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KILIMANJARO · LINDO TRAVEL & TOURS

6 Days Kilimanjaro Climbing via Marangu Route – The Classic Journey to Uhuru Peak

Marangu Route · 6 days

Experience the ultimate trekking adventure with our 6 Days Kilimanjaro Climbing via Marangu Route, one of the most famous and scenic routes to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain at 5,895 metres above sea level. Often known as the Coca-Cola Route, the Marangu Route is particularly popular among climbers because of its established mountain trails and comfortable mountain hut accommodation.

Your six-day Kilimanjaro adventure takes you through spectacular landscapes and distinct ecological zones, beginning in the lush tropical rainforest and gradually ascending through beautiful moorlands, alpine desert, and the dramatic high-altitude environment surrounding Kibo Peak. Along the way, you will enjoy breathtaking views of Mawenzi and Kibo peaks while experiencing the remarkable natural beauty of Kilimanjaro National Park.

One of the highlights of this itinerary is the additional acclimatization day at Horombo Hut. This extra day allows your body more time to adjust to the increasing altitude before continuing towards Kibo Hut and the final summit attempt. During this day, you will enjoy a guided acclimatization hike towards Zebra Rocks while taking in the magnificent mountain scenery.

The most exciting part of your journey comes during the early hours of summit day, when you begin the challenging ascent towards Gilman's Point before continuing along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,895m). Reaching the highest point in Africa is an extraordinary achievement, rewarding your determination with unforgettable views and a sense of accomplishment that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Throughout the climb, you will be accompanied by our experienced mountain guides and dedicated support crew, who provide professional guidance, freshly prepared meals, and assistance along the route. Whether you are an experienced trekker or attempting your first major mountain climb, this six-day Marangu Route adventure offers an incredible opportunity to challenge yourself and experience the magic of Mount Kilimanjaro with Lindo Travel & Tours.

Join us for this unforgettable Kilimanjaro trekking experience via the Marangu Route and turn your dream of standing on the Roof of Africa into reality.

Arrival

ARRIVAL

Arrival Day: Welcome to Tanzania

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), you will be warmly welcomed by our Lindo Travel & Tours representative and transferred to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha. Depending on your arrival time, you can relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of your accommodation. Later, you will meet your mountain guide for a pre-climb briefing, equipment check, and final preparations for your upcoming Mount Kilimanjaro adventure. Enjoy a relaxing evening and a good night's rest before beginning your exciting six-day climb via the Marangu Route

Arrival accommodation options

Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut (2,700m)



Your Kilimanjaro climbing adventure begins with a morning pickup from your hotel in Moshi or Arusha, followed by a scenic drive to Marangu Gate, the starting point of the famous Marangu Route. Upon arrival, you will complete the necessary registration formalities while our mountain crew organizes the equipment and prepares for the trek. After meeting your mountain guides and receiving a short briefing, your journey to the roof of Africa officially begins.

The first day takes you through the beautiful tropical rainforest, where towering trees, lush vegetation, and the sounds of forest wildlife create a wonderful introduction to Mount Kilimanjaro. The trail is generally well established, with a gradual ascent that allows you to settle into the trekking rhythm. Keep an eye out for black-and-white colobus monkeys and other wildlife that inhabit this forest environment.

After approximately 4–5 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Mandara Hut (2,700m), where you will spend your first night on the mountain. Your mountain crew will prepare a freshly cooked dinner, and you will have time to relax, enjoy the peaceful surroundings, and prepare for the next stage of your Kilimanjaro adventure.

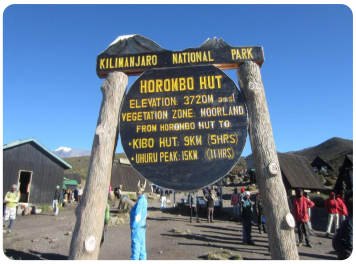
Elevation: 1,870m to 2,700m
Hiking time: 4–5 hours
Distance: Approximately 8km
Accommodation: Mandara Hut

Accommodation options

Standard: Mandara Hut

DAY 2

Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut (3,720m)



After breakfast at Mandara Hut, you will continue your Kilimanjaro climb towards Horombo Hut, leaving the rainforest behind as the landscape gradually changes into open moorland. The trail passes through beautiful vegetation, including giant heathers and distinctive mountain plants that make this section of the Marangu Route particularly scenic.

As you gain altitude, the vegetation becomes less dense, opening up spectacular views of the surrounding mountain landscape. On clear days, you may enjoy impressive views of Mawenzi Peak and the magnificent Kibo summit ahead. Your guide will maintain a comfortable walking pace, allowing you to gradually adjust to the increasing altitude while enjoying the breathtaking scenery.

After approximately 5–7 hours of trekking, you will reach Horombo Hut (3,720m), a beautiful mountain camp situated on an open ridge overlooking the surrounding landscape. Upon arrival, you will settle into your accommodation, enjoy a warm meal prepared by your mountain crew, and spend the evening resting. This is also where you will spend an additional night for acclimatization.

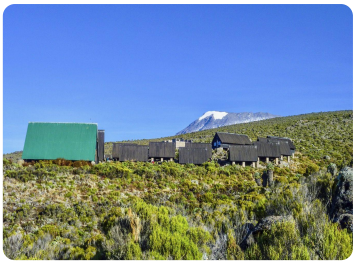
Elevation: 2,700m to 3,720m
Hiking time: 5–7 hours
Distance: Approximately 12km
Accommodation: Horombo Hut

Accommodation options

Standard: Horombo Hut

DAY 3

Acclimatization Day at Horombo Hut (3,720m)



Today is dedicated to acclimatization, an important part of your six-day Marangu Route Kilimanjaro climb. Rather than continuing directly to a higher camp, you will spend an additional night at Horombo Hut, giving your body more time to adjust to the altitude. Proper acclimatization is essential when climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, as it helps your body adapt to the reduced oxygen levels at higher elevations.

After breakfast, you will enjoy a guided acclimatization hike towards Zebra Rocks, a distinctive geological feature named after its striking black-and-white appearance. The hike provides an opportunity to explore the surrounding alpine landscape while gradually exposing your body to higher elevations. Your guide will monitor your condition throughout the walk and advise you on maintaining a comfortable pace.

Following the acclimatization hike, you will return to Horombo Hut for lunch and a relaxing afternoon. You can enjoy the incredible mountain views, take photographs, and spend time preparing for the next stage of the journey. Your guide will also provide important advice about hydration, altitude awareness, and the upcoming summit preparation. Dinner and overnight will be at Horombo Hut.

Elevation: 3,720m (acclimatization hike towards approximately 4,000m)
Hiking time: Approximately 2–4 hours
Accommodation: Horombo Hut

Accommodation options

Standard: Horombo Hut

DAY 4

Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut (4,703m)



After breakfast, you will leave Horombo Hut and continue your ascent towards Kibo Hut, the final base camp before attempting the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. Today's trek takes you across the dramatic alpine desert landscape, where vegetation becomes increasingly sparse and the environment feels more rugged and remote. You will walk through the saddle between the impressive Mawenzi and Kibo peaks, one of the most remarkable sections of the Marangu Route.

The trail is relatively gradual but becomes more challenging as you gain altitude. Your guides will encourage a slow and steady walking rhythm, commonly known as pole pole, which is essential for conserving energy and helping your body adjust to the thinner air. Along the way, you will experience breathtaking views of the surrounding mountain terrain while approaching the towering Kibo summit.

After approximately 5–7 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Kibo Hut (4,703m). Here, you will have an early dinner and receive a detailed briefing from your mountain guides about the summit attempt. You will be advised to get some rest before waking up around midnight for the final ascent. This is an important night, as your journey towards Uhuru Peak begins in just a few hours.

Elevation: 3,720m to 4,703m
Hiking time: 5–7 hours
Distance: Approximately 10km
Accommodation: Kibo Hut

Accommodation options

Standard: Kibo Hut

DAY 5

Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak (5,895m) and Descent to Horombo Hut



Your summit adventure begins around midnight after a light snack and hot drinks. Equipped with warm clothing, headlamps, and determination, you will begin the challenging night ascent towards Gilman's Point (5,681m). The trail follows a steep and demanding path across rocky terrain and loose volcanic scree. Although this is one of the toughest sections of the entire Kilimanjaro climb, your experienced mountain guides will support and encourage you throughout the ascent.

As the first light of dawn appears over the African horizon, you will approach the crater rim and reach Gilman's Point. From here, you will continue along the crater rim towards Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa. Standing beside the famous summit sign is an unforgettable achievement, offering spectacular views across the surrounding glaciers and vast African landscapes. Take photographs, celebrate your accomplishment, and enjoy this extraordinary moment at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, weather and conditions permitting.

After celebrating your summit success, you will begin the descent back to Kibo Hut for a short rest before continuing down to Horombo Hut. The long descent can be demanding on your legs, but reaching Horombo Hut marks the end of an incredible summit day. Your mountain crew will welcome you with a warm meal, and you will enjoy a well-deserved rest after one of the most memorable experiences of your life.

Elevation: 4,703m to 5,895m, then descending to 3,720m
Hiking time: Approximately 12–15 hours
Distance: Approximately 16–18km
Accommodation: Horombo Hut

Accommodation options

Standard: Horombo Hut

DAY 6

Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate (1,870m) – Departure



After breakfast at Horombo Hut, you will begin your final descent towards Marangu Gate, retracing the beautiful trail through the moorland and tropical rainforest. Having spent several days exploring the different ecological zones of Mount Kilimanjaro, you will now enjoy the changing scenery from a different perspective as you make your way down the mountain.

The descent through the rainforest offers a peaceful final opportunity to appreciate Kilimanjaro's natural beauty. The forest becomes greener and denser as you lose altitude, with beautiful vegetation, towering trees, and the possibility of spotting wildlife along the trail. Your guides and mountain crew will accompany you throughout the descent, ensuring a safe and comfortable journey back to the park entrance.

Upon reaching Marangu Gate, you will complete the official park checkout procedures and receive your Kilimanjaro climbing certificate, depending on the highest point you successfully reached. Our driver will then meet you for a transfer back to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha. This marks the end of your unforgettable six-day Mount Kilimanjaro climbing adventure via the Marangu Route, leaving you with incredible memories of reaching Africa's highest mountain.

Elevation: 3,720m to 1,870m
Hiking time: 5–7 hours
Distance: Approximately 20km
Accommodation: No accommodation included (unless arranged separately)

Accommodation options

Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Departure

DEPARTURE

Departure Day: Farewell Tanzania

After completing your unforgettable Mount Kilimanjaro climbing adventure, enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel before checking out. Depending on your flight schedule, our driver will transfer you to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for your onward journey home or to your next destination. As you leave Tanzania, take with you wonderful memories of conquering Africa's highest mountain and an extraordinary experience with Lindo Travel & Tours.

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
- Spend an additional acclimatization day at Horombo Hut.
- Trek via the famous Marangu Route, also known as the Coca-Cola Route.
- Reach Uhuru Peak and celebrate your African summit achievement.

Not included

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