



Kilimanjaro Marangu Route

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Visit: Kilimanjaro-Marangu Gate-Mandara Hut-Horombo Hut-Kibo Hut-Horombo Hut-Marangu Gate

Private Touring

- Flexible Dates
- Flexible Itinerary
- Upgrade Accommodation
- Local Guide Service
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle

Tour Vehicle

Car or Small Van AC

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01: Day 01: Arrive Kilimanjaro

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport, you will be met by our representative and taken to Keys Hotel. It is a family run hotel located on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, with comfortable accommodation, variety of meals, clean swimming pool and friendly services. Located only ten minutes walking distance to Moshi town centre, palatable meal and luxurious accommodation; Keys Hotel is the most spectacular place one will always wish to stay, Keys Hotel - 2700 ft.

Day 02: Day 02: Marangu Gate (1,843 m/6,046 ft) – Mandara Hut (2,700m/8,860 ft)

Walking distance: 8 km/5 miles Walking time: 3-4 hours Altitude gain: 857 m/2,814 ft After breakfast you will be transferred to the Marangu Gate at Kilimanjaro National Park. Today, walk through the beautiful rainforest with dense vegetation, often on a muddy trail. The trekking pace is slow and very comfortable, ensuring you have enough time to enjoy the natural surroundings, take a photo and nibble on your packed lunch that we provide You will reach Mandara Hut (2 700m) after +- 4 hrs. of hiking from the Park Gate. There is a detour on this route to waterfalls in the rain forest, which is well worth following – discuss with your guide before you set off. Your accommodation is in dormitory style chalets. There are no shower/bath facilities while doing the climb and toilets will be long drops. You will be provided with bowls of warm water each morning, on request, to wash with. Dinner and overnight: Mandara Hut.

Day 03: Day 03: Mandara Hut (2,700m/8,860 ft) – Horombo Hut (3,700 m/12,140 ft)

Walking distance: 12 km/7.2 miles Walking time: 5-7 hours Altitude gain: 1,000 m/3,280 ft Continue the hike up to Horombo Hut. A steep, sometimes wet, 20 min walk through the upper part of the rainforest, followed by a 2km section of tall giant heather interspersed with large clumps of tussock grass, around 15km or 5 hrs. from Mandara Hut. The vegetation changes to stunted clumps of heather with ‘everlasting’ flowers and short tussock grasses. Lobelia and groundsels occupy the wetter areas. Dinner and overnight: Horombo Hut.

Day 04: Day 04: Horombo Hut (3,700 m/12,140 ft) – acclimatization walk – Horombo Hut (3,700 m/12,140 ft)

Today is an extra day to acclimatize, and it is best spent taking a day hike up toward the Maundi Hut by the upper trail to a viewpoint at 14,100 feet (4 hours round-trip). If you are feeling very fatigued, it can be spent resting or exploring the nearby region. Birdlife is abundant at Horombo. The rains come upon us almost every afternoon. So, plan your day hike to be back inside the lodge with a cup of tea and good book by 4 p.m. Most climbers begin to feel the altitudinal changes at this level. After the rain clears, Horombo typically has beautiful sunsets and a night sky full of stars. Dinner and overnight at Horombo Hut.

Day 05: Day 05: Horombo Hut (3,700 m/12,140 ft) – Kibo Hut (4,700 m/15,420 ft)

Walking distance: 9.5 km/5.7 miles Walking time: 5-7 hours Altitude gain: 1,000 m/3,280 ft After breakfast we will set out on a path that traverses west, before turning northwards towards Middle Red Hill and the Triplets. Heading west for the final 3km to Kibo Hut (4,700m) is a little challenge which so much impresses climbers. This alpine desert is littered with rocks and leaves you feel as if walking on the moon. Whilst here, the view towards Mawenzi Peak to the east is most spectacular. Dinner and overnight: Kibo Hut.

Day 06: Day 06: Kibo Hut (4,700 m/15,420 ft)- Summit via Gilman's Point (5,690m /18,668 ft) to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m/19,340 ft) and descent to Horombo Hut (3,700 m/12,140 ft)

Walking distance: 5.5 km/3.5 miles ascent + 15 km/9.5 miles descent Walking time: 5-6 hrs + 1-2 hours up, 5-6 hours down (the overall walking time may vary between 10 – 16 hours) Altitude gain: 990 m/ 3,248 ft (Gilman's Point) or 1,195 m/3,920 ft (Uhuru Peak) Descent: 2,195 m/7,200 ft You will have to wake up very early to have a quick bite to eat and something warm to drink before setting out in darkness. The hike to Gilman's Point is a very slow steep walk on volcanic scree for about 5-6 hours. The headlamps on the trail towards the summit almost look like fireflies flying in a long row. As you approach the crater rim you will enjoy the most memorable sunrise you may ever experience – the golden sunrise over Africa! You may over and over again see the curving of the earth at this high altitude and the sunrise on the horizon just accentuates it. Always keep your camera ready as there are plenty of photographing opportunities along the summit. Once you reach Gilman's Point on top of the crater rim you are within reach of Uhuru Peak. Hiking to the peak is fairly flat terrain which normally takes about 1.5 hours to conquer Uhuru Peak (Summit of Africa). Spend a few minutes at the top to get those photos of your choice next to the sign marking the summit. Descend from Uhuru Peak in high spirits as you have just achieved your goal. The trail down from Gilman's Point on the Marangu route is often enjoyed by hikers sliding down the scree slope, which entails skidding down the loose gravel with big steps and some sideways moves. Try it, it is fun! With every step going down your body enjoys having more oxygen to breathe in. Depending on how you feel, you may enjoy a short rest at Kibo Hut before descending to Horombo Hut. Dinner and overnight: Horombo Hut.

Day 07: Day 07: Horombo Hut (3,700 m/12,140 ft) – Marangu Gate (1,843 m/6,046 ft)

Walking distance: 20 km/12.5 miles Walking time: 5 hours Descent: 1,857 m/6,094 ft Enjoy a slow hike through the rainforest to Marangu Gate. Take time to enjoy the lush vegetation with the Old Man's Beard (tree moss) growing on the giant trees as well as some Giant Ferns towering high over the forest bed. The path has many steps leading you down to Marangu Gate. You will be transferred back to Keys Hotel for hot shower and overnight rest.

Day 08: Day 08: Departure

End of Services

Inclusion

- 1: A night before and after the trek on bed and English breakfast.
- 2: All food on the climb.
- 3: Transfer to and from the gate.
- 4: Tents (Four season, 3-person mountain tent – double occupancy), chairs and table.
- 5: Mattress (Sleeping pad foam 1.5 inches thick).
- 6: First aid kit/Bottled oxygen/pulse oximeter and personal stretcher.
- 7: Park fees, Camping fees and Rescue fees.
- 8: Forest fees where applicable.
- 9: Guides and porter's fees as per government regulations, their food and public Liability insurance for the porters/guides.
- 10: Value Added Tax (VAT) and other government taxes.

Exclusion

International / Domestic Airfare.
Optional activities.
Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.
Travel insurance.
Gratuities.
Voluntary tips for guides, drivers and porters.
Travel and medical insurance.
Transport from / back to the airport.
3 litres of water for the first day.
Food for the first and last night at the hotel.
Personal equipment for mountain climbing.

Note

All accommodation subjected to availability

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

Price for Extra night accommodation and Airport pick up Accommodation available on request.

Transfer from/to Kilimanjaro international airport Moshi available on request.

Tour Dates & Pricing

