

8 day Marangu Route Private Kilimanjaro Safari

From USD 1 860 pp sharing

Kilimanjaro – Kilimanjaro (Walking & Trekking)

Daily Departures (subject to availability)

Trekking Itinerary: Marangu Route

Stage	Start	Finish	Altitude gain (m)	Duration	Description
1	Marangu Gate (1860m)	Mandara Hut (2700m)	↑ 840m	3-4h	Beautiful passage through the mountain forest with a chance of seeing the colobus monkeys.
2	Mandara Hut (2700m)	Horombo Hut (3700m)	↑ 1000m	5-6h	Stage through heath and moorland with typical Senecia and Lobelia.
3	Horombo Hut (3700m)	Horombo Hut (3700m)	↑400m ↓400m	ca 4-5h	Acclimatisation day with a hike to the Zebra rocks.
4	Horombo Hut (3700m)	Kibo Hut (4700m)	↑ 1000m	5-6h	The alpine desert becomes more and more pronounced. Passing the Last Water Point and over the Saddle to the Kibo hut.
5	Kibo Hut (4700m)	Horombo Hut (3700m)	↑1200m ↓2200m	12-16h	Start before dawn, at sunrise over Gillmann's Point to Uhuru Peak. Descent via Kibo to Horombo Hut.
6	Horombo Hut (3700m)	Marangu Gate (1860m)	↓1840m	6-7h	Descent through the rainforest to the park gate. A farewell ceremony from the mountain guides and the presentation of the Certificate of Completion of Kilimanjaro.

The easiest and most comfortable route to the summit

Itinerary

Day 1: Marangu

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport in Tanzania, you will be greeted and transferred to the mountain village of Marangu. The rest of the day will be yours to do as you please. You may choose to relax at the hotel or take a stroll around the leafy mountain village. There will also be time to check your trekking equipment, after which you will have a preliminary talk in preparation for your trek the following days.

Overnight at the Marangu Hotel (includes dinner)

Day 2: Marangu – Marangu Gate (1860m) – Mandara Hut (2700m)

After breakfast, you will be collected from your hotel and taken to the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate (1860m). Once the necessary paper work has been completed, your trek can begin and you will soon be hiking through the dense rainforest. Alongside the impressive vegetation, you will have the chance to catch a glimpse of the black and white colobus monkeys. Approximately 4 hours later, you will reach your destination of the day – the Mandara Hut. After a well-earned rest, your guide will take you to the Maundi Crater where you can enjoy the wonderful view of the Kenyan interior, after which you will enjoy an evening meal.

Overnight at Mandara Hut - 2650m (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 3: Mandara Hut (2700m) – Horombo Hut (3700m)

The day begins with an early breakfast. Shortly after you have left Mandara Hut, you will reach the timberline and then enter the heath and moor zone. Approximately 4 to 6 hours later, the Horombo Hut will come into sight - at an altitude of 3700 meters. From the hut, you will have fantastic views overlooking Mawenzi, Kibo and the wide plain of the Masai steppe. After a well deserved rest you can enjoy your evening meal.

Overnight at Horombo Hut (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)



Day 4: Horombo Hut (3700m) – Zebra Rocks (4020m) – Horombo Hut (3700m)

Today will be spent as an acclimatisation day. This should not be underestimated and greatly improves your chance of success in reaching the summit. After a relaxing breakfast, a 4 to 5 hour trek will take you to the Zebra Rocks (4020m). The distinctive black and white stripes give the rock formation its name. On your return to Horombo Hut, a warm lunch will be waiting for you. You can relax in the afternoon and regain your strength for the hike the following day.

Overnight at Horombo Hut (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 5: Horombo Hut (3700m) – Kibo Hut (4700m)

Today's stage is long and tough. The well built trail passes the "Last Water Point" which is followed by the so-called "saddle". This nearly vegetation less plateau joins the main summit Kibo with Mawenzi. Today's destination is Kibo Hut that is usually reached in about 5 to 6 hours. Here, you will enjoy an early evening meal followed by an early night - as the night will be short.

Overnight at Kibo Hut (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 6: Kibo Hut (4700m) – Uhuru Peak (5895m) – Horombo Hut (3700m)

Today is "The Big Day" - the summit stage. This begins at night when the lava ash is still frozen and walking on it is easier. The mountain guide will wake you up at 23h00 and an hour later, you will begin the long and strenuous trek to the summit. Passing the Hans Meyer Cave at 5220 meters, the climb slowly but surely goes upwards. At sunrise, you will reach Gillman's Point (5681m) – the crater rim of Kilimanjaro – where the sun will slowly start to warm up the land. You will have soon forgotten the cold of the night and after a further hike of 1 to 2 hours, you will reach Uhuru Peak at 5895 meters. At this peak, you can celebrate your accomplishment of reaching the "Roof of Africa"! The route back down follows the same path; 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 regain your strength. Following a 1 to 2 hour break, you will once again be on your way hiking to the Horombo Hut (3700m) where you will arrive in the afternoon. After an evening meal, most of the mountain conquerors understandably retire early to bed.

Overnight at Horombo Hut (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 7: Horombo Hut (3700m) – Marangu Gate (1860m) – Marangu

The last stage passes through the heath and moor zone to Mandara Hut (2700m) where a warm lunch is waiting for you. Soon, you will once again pass the tropical rainforest and after a total time of 6 hours trekking, you will be back at the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate (1860m). After saying goodbye to your mountain guides, a short transfer follows to take you back to the Marangu Hotel. Once there, you can take a warm and relaxing shower and celebrate your success in reaching the summit of the Kilimanjaro!

Overnight at the Marangu Hotel (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Day 8: Marangu – Kilimanjaro Airport

After breakfast (that is included), you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport. Your trekking safari has come to an end.

Rates:

1 January – 30 June

1 pax: USD 2 300 for trekking alone

2 – 3 pax: USD 1 860 per person sharing (single person: USD 1 900)

4 – 6 pax: USD 1 720 per person sharing (single person: USD 1 770)

Children under 16 years of age: USD 300 reduction per child (if travelling with minimum 2 other people)

1 July – 31 December

1 pax: USD 2 440 for trekking alone

2 – 3 pax: USD 2 000 per person sharing (single person: USD 2 040)



4 – 6 pax: USD 1 860 per person sharing (single person: USD 1 910)

Children under 16 years of age: USD 300 reduction per child (if travelling with minimum 2 other people)

Included

A professional English speaking guide; personal porter; Kilimanjaro Trekking Safari according to the itinerary above; meals as indicated on the itinerary above; return transfers to and from Kilimanjaro Airport; return transfers from Marangu to the National Park Gate; accommodation in hotels and mountain huts according to the itinerary above; all National Park fees

Excluded

Sleeping bag; meals not indicated in the itinerary above; alcohol and soft drinks (coke, mineral water, etc.); personal spending for souvenirs, etc.; personal / travel and medical insurance; personal items; international flights; visas (if applicable); yellow fever certificate; tips and portages

Important Information

Only children 14 years and older are allowed on these trekking safaris

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