

A person wearing a dark hooded jacket and pants is walking on a snowy mountain slope. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright lens flare effect behind the person's head. The background shows a vast, snow-covered mountain range under a soft, orange and yellow sky. The person's shadow is cast on the snow in front of them.

# CLIMBING KILIMANJARO VIA MARANGU ROUTE

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**Duration:** 5 Days / 4 Nights

**Type:** Private Safari

**Main Focus:** Adventure

**Country:** Tanzania

Most Comfortable Trail Known as the "Coca-Cola Route", the Marangu Route is the oldest and one of the most iconic trails to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. Following in the footsteps of Hans Meyer's first successful ascent in 1889, this route offers a historic and scenic journey through all of Kilimanjaro's dramatic climate zones, from lush tropical forests to stark alpine deserts.

What sets Marangu apart is its unique accommodation: it is the only route that features dormitory-style huts, providing added comfort and shelter, especially valuable during the rainy seasons. This makes it an excellent choice for treks from mid-March to late May and again from late October to late December.

The Marangu Route is available in both 5-day and 6-day itineraries, with the 6-day option offering a more gradual ascent and better acclimatisation, making it the recommended choice for most climbers.

## DESTINATIONS



**Kilimanjaro National Park**



**Arusha Town**

# DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

## Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), a Kilisherpas Travel representative will greet you and arrange your transfer to the hotel included in your package.

Your hotel stay is designed for comfort and relaxation, featuring well-appointed rooms, hot showers, friendly staff, a swimming pool, and reliable Wi-Fi. In the evening, you'll attend a detailed briefing with our team to review your itinerary and ensure you're fully prepared for the climb ahead. Please Note: Check-in begins at 2:00 PM. Private tour packages include shared airport transfers for your group. If additional individual transfers are required, extra charges may apply. To avoid additional costs, we recommend coordinating your group's arrival and departure times whenever possible.

### DESTINATION

#### Arusha Town



### ACCOMMODATION

#### Gold Crest Hotel



## Day 2: Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut

Your climbing guide and support team will meet you at the hotel for a quick briefing before driving to Marangu Gate (1,970 m / 6,462 ft), the starting point of your Kilimanjaro climb. After registering and securing permits, you'll begin your hike through lush rainforest to Mandara Hut (2,720 m / 8,922 ft). Lunch will be served upon arrival, and you'll be assigned your overnight hut. Important Tips: Bring a rain jacket; the rainforest has a high chance of rain. This is your first day at altitude. Stay hydrated (over 3L/day) and consider altitude medication (consult your doctor in advance). Symptoms like headaches or nausea are common; inform your guide if you feel unwell.

### DESTINATION

#### Kilimanjaro National Park



### ACCOMMODATION

#### Mandara Hut



### Day 3: Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut

After an early breakfast, your group will begin a moderate trek toward Horombo Hut (3,720 m / 12,204 ft). Upon arrival, you'll enjoy incredible views of both Kibo and Mawenzi peaks. In the afternoon, you'll take an acclimatisation hike toward Kibo Hut, gaining 200 m / 656 ft in altitude, then return to Horombo for dinner. Please

#### Note:

This acclimatisation hike is gentle but essential. It significantly improves your adaptation to the altitude and increases your chances of a successful summit. Take it seriously to help prevent altitude sickness.

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Kilimanjaro National Park



#### 🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Horombo hut



### Day 4: Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

After breakfast, the trek continues to Kibo Hut (4,720 m / 15,482 ft). The trail is not technically challenging, but maintaining a steady pace is key to conserving energy for the summit push. Upon arrival, lunch will be served. Spend the rest of the day resting, staying hydrated, and avoiding physical exertion to prepare for the overnight ascent.

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Kilimanjaro National Park



#### 🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Kibo Hut



### Day 5: Summit Day – Uhuru Peak and Descent to Horombo Hut

Your summit attempt begins at night from Kibo Hut (4,720 m / 15,482 ft), heading toward Uhuru Peak (5,895 m / 19,336 ft), the highest point in Africa. While the trail isn't technically difficult, the high altitude makes this the most physically demanding part of the climb. For safety and support, climbers are paired two per guide, ensuring close monitoring and motivation during the ascent. After reaching the summit, you may descend briefly to the nearby glacier (optional), then return to Kibo Hut for a short rest. You'll then continue the descent to Horombo Hut (3,720 m / 12,202 ft) for overnight. Please Note:

Most mountain accidents occur during descent. Take each step carefully to avoid injury.

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Kilimanjaro National Park



#### 🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Horombo hut



## Day 6: Descent to Marangu Gate and Return

After a warm breakfast, you'll begin your final descent to Marangu Gate (1,970 m / 6,462 ft), marking the official end of your Kilimanjaro trek. At the gate, your group will gather for a short celebration and a chance to share feedback in the guestbook. You'll receive your summit certificates, then be transferred back to your hotel for a well-deserved rest. If you'd like to continue your adventure with a wildlife safari, we'd be happy to help you plan and book the perfect experience with us.

### 📍 DESTINATION

**Kilimanjaro National Park**



### Arusha Town



### 🏠 ACCOMMODATION

**No Accommodation**

# WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

## Included

- ☑ Complimentary meet and greet at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- ☑ Private transfers between JRO and hotel, and hotel to Lemosho Gate/Mweka Gate
- ☑ 2 nights' accommodation at Gold Crest Hotel in Arusha (pre- and post-climb)
- ☑ Kilimanjaro National Park gate fees, camping fees, and climbing permits
- ☑ Rescue fees (Kilimanjaro Rescue Team)
- ☑ Qualified chief guide, assistant guides, porters, and cook
- ☑ Salaries for mountain crew per KINAPA guidelines
- ☑ 3 liters of mineral water (Day 1) and 3 liters of purified water daily (from Day 2)
- ☑ Hot lunch at lunch stops with tables, chairs, and mess tent (except Day 1, packed lunch)
- ☑ Superior camping equipment (tents, sleeping mats, camp chairs, tables, mess tent)
- ☑ Emergency oxygen and pulse oximeter for twice-daily health checks
- ☑ Water for daily washing
- ☑ Kilimanjaro National Park certificate for successful summit attempt
- ☑ Porter to carry duffel bag (max 15kg/32 lbs) between camps

## Excluded

- ⊗ Airport transfers.
- ⊗ Flights and airport taxes
- ⊗ Entry visa for Tanzania (\$50 for most nationalities, \$100 for USA passport holders)
- ⊗ Vaccinations (yellow fever if traveling via an infected country; Meningitis, Hepatitis A optional)
- ⊗ Personal items (souvenirs, additional snacks).
- ⊗ Compulsory tips for guides, porters, cooks (\$350-\$500 per hiker, varies by group size/route)
- ⊗ Trekking gear
- ⊗ Optional live tracking service (additional cost, subject to availability)
- ⊗ Meals and drinks not specified

# PRICING INFORMATION

All prices are per person in USD and may vary based on season and group size.

## Low Season

April 1 - May 31

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
5-day	\$2,361	\$2,261	\$2,150	\$2,100	\$2,000	\$1,950

## Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
5-day	\$2,361	\$2,261	\$2,150	\$2,100	\$2,000	\$1,950

## High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
5-day	\$2,361	\$2,261	\$2,150	\$2,100	\$2,000	\$1,950

**Group Discount:** The more travelers, the lower the price per person. Perfect for families and groups!