

# Marangu route



6 day Kilimanjaro Trekking + 2 night's hotel stay

This route perhaps is the easiest and most comfortable route to reach the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro. The route is well-developed and the climb is constant and moderate.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Kilimanjaro Airport to Moshi town

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport you will be taken by our professional driver to Moshi town, where you will spend the remaining day as well as we will give you a brief information about your upcoming trek. You may spend your day at the Hotel or hang around Moshi town (taxi ride may be necessary).

### Day 2: Moshi - Marangu Gate (1,860 m) - Mandara hut (2,700 m)

In the morning after getting you breakfast you will be taken to the Kilimanjaro National Park gate (1,840 m). You might be lucky to catch a glimpse of the thumbless black and white colobus monkeys scrambling through the lush vegetation. Approximately 4 hours later, you will reach your destination for the day, the Mandara Hut. After a well-earned rest, your guide will take you to the Maundi Crater where you can enjoy wonderful views of the Kenyan interior. You will spend your evening meal and overnight stay at Mandara Hut (2670 m).

### Day 3: Mandara Hut (2,700 m) - Horombo Hut (3,700 m)

This day continues through the heather to the edge of the short cropped moorland plains to Horombo Hut at 3,760m, from where Moshi township and the Pare ranges can be seen on a clear night. From the hut you will have fantastic views overlooking Mawenzi, Kibo peak and the Masai steppe. You will spend your evening meal and overnight stay at the Horombo Hut.

### Day 4: Horombo Hut (3,700 m) - Zebra Rocks (3,980 m) - Horombo Hut (3,700 m)

After a relaxing breakfast, you will set off on a 2 to 4 hour trek to Zebra Rocks (3,980 m). The distinctive black and white stripes give the rock formation its name. On your return to Horombo Hut, a cooked lunch will be waiting for you. You can relax in the afternoon and regain your strength for

the hike the following day. You will spend your evening meal and overnight stay at the Horombo Hut.

#### **Day 5: Horombo Hut (3,700 m) - Kibo Hut (4,700 m)**

Today's destination is Kibo Hut and it should be reached in about 5 to 6 hours. This stage is long and tough and you will pass plantless plateau which links the summit of Kibo with Mawenzi.

#### **Day 6: Kibo Hut (4,700 m) - Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) - Horombo Hut (3,700 m)**

You will start the journey in the middle of the night when the lava ash is still frozen and walking on it is easier. You will begin the long and strenuous trek to the summit in the dark. Passing the Hans Meyer cave at 5,200 m, the climb slowly but surely goes upwards. At sunrise, you will reach Gilman's Point (5,715 m) on the crater rim. Soon you will have forgotten the cold of the night and after another 1 to 2 hours, you will reach Uhuru Peak at 5,895 m. The descent follows the same path and the lava ash will now have thawed and allows for a fast descent. On your return to Kibo Hut, a warm meal awaits you and you can rest a while to regain your strength. After the 1 to 2 hour break, you will be on your way down to the Horombo Hut (3,700 m) where you will arrive in the afternoon. The evening meal as well as overnight will be spent there at Horombo lodge.

#### **Day 7: Horombo Hut (3,700 m) - Marangu Gate (1,860 m) - Moshi**

The last stage passes through the heather and moor zone to the Mandara Hut (2,700 m) where a cooked lunch awaits you. Soon you will again be in the lush tropical rainforest and after about 6 hours of trekking, you will be back at the Kilimanjaro National Park gate (1,860 m). After your arrival at Kilimanjaro National Park you will be taken back to Moshi town.

#### **Day 8 Moshi - Kilimanjaro Airport**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport or alternatively you can extend your trip in Tanzania and go on safari.