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KILIMANJARO TREK – MARANGU ROUTE – TOUR CODE KMR 01

5 DAYS MARANGU ROUTE

Marangu Route, often referred to as the “Coca Cola” route, is Kilimanjaro’s shortest and easiest route. Because of this, it is also the most popular route. The minimum number of days for a Marangu trek is 5 days round trip. In an effort to ensure your safety and summit success, Kushiland Tours recommend 6-day trip using the Marangu route. However, if you wish to have a longer trip to increase your chances of proper acclimatization, you can stay an extra night at any camp. Your “off-day” would consist of going on a light hike to gain some elevation and then returning to camp for food and rest.

Marangu Route 5 - Days Description

Marangu is the only route on Kilimanjaro with solar-powered sleeping huts. You will also find comfy beds at every camp. The huts are shared by all climbers on the route and their bunks are equipped with a sponge mattress and pillow. The huts at Mandara and Kibo each have 60 beds and the busiest camp, Horombo Hut, has 120 beds. The lower two huts have bathrooms and running water. Basic outhouses are available at the last camp.

The dining huts are a communal melting pot of trekkers from all over the globe.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT KILIMANJARO INT. AIRPORT (JRO)

Upon your arrival into Kilimanjaro, you will be meet, greet and warmly welcome by our team.

Transfer to your Hotel

You and your team will be transfered to your lodge for briefing of your encounter, rest and relaxation.

During the briefing session, myself, and our senoir guides will brief you on what to expect, matters relating to first aid, rescue and medical evacuation, and inspect your climbing gears.



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DAY 1: (Cont..)

Accommodation

- **LUX** - accommodation is at Kilimanjaro Mountain Resort in Marangu (<http://www.kilimountresort.com/>) or
- **STD** - accommodation is at Parkview Inn Hotel in Moshi (<http://www.pvim.com/>)
- **MEAL PLAN: BB**

DAY 2: FROM MOSHI TO MARANGU GATE (6,037 ft/1840 m) TO MANDARA HUTS (8,776 ft/2,740 m) 8km, 3-4 Hours

After your breakfast, at 9 am, you'll be met by your guide and our driver will drive you from your hotel in Moshi to the Marangu Gate on the east side of Kilimanjaro. After the drive and gate registration with Kilimanjaro National Park, you will begin hiking around 10:30 AM. Starting in the rainforest, you will be surrounded by towering soaring Eucalyptus trees, birds, and even the Colubus monkeys. Shorts and t-shirt usually will suffice at this altitude, but you will want to keep your rain gear and warmer clothing in your daypack just in case. If it is muddy, you can use your trekking poles for added stability. You will stop for lunch halfway through your trek before continuing on to the Mandara Huts. You will arrive between 2 or 3 PM, unpack and rest with coffee or tea. You will also have a chance to take a short trip to the Maundi Crater which offers spectacular views of Northern Tanzania and Kenya. Dinner is served around 7 PM.

- Meet your crew team
- Complete Registration formalities
- Picnic lunch at Picnic site in the forest
- 3 - 4 hrs trekking

Accommodation

- **At Mandara Hut** - Mountain Huts
- **MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Evening tea/coffee will also be served.



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DAY 3: FROM MANDARA HUTS (8,776 ft/2,740 m) TO HOROMBO HUTS (12,188 ft /3,725 m) 12Km. 5 - 6 Hours

Rise and shine at 7:30 AM for breakfast and packing for the day's trek, starting at 8:30 AM. Your trek will begin with an hour hike through rainforest glades before ascending through heathland and on into the open moorlands where the vegetation is sparse with small shrubs. Stop halfway for lunch overlooking the view of Mawenzi. You will arrive at the Horombo Huts by 3PM. Again you will rest and unpack before preparing for dinner.

- Picnic Lunch
- 5 - 6 hrs trekking
- Distance covered 12km

Accommodation

- **At Horombo Huts** - Mountain Huts
- **MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Evening tea/coffee will also be served.

DAY 4: FROM HOROMBO HUTS (12,188ft /3,725 m) TO KIBO HUTS (15,416 ft / 4,700 m) 12km, 6 - 7 hours

If you wake early, you can capture some beautiful sunrise photos before breakfast. The day's trek begins through the heathland and quickly turns into a moonscape as you enter the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo. From lunch onwards, you will get a view of the summit climb which you will start in a short 4-5 hours! Pay attention to your body and keep your guide informed of any signs of altitude sickness. Upon arriving you will have a snack and try to catch a few hours of sleep before awaking for your final ascent.

- Picnic Lunch
- 6 - 7 hrs trekking
- Distance covered 12km

Accommodation

- **At Horombo Huts** - Mountain Huts
- **MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Evening tea/coffee will also be served.



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DAY 5: SUMMIT DAY! FROM KIBO HUTS (15,416 ft / 4,700 m) TO UHURU PEAK (19,340 ft/5,895 m) TO HOROMBO HUTS (12,188 ft/3,725 m) 6 km up and 15 km down, 5-6 hours

Wake for breakfast at midnight and prepare for your summit ascent. Depart at 1 AM with the goal of reaching the peak near the same time as sunrise. Your trek will be full of switchbacks, winding you up the steep scree before reaching Gilman's Point on the rim of the crater (18,640 ft/5,861 m) between 5 and 7 AM. Here, you are greeted by the snow-filled crater and its icecaps. Hiking along the crater rim, you will reach Uhuru Peak around 9 AM. Congratulations, you are now standing on the Roof of Africa! You will have time to take pictures with the world-famous Uhuru Peak sign, but it is important to begin your descent soon in order to allow yourself enough time to rest at the Kibo Huts. Upon reaching back to Kibo, have lunch, grab some much needed rest, pack up, and return to the Horombo Huts. Enjoy some dinner and some well-deserved sleep.

- An early breakfast at 1am
- 7 – 8 hrs ascending to Uhuru Peak
- Distance covered ascending 6km
- 6 – 8 hrs descending to Horombo Huts
- Distance covered Descending 15km
- Total distance covered on a day 21km

Accomodation

- **At Horombo Huts** – Mountain Hut
- **MEAL PLAN:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. Evening tea/coffee will also be served.

DAY 6: FROM HOROMBO HUTS (12,188 ft/3,725 m) TO MARANGU GATE (6,037 ft/1840 m) TO MOSHI TOWN 20 km, 6 hours

Wake up for breakfast as usual, pack, and descend back through the moorland to the Mandara Huts for lunch.



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Continue your descent through the rainforest, reaching the park gate around 2 or 3 PM. A 45-minute drive and you will be back to your hotel in Moshi. It's time to celebrate!

- Prior to trekking down, you'll celebrate with your guides, cooks and porters and a great opportunity to wish each other goodbyes and thanking them for making your mountain adventure and challenge a success. (Tips are advised to be given at the end of the trek)
- Distance covered approximately to 20km
- 6 – 7 hrs trekking down
- Transfer to your hotel in Moshi town.

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DAY 7: AIRPORT TRANSFER

Depending on your flight schedules, you'll be transferred to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) or engaged to our other tours.

- Group Transfer to JRO.

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KILIMANJARO CLIMB SUMMARY

MARANGU ROUTE

DURATION

5 days trekking from Moshi
3.5 days ascent, 1.5 days descent

Distance Covered and Elevation

Ascent: 20 mi/32 km

Round Trip: 40 mi/ 64km

Ascend from Marangu Gate (1,830 m/6000 ft) to Uhuru Peak (5895 m/19,340 ft) and return

Total Gain: 4065 m/13,340 ft

