km 13 miles	12-14 hrs
		Uhuru Peak to Horombo	↓ 2,175 m 7,136 ft		
Day 6	Horombo Hut (3,720 m / 12,205 ft)	Marangu Gate (1860 m/6,102 ft)	↓ 1,880 m 6,168 ft	18 km 11 miles	5-6 hrs
Total			8,865 m 29,085 ft	69 km 43 miles	39 hrs



Rates Year 2017 (Ground Package Costs)

1 Night Hotel – 4 nights Climbing (1 Nt Mandara Hut – 1 Nt Horombo Hut – 1 Nt Kibo - Hut – 1 Nt Horombo Hut) -1 Night Hotel

Season 2017	Number of Pax	Per Person Sharing	Single Room Supplement
1 st January To 31 st December 2017	1 Pax only	1.723,00 €	86,00 €
	2 Pax Each	1.659,00 €	86,00 €
	3 Pax Each	1.570,00 €	86,00 €
	4 Pax Each	1.459,00 €	86,00 €
	5 Pax and Above	1.435,00 €	86,00 €

1 Night Hotel – 5 nights Climbing (1 Nt Mandara Hut – 2 Nts Horombo Hut – 1 Nt Kibo- Hut – 1 Nt Horombo Hut) – 1 Night Hotel

Season 2017	Number of Pax	Per Person Sharing	Single Room Supplement
1 st January To 31 st December 2017	1 Pax only	2.003,00 €	86,00 €
	2 Pax Each	1.880,00 €	86,00 €
	3 Pax Each	1.862,00 €	86,00 €
	4 Pax Each	1.707,00 €	86,00 €
	5 Pax and Above	1.682,00 €	86,00 €

Included in the trekking costs are the following:

- Transfers from Arusha or Kilimanjaro Airport.
- Accommodation, meals as per the program.
- Hut Fees, Entry Fees, Park fees.
- 2 porters for each climber (15Kgs each porter), Guide, Assistant Guide.
- Rescue fees.

Not included in the trekking costs are the following:

- Other meals not mentioned as included, items of a personal nature,
- Gratuities to Porters and Guide/s - the driver guides.
- Mountain Equipments.
- All type of drinks.
- Visa and visa fees for Tanzania.
- Visa fees (currently US\$ 50.00 per passport holder – US CITIZEN US\$ 100.00). Visas are available on arrival at all Entry point/s
- Flying doctors coverage: Optional @ US\$ 50.00 per person.
 - Covers you within East Africa for a period of 14 days. In the eventuality of a medical emergency, you will be airlifted to Nairobi where you will be taken to a good hospital. Hospital bills are born by the patient
 - We highly recommended you to have your personal insurance.

Guideline for tipping

Number of climbers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Porters	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Cook	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Head guides	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Assistant guides		1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	4