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## ITINERARY DETAILS FOR MARANGU ROUTE 6 DAYS.

**DESTINATION:** Kilimanjaro via Marangu Route

**Major Attractions:** Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain.

**Tour Guide's Language:** English

**Starting Point:** Moshi

**Ending Point:** Moshi

**Route Accessibility:** This route approaches the mountain from the South East via Marangu Route. Descending is usually done on the same route. This makes it very crowded to other routes

**Additional Info:** We provide porters and cooks for guidance and assistance while on the mountain.

### **Day 1: Marangu Gate (1800M) To Mandara Hut (2720M)**

Departing from Moshi a 45-minute drive will take you through the Village of Marangu to the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate. We will patiently wait for our permits to be issued while watching the hustle and bustle of operations as many crews prepare for the journey ahead. Enjoy the beautiful rainforest scenery and windy trails while your guide tells you about the local flora and fauna and natural wildlife. At these lower elevations, the trail can be muddy and quite slippery. We highly recommend gaiters and trekking poles here.

- **Distance:8 Kilometers.**
- **Time:4 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Rain forest.**

### **Day 2: Mandara Hut (2720M) To Horombo Hut (3720M)**

After a nights sleep and a breakfast, we emerge from the rain forest and continue on an ascending path, through heathland, looking for giant lobelias and groundsels. Continue up into open moorlands where small shrubs are the main vegetation. Stop halfway for lunch, to enjoy amazing views of Mawenzi. Arrive at the Horombo Huts late afternoon beneath the spectacular Kibo Summit viewpoint. Temperatures begin to drop.

- **Distance:11 Kilometers.**



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- **Time:6 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Moorland.**

### **Day 3: Relaxation/ Acclimatization day at Horombo Hut.**

Use this day to relax at the campsite and acclimatize at zebra rocks. Is only about one hour to and from the campsite.Is advised to use this opportunity to adjust your body to the high altitude about 100M from the campsite and it can help to avoid the strong headache and other mountain sickness (AMS).

### **Day 4: Horombo Hut (3720M) To Kibo Hut (4720M)**

After breakfast, we continue on through the dwindling heathland that blends into a moonscape as you enter the sweeping saddle connecting Mawenzi and Kibo. Here while we stop for lunch, and later when you cross this surprisingly large saddle, you can examine the summit climb up Kibo that you will be starting in just a few hours.

- **Distance:9 Kilometers.**
- **Time:6 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine desert.**

### **Day 5: Kibo Hut (4720M) To Uhuru Peak (5895M) To Horombo Hut (3720M).**

Excitement is building as morning comes with an early start between midnight and 2 a.m. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek.

We continue our way to the summit in a switchback formation through trying to stay warm and focused on the amazing sense of accomplishment that lies ahead. With a switchback motion, we ascend through heavy scree and possibly snow towards Gillman's Point on the crater rim. You will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise during your short rest here. Faster hikers may view the sunrise from the summit. From here on your remaining 1 hour ascent to Uhuru Peak, you are likely to encounter snow all the way.

Congratulations, one step at a time you have now reached Uhuru Peak the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the entire continent of Africa! After photos, celebrations and maybe a few tears of joy we take a few moments



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to enjoy this incredible accomplishment. We begin our steep descent down to Horombo Hut , stopping at Kibo Hut for lunch and a very brief rest. We strongly recommend gaiters and trekking poles for uncooperative loose gravel and volcano ash terrain. Well-deserved rest awaits you to enjoy your last evening on the mountain. Overnight Horombo Hut.

- **Distance:6 Kilometers.**
- **Time:6/7 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine/Glacial zone.**

### **Day 6: Horombo Hut (3720M) To Marangu Gate (1800M)**

After breakfast and a heartfelt ceremony of appreciation and team bonding with your crew, it's time to say goodbye. We continue the descent down stopping at the Mandara Huts for lunch. Remember to tip your guides, cooks, and porters, since you will be leaving them here. You return back to the Marangu Park Gate and receive your summit certificates. As the weather is drastically warmer, the terrain is wet, muddy and steep and we highly recommend Gaiters and trekking poles. From the gate, a vehicle will meet you to drive you back to your hotel in Moshi (about 45 minutes). Enjoy a long overdue hot shower, dinner and celebrations!!

- **Distance:19 Kilometers.**
- **Time:5 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Rain forest.**

### **PRICE INCLUDE & EXCLUDE**

#### **INCLUDE**

- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- Kilimanjaro Park rescue team fees.
- Government taxes.
- 3 freshly-prepared delicious meals daily on the mountain prepared by professional cooks who are happy to accommodate your dietary needs.
- 3-4 liters of mineral/treated water per person per day.



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- Hot drinks on the mountain and hot water for washing.
- Private transport to and from the hotel to the Kilimanjaro Park Gate.
- National Park entry fees and hut fees.
- Portable oxygen tanks, ox meter and emergency first-aid kit.
- Porter's Cook's and Guide's Salary.
- 2 nights of accommodation at Hotel Moshi.
- Friendly and highly qualified mountain guides, assistant guides and professional cooks.
- Enough Porters to carry camping gear and additional baggage.
- Accommodation in Huts/camping.
- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- 4 Season mountain tents
- Double layered Sleeping Mats
- Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority
- (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- Emergency first-aid kit

## **EXCLUDE**

- Flights
- Laundry Services
- A doctor for the group
- Lunches, dinners and drinks at your hotel in Moshi before climb and after climb.
- Personal items and toiletries.



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- Tips for guides, porters and cook (this is a guide to tipping on the mountain)

Tips on Mountain Kilimanjaro are recommended for group sharing as follows:

- Guides: US \$20/day/guide.
- Cook : US \$15/day.
- Porter: US \$10/day/porter.

**Note:** Tipping is not included in the quoted price.

NOTE: Our Guides, cooks and Porters are always satisfied with your thanks giving (tip) you have and not beyond your ability.

