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**MARANGU IN 6 DAYS**

**DURATION - 6 DAYS**

Marangu route which is also known as the coca cola route is the least expensive route to the summit. This is also the only route with the comforts of sleeping huts at every camp site with solar lights and comfortable beds.

The huts are communal, and the bunks have a sponge mattress and pillow.

There are 60 beds at both Mandara and Kibo Huts and 120 beds at Horombo Hut. Bathrooms and running water are available at the two lower huts. Mens’ and ladies’ latrines are available at the last camp but are very basic.

All climbing groups, often from several countries around the world, share meals in dining huts providing a jovial and energetic atmosphere.

This route is usually done in 5 days (shortest route to the summit) but can be done in 6 days for better acclimatization. The extra day can be spent resting at Horombo or climbing the small peak of Mawenzi.

**Itinerary**

**Day 0: Pre-trek Briefing**

If you have opted for the optional airport transfers, we will pick you up from Kilimanjaro Airport and transfer you to Comfort Eland hotel in Arusha.

Pre-trek briefing at your hotel. You should be planning to arrive at least one day before the start of the trek. Today we will spend time having a pre-trek briefing. We will also review your equipment and rent any equipment which is needed.

**Day 1: Hotel to Mandara Hut**

After breakfast and briefing, drive to the Kilimanjaro National Park Gate (about 2 hour), register and commence the climb. Walk through the rainforest to the Mandara encampment. A side trip to Maundi Crater is a good way to see the surroundings including Northern Tanzania and Kenya. In the rainforest, look for towering Eucalyptus trees, bird life, and Colobus monkeys.

Elevation: 1860m/6100ft to 2700m/8875ft

Distance: 8km/5mi

Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Habitat: Montane Forest

Meals: Lunch and Dinner

**Day 2: Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut**

You leave the glades of the rain-forest and follow an ascending path on the open moorlands to the Horombo encampment. Views of Mawenzi and the summit of Kibo are amazing. Look for giant lobelias and grounsels. You may begin to feel the affects of the altitude.

Elevation: 2700m/8875ft to 3700m/12,200ft

Distance: 12km/7.5mi

Hiking Time: 5-6 hours

Habitat: Heathland

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Day 3: Rest Day at Horombo Hut**

Rest day at Horombo Hut with optional hike by Mawenzi Peak.

Elevation: 3700m/12,200ft

Distance: 0km/0mi

Hiking Time: 0 hours

Habitat: Heathland

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4: Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

Ascending, we now pass the last watering point, walking onto the saddle of Kilimanjaro between the peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. Vegetation begins with upper heathland but then disappears into “moonscape”. Dinner, rest, and prepare for summit climb.

Elevation: 3700m/12,200ft to 4700m/15,500ft

Distance: 9km/5.5mi

Hiking Time: 5-6 hours

Habitat: Alpine Desert

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Day 5: Kibo Hut to Summit to Horombo Hut**

Very early in the morning (midnight to 2 am), commence the climb to the summit on steep and heavy scree or snow up to Gilman’s point located on the crater rim. Continuing, we now ascend to Uhuru Peak, which is the highest point in Africa. There are unbelievable views at every turn. Have your picture taken at the summit to show your friends and family. From here we descend, stopping for lunch and a rest at Kibo before continuing on to the Horombo encampment.

Elevation: 4700m/15,500ft to 5895m/19,340ft

Down to 3700m/12,200ft

Distance: 6km/4mi up / 15km/9mi down

Hiking Time: 6-8 hours up / 15km/9mi down

Habitat: Alpine Desert

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Day 6: Horombo Hut to Moshi**

After breakfast, a steady descent takes us down through moorland to the Mandara Hut. Continue descending through lush forest path to the National Park gate at Marangu. At lower elevations, it can be wet and muddy. Gaiters and trekking poles will help. Shorts and t-shirts will probably be plenty to wear (keep rain gear and warmer clothing handy).

A vehicle will be waiting for you at Marangu gate to drive you to your hotel in Arusha to proceed with Safari the next day

Elevation: 3700m/12,200ft to 1700m/5500ft

Distance: 20km/12.5mi

Hiking Time: 4-5 hours

Habitat: Forest

Meals: Breakfast

**Inclusions**

* All transfers to the mountain and back to your hotel
* Airport Transfers
* Nights in Arusha Based in Bed and Breakfast
* Professional, experienced, mountain guides
* Guides, Porters, Cook salaries and park fees
* Emergency Oxygen Cylinder
* All meals while on the Mountain
* Large portions of fresh, healthy, nutritious food
* Clean, purified drinking water
* Conservation fees (part of park fees)
* Hut fees (part of park fees)
* Rescue fees (part of park fees)
* VAT (18% charged by the Government)
* Kilimanjaro summit certificate

**Exclusions**

* Tanzania Visa
* International and domestic flights
* Personal trekking equipment such as sleeping’s bags, hiking boots, clothes, etc (available for renting)
* Tips and gratuities
* Travel insurance
* Personal Expenses (e.g. laundry, telephone, beverages, etc.)
* Meals not listed in the itinerary
* Liquors, beers and bottled beverages