6 Days Marangu Route

THE CLASSIC HUT-TO-HUT CLIMB

Marangu is Kilimanjaro’s only standard route using mountain huts rather than tents. Our six-day itinerary includes an essential acclimatization day at Horombo, making it a more responsible choice than the compressed five-day version.

Trip facts

DURATION	6 days
HIGHEST POINT	5,895 m (19,341 ft)
ROUTE	Marangu Route
DIFFICULTY	Challenging for its length
ACCOMMODATION	huts
DISTANCE	70 km
STARTS	Marangu Gate
ENDS	Marangu Gate
BEST MONTHS	Jan · Feb · Mar · Jun · Jul · Aug · Sep · Oct
INDICATIVE PRICE	US$2,100

Day by day

DAY 01

Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut

1,860 m → 2,720 m · 8 km · 4–5 hrs · Rainforest · +860 m

Climb through rich montane forest to Mandara Hut. The team establishes conservative pacing from the outset.

DAY 02

Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut

2,720 m → 3,720 m · 12 km · 5–7 hrs · Heath / moorland · +1,000 m

Leave the forest and enter open moorland with views of Mawenzi and Kibo.

DAY 03

Horombo Acclimatization Day

3,720 m → 3,720 m · 3–5 hrs · Moorland · +280 m · −280 m

A purposeful acclimatization hike toward Zebra Rocks or higher terrain, followed by descent to sleep at Horombo.

DAY 04

Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

3,720 m → 4,700 m · 10 km · 5–7 hrs · Alpine desert · +980 m

Cross the Saddle to Kibo Hut. Rest, eat early and prepare for the summit attempt.

DAY 05

Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak to Horombo Hut

4,700 m → 3,720 m · 20 km · 12–16 hrs · Arctic summit to moorland · +1,195 m · −2,175 m

Depart around midnight, climb via Gilman’s Point to Uhuru Peak, then descend to Horombo for a well-earned rest.

DAY 06

Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate

3,720 m → 1,860 m · 20 km · 5–7 hrs · Moorland / rainforest

Descend through Mandara to the park gate for certificates and transfer back to Moshi.

What is and is not included

Included

- Airport pick-up and drop-off - Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) to/from your hotel
- Pre & post-climb accommodation - 2 nights in Moshi (1 night before and 1 night after the climb) on Bed & Breakfast basis
- Private transfers to/from the mountain gate - Hotel to Kilimanjaro trailhead and exit gate to hotel
- Kilimanjaro National Park entrance fees
- Hut fees
- Kilimanjaro National Park rescue fees
- All applicable government taxes & VAT
- Professional, licensed English-speaking Kilimanjaro mountain guide
- Assistant mountain guides - according to group size
- Professional mountain chef/cook
- Porters - to carry group equipment, food and clients permitted duffel luggage
- All mountain crew wages and salaries
- Three freshly prepared meals per day on the mountain - breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Nutritious snacks during the trek
- Clean, purified drinking water throughout the climb
- Hot water for washing each morning and evening where practical
- Comfortable sleeping mattresses
- Emergency supplemental oxygen
- Pulse oximeter for monitoring blood oxygen saturation and pulse during the climb
- First-aid kit and mountain emergency equipment
- Daily health monitoring by the mountain guide
- Pre-climb briefing and equipment check
- 24/7 emergency communication support between the mountain team and operations

Not included

- International and domestic flights
- Tanzania entry visa
- Travel and medical insurance - clients should have appropriate coverage for high-altitude trekking up to at least 6,000 metres
- Helicopter/air evacuation or specialist medical evacuation unless specifically included by the client insurance policy
- Personal trekking equipment and clothing, including hiking boots, sleeping bag, down jacket, trekking poles, daypack and other personal gear
- Equipment rental, unless specifically included in the quotation
- Tips/gratuities for mountain guides, assistant guides, cook and porters
- Lunch and dinner at the hotel before or after the climb unless specified
- Soft drinks, alcoholic beverages and bottled drinks outside those specifically included
- Personal snacks and energy bars brought by the client
- Laundry services
- Telephone calls, SIM cards, internet/data charges and other communication expenses
- Additional hotel nights or transfers caused by flight changes, early arrival or late departure
- Single-room or single-tent supplement, where applicable
- Extra porter required for luggage exceeding the permitted mountain weight
- Personal expenses such as souvenirs and shopping
- Any activities, accommodation, meals, transfers or services not specifically stated in the itinerary
- Costs arising from itinerary changes requested by the client or circumstances outside the company control

Before you travel

Bring boots you have already walked at least fifty kilometres in, layers rather than one thick garment, and travel insurance whose altitude clause covers 5,895 m. The full packing list is at trekupkilimanjaro.com/kilimanjaro-guide/packing-list/.

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