

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 acclimatization period.

The Marangu route does however offer you the option of spending an extra acclimatization day on the mountain. This extends the route to a 6-day, 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 carried by the porters and a cook prepares all your meals.

ITINERARY:

Day 01: Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport & Upon arrival you will be met and greeted by our safari representative, who will introduce you to your safari guides as well as shown you to your safari vehicle. He will welcome you on board and transfer to Babylon Lodge or similar for dinner and overnight.

Day 02: At 0700hrs, breakfast, 0730hrs, pre climbing briefing will be conducted by our professional mountain guide so as to know what to expect during the climb. He will too inspect your mountain climbing gears / equipments to ensure you have carried the appropriate one. At 0800hrs, drive to Marangu gate, and upon arrival; you will be assisted to complete the check in formalities. The actual hike begins at the park gate (6,000') and we hike 5.5 miles up to Mandara Hut (8,860') near the upper edge of the forest line. The hike takes about 4-6 hours. The path is interesting, starting off through rain forest vegetation, then opening up to giant heather. Accommodations at Mandara Hut, as well as at Horombo, are in wooden A-frame huts that sleep 4 to 8.

Day 03: Today after breakfast, our destination is Horombo Hut at 12,200'. It takes a good 5-6 hours to cover the 10-mile journey and we often get our first views of the Kibo summit. The trail is strenuous and slippery and takes us clear of the forests and out onto the moorland. It passes beneath the rocky southern face of Mawenzi-one of the three volcanoes that make up Kilimanjaro. Overnight at Horombo Hut

Day 04: Another long hike, this time up to Kibo Hut at almost 15,500'. Although somewhat shorter in distance, this usually takes 7 hours because it is steeper and the altitude slows everyone down. The route passes directly up onto the Saddle, a wide, flat area with the peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi looming overhead. Views from here can be fantastic. The last part of the trail passes across the arid plateau before ascending to Kibo Hut. Kibo Hut is a stone hut with rooms that sleep 10-15 people in bunk beds. We have a light dinner, and turn in early for any sleep if possible. The guides give a little pre-climb talk after dinner.

Day 05: We are awakened about midnight, and have tea and cookies. The guides try to get everyone ready to climb as quickly as possible, leaving between 1:00-1:30 a.m. starting off, the trail swings back and forth up a steep scree slope and the climate is bitterly cold. The summit climb is an event you will not forget, with the night sky full of stars and only your breathing to help focus your mind. Most climbers arrive at

Gillman's Point, elevation 18,635 feet, in time to enjoy sunrise around 6:30 a.m. The views from the top looking down on the plains make it all worthwhile. Some climbers decide that they have reached their goal and head down from here. For the strong, the true summit is Uhuru Peak (19,340 feet)-an additional 3 hours away round-trip. The descent from Gillman's Point is fairly rapid, taking about 2 hours. Most climbers take a short rest at Kibo Hut before descending to Horombo Hut for the night, arriving in the late afternoon.

Overnight at Horombo Hut

Day 06:

A long but easy 14-mile hike back to the Marangu gate and park's headquarters where you will be met and served with a delicious picnic lunch boxes prior to a road transfer to Arusha for dinner and overnight at SG RESORT or similar (BDB)

Kilimanjaro climb costs Includes:

- Full board accommodation i.e. 3 meals a day during the climb,
- Pre & Post climb accommodation in Arusha / Moshi as shown in the itinerary
- Park & Hut / Camping fees
- Rescue fees
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Professional (NOLS) Mountain guides & porters
- Cook
- Tents and Mattresses for the camping routes
- Cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery
- Government Taxes and Levies

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