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5-Day Kilimanjaro Climb – Marangu Route (“The Coca-Cola Route”)

Marangu Route · 5 days

The Marangu Route is the oldest and most established path to the “Roof of Africa.” Known as the “Coca-Cola Route” for its relative comfort and hut accommodations, it offers a classic and scenic climb through lush rainforest, moorland, alpine desert, and eventually to the icy summit of Uhuru Peak. This route is perfect for those seeking a shorter, yet still challenging journey, and who appreciate the camaraderie of communal huts. The trail’s gradual incline allows you to immerse yourself in Kilimanjaro’s beauty while pushing yourself toward one of the world’s most iconic trekking achievements.

Arrival

ARRIVAL

Arrival in Tanzania – Transfer to Hotel

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), our driver will be waiting with a warm smile and a sign bearing your name. You'll be transferred to your comfortable hotel in Moshi, where you can relax after your journey. In the evening, your mountain guide will meet you for a detailed briefing, equipment check, and to answer any last-minute questions before your climb. Dinner is on your own so you can explore local dining options, or you may enjoy a quiet meal at the hotel.

Arrival accommodation options

Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Marangu Gate (1,840m) – Mandara Hut (2,700m)



Your adventure begins with a drive to Marangu Gate, where you'll register and meet your mountain crew. As you set foot on the trail, you're immediately immersed in Kilimanjaro's lush rainforest. Sunlight dances through the canopy, colobus monkeys leap between branches, and tropical birds provide a natural soundtrack. After about 4–5 hours of steady hiking, you'll arrive at Mandara Hut, your cozy resting place for the night. In the late afternoon, you can take a short walk to Maundi Crater for sweeping views of Kenya and the surrounding plains.

Accommodation options

Standard: Mandara Hut

DAY 2

Mandara Hut – Horombo Hut (3,720m)



Leaving the rainforest behind, the landscape transforms into open moorland dotted with giant lobelias and everlasting flowers. The trail climbs gradually, revealing your first panoramic views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks — both standing proudly in the distance. The hike, lasting around 6–7 hours, brings you to Horombo Hut, perched on a ridge with breathtaking sunsets. Here you'll enjoy a hearty meal, chat with fellow trekkers, and prepare for the more demanding days ahead.

Accommodation options

Standard: Horombo Hut

DAY 3

Horombo Hut – Kibo Hut (4,703m)



Today's trek takes you through the surreal alpine desert — a silent, wind-swept world with sparse vegetation and wide-open vistas. The air becomes thinner, and the trail feels more remote. After 6–7 hours of walking, you'll reach Kibo Hut at the foot of Kibo crater, your base camp for the summit push. An early dinner and an early bedtime are essential — the real challenge begins just after midnight.

Accommodation options

Standard: Kibo Hut

DAY 4

Kibo Hut – Uhuru Peak (5,895m) – Horombo Hut



Summit day! You'll rise before midnight, equipped with headlamps and determination. The climb is slow and steady, zigzagging up the scree slopes to Gilman's Point (5,681m), where the first rays of sunrise illuminate the horizon. From here, the journey continues along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak — the highest point in Africa. The sense of accomplishment as you stand at 5,895 meters is indescribable — the glaciers, the endless horizon, and the knowledge that you made it. After celebrating and taking your summit photos, you'll descend back to Kibo Hut for a short rest, then continue down to Horombo Hut for a well-earned night's sleep.

Accommodation options

Standard: Horombo Hut

DAY 5

Horombo Hut – Marangu Gate



The final descent takes you back through the moorland and rainforest, where the air grows warmer and thicker. Arriving at Marangu Gate, you'll sign out and receive your summit certificate — a keepsake of your incredible achievement. After farewells to your mountain crew, you'll be transferred back to your hotel for a hot shower and a celebratory meal.

Accommodation options

Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Departure

DEPARTURE

Departure Day – Farewell to Tanzania

After breakfast, enjoy some final moments of relaxation before our driver transfers you to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your departure flight. We hope you leave with wonderful memories of Tanzania and look forward to welcoming you again.

Trip details

Included

- Experienced mountain guides and support crew
- Mountain accommodation and meals
- Park, rescue and camping fees as specified
- Safety briefing and basic medical checks
- Transfers to and from the mountain gate

Not included

- International flights and visas
- Personal trekking gear and expenses
- Tips for mountain crew
- Travel insurance and evacuation cover