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**MT. KILIMANJARO MARANGU ROUTE 5 DAY 4 NIGHT TREK**

***WELCOME TO TANZANIA***

Marangu Route, commonly known as the Coca Cola route is more popular because it can be done in fewer days and has permanent sleep huts at the campsites.

Summit night from Kibo Hut is steep and passes Gilman’s Point to Uhuru Peak. It is a shorter route with a steeper incline and less time for acclimatization it tends to have a lower summit success rate. This is the only route where the ascent and descent route are shared, thus creating more traffic.

**Duration: 5 or 6 days  
Difficulty: Medium  
Scenery: Good  
Traffic: High**

**ITINERARY**:

Thanks for Choosing Alpine chat adventure a local tour company in Moshi Tanzania feel at home and enjoy your Africa adventure with us, upon arrival to Kilimanjaro International Airport, you will be met with Alpine chat adventure representative and transferred for overnight accommodation at **HOTEL IN MOSHI B&B**. Your head guide will meet you for your briefing, gear check and arrange for you to hire any equipment you may need.

**DAY 1: MARANGU GATE – MANDARA HUTS: 7k /mi | 4-5 hrs. | Rainforest**

*Elevation: 1830m/6000ft to 2740m/9000ft*

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.

**DAY 2: MANDARA HUTS – HOROMBO HUTS: 11km/3mi | 6-8hrs | Mooreland**

*Elevation: 2740m/9000ft to 3690m/12,100ft*

After a good night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast, we emerge from the rain forest and continue on an ascending path, through heath land, 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.

**DAY 3: HOROMBO HUTS- KIBO HUTS: 10km/6mi | 6-8hrs | Semi Desert**

*Elevation: 3690m/12,100ft to 4695m/15,400ft*

After breakfast, we continue on through the dwindling heath land 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.

**DAY 4: KIBO HUTS – SUMMIT: 4km /2.5 mi up | 5-7hrs | - HOROMBO HUTS: 14km /9mi down | 5-6hrs | Glaciers, Snow Capped Summit**

*Elevation: 4695m/15,400ft to 5895m/19,340ft  
Descent to 3690m/12,100ft*

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 of the amazing sense of accomplishment that lies ahead. With a switchback motion we ascend through heavy scree and possibly snow towards Gillmans 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 to enjoy this incredible accomplishment. We begin our steep descent down to Horombo huts, stopping at Kibo 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 HoromboHuts.

**DAY 5: HOROMBO HUTS – MARANGU GATE – MOSHI: 18km/11mi |6-7hrs | Rainforest**

Elevation: 3690m/12,100 to 1830m/6000ft

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 over due hot shower, dinner and celebrations!!

Overnight **HOTEL IN MOSHI B&B**. before being transferred to your journey home, safari or relaxing trip to Zanzibar.

**CERTIFIED ETHICAL CLIMBING:**

As Alpine chat adventure we believe that tourism industry has an obligation and a great opportunity to protect the world’s natural habitats, cultural heritage sites and communities. We actively promote environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

As a Partner for Responsible Travel, we are proud to raises public awareness to ensure proper treatment of porters on Kilimanjaro and assists implementing procedures that ensure fair and ethical treatment of the porters through fair salaries, mountain equipment, food, clothing and sleeping conditions for crew members.

Every climb is audited to ensure crew members are provided proper salaries, tips, food, equipment and sleeping conditions. We think it’s pretty and our clients do as well, check out our Trip advisor profile to see what people are saying about us.

**INCLUDED IN TREKKING PACKAGE:**

**CREW**

Lead Guide(s), Assistant Guide(s), for 2+ people.  
*English Speaking & Wilderness First Responder Trained*

Cook, Porters, equipment, personal client luggage (15 kg per client)

The ratio of porters per client is 3 to 4.

**EQUIPMENT**

Sleeping mat, 2-inch foam

Pillow

Walk-in dining tent and table

Backed chairs

Wash basins with hot water each morning and evening

**FOOD & DRINK**

Three meals per day & afternoon snack during the trek  
*Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free upon request*

Treated drinking water   
*(minimum of 3L per day while trekking with additional water available at camp)*

Coffee and tea during the trek

**HEALTH & SAFETY**

Pulse oximeter

Altitude sickness checklists

First aid kit

Emergency oxygen

**PREPARATION & FEES**

Kilimanjaro National Park fees and VAT.  
*Camping/hut, rescue, conservation and taxes*

Fair and Sustainable Salary Crew Wages

Pre-trek briefing with your guide

**ACCOMMODATION & TRANSFERS**

Round-trip airport transfer between Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and Moshi

Round-trip transfer between Moshi and the park gate

Hotel stays in Moshi pre- and post-trek (2 nights total) on bed & breakfast.

**EXCLUDED FROM TREKKING PACKAGE:**

* Gratuities/tips
* Personal trekking gear such as sleeping bag and clothing
* Favored beverages ( soda and alcohol at hotels)
* Additional accommodation or meals resulting from early descent
* Tanzania entry visa
* Travel insurance
* Domestic or international flights
* Expenses of a personal nature
* Personal hire gear such as trekking poles, sleeping bags, etc
* Personal spending money for souvenirs etc.
* NOTE, Additional accommodation nights for acclimatize is $ 120 for one room bed breakfast

**RECOMMENDED TIPPING GUIDE**

Tipping is customary on Mount Kilimanjaro for all members of your mountain crew. Although they receive a fair wage, they rely on tips for a total fair compensation Tips for the team (guide, assistant guide, cook and porters) Industry recommendations are $20 a day to the Guide, $15 a day to your Assistance guide and 12$ a day to cook and 7$ a day to each of your porters divided by everyone in trip.

***TO ENSURE FAIR AND TRANSPARENT TIPPING FOR EACH CREW MEMBER, THERE WILL BE A TIPPING CEREMONY AT THE ALPINE CHAT ADVENTURE OFFICE FOLLOWING YOUR DESCENT FROM THE MOUNTAIN. ENVELOPES WILL BE PROVIDED TO DIVIDE YOUR TIPS FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE CREW.***

**TREKKING COSTS:**

Standard Package.

***Accommodation at either, Park view hotel, Chanya lodge or Bristol cottage.***

Marangu 5 day 4 nights $ 1750 per person.

Single supplement charge $ 97

**PRICING**

**Per person**

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| 1PEOPLE | 2-3PEOPLE | 4-6 PEOPLE | 7+ PEOPLE |
| $1750 | $1653 | $1572 | $ 1500 |

*All quotations are based on the current rates of national park fees, value added tax (VAT), other government taxes and current exchange rates.*

*In the event that any of these are increased or a new tax introduced, these increases will be added to the cost of your trip even if your trip has been paid for already.*

*All quotations are based on double occupancy for the pre- and post-trek accommodation and double occupancy on the trek itself.* **A single supplement fees applies for a client in group who wishes to have pre- and post-trek accommodation in a single room.**

***\*\*Please note that we are completely flexible and able to customize your trip to suit***

***Your time, budget and interests.***

**For detailed information or other itineraries,**

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**Things to Know before you Trek**

OUR GALLERY

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