

MARANGU – route **(6 days, 5 nights on Mt. Kilimanjaro)**

Known as the easiest of all Kilimanjaro routes, it is in any case the most comfortable in terms of equipment and the easiest to reach. Because of its easy feasibility also known as the “Coca-Cola Route”, it is by far the most frequently chosen route with a share of 70% of all mountaineers.



Advantages

- **Uncomplicated** - fewer porters, easy accessibility and already existing huts for overnight stays
- **Gentle climbs** - the longest access to the mountain and the slight incline make it attractive for everyone with little hiking experience
- **Well known** - until recently there was no other route more information than about Marangu

Itinerary

Day 1: Mandara lodge

After breakfast you will be picked up from your accommodation in Arusha and taken to the Marangu Gate. The actual climb begins at the park entrance (1830 m), from where you hike about 9 km to the Mandara hut (2700 m) at the upper limit of the forest area. The hike takes about 4-6 hours. The path is interesting, you first walk through dense rainforest vegetation, which then opens up to a gigantic heath landscape. If the weather is fine, it is worth taking a small tour of the Maundi crater from Mandara. Accommodation here, as in Horombo, are wooden huts.

Dinner and overnight accommodation in the Mandara mountain lodge (2700 m)

Day 2: Horombo lodge

Today's goal is the Horombo mountain hut at an altitude of 3720 m. It takes a good 5-6 hour walk to cover the 16 km route and you can often take a first look at the Kibo summit from here. The path is strenuous and slippery and leads you straight out of the forest area into the heathland. It goes along the rocky south side of Mawenzi - one of the three volcanoes that form the Kili-Manscharo massif. Rain falls frequently in this area.

Dinner and overnight accommodation in the Horombo mountain lodge
(3720 m)

Day 3: Horombo lodge (day off)

An additional day to acclimatize is planned today. It is best to use the possibility of a day tour towards Zebra Rock, where there is a lookout point on the upper path at about 4300 m (approx. 4 hours trip). If you feel very exhausted you can also relax or explore the surrounding area. You can see a lot of birds in Horombo. Rain showers fall almost every afternoon. So plan your day trip so that you are back in the hut at 4 p.m. with a cup of tea and a good book. Most feel the height at this level slowly. After the rain gets less, Horombo has beautiful sunsets and a night sky full of stars.

Dinner and overnight accommodation in the Horombo mountain lodge
(3720 m)

Day 4: Kibo lodge

Another long march, this time up to the Kibo mountain hut at almost 4725 m. Although the route is somewhat shorter, it usually takes 7 hours because it is steeper and the height slows everyone down. The Route leads straight up to the Saddle, a wide flat area with the peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi rising above the heads. The last part of the way leads along the arid plateau before climbing to the Kibo hut. The Kibo mountain hut is a stone house with rooms in which 10-15 people sleep in bunk beds. There is a light dinner. You should go to sleep as early as possible. The mountain guides give way dinner some final instructions for the upcoming climb.

Dinner and overnight accommodation in the Kibo lodge (4725 m)

Day 5: Final ascent to Uhuru Peak then descent to Horombo lodge

You will be woken up around midnight and fortified yourself with tea and a few cookies. The mountain guides try to get everyone ready for the ascent as quickly as possible so that they can leave between 12 noon and 1 am. The path winds back and forth up a steep curve and the



climate is bitterly cold. The summit climb is an event that you will not forget, with the night sky full of stars. You have to breathe calmly and concentrated to be able to concentrate on the path ahead of you. Most climbers reach Gillman's Point, 5680 m, in time to enjoy the sunrise around 6.30. The view from above of the vastness of Africa makes it worth every effort. Some decide here that they have reached their destination and start on their way back from here. For the others, the real summit is Uhuru Peak (5890 m) - an additional three-hour circular walk. The descent from Gillman's Point is going very quickly, it takes about 2 hours. Most hikers take a short break at the Kibo Hut and then descend to spend the night in the Horombo Hut, where you arrive in the late evening.

Dinner and overnight accommodation in the Horombo mountain lodge (3720 m)

Day 6: Final descent and return to Arusha

A long 22.5 km walk back to Marangu Gate and the Park Head-quarter. At the Marangu Gate you enter your names and dates in a directory. The successful mountaineers now receive their summit certificates here. Those who have reached Gillman's Point will be given a green certificate and those who have made it to Uhuru Peak will receive a gold certificate. Your driver is already waiting for you and drives you back to your accommodation in Arusha.

Price overview

6 days / 5 nights on the mountain, overnight in huts

Number of persons	Price per person
2 persons	1.399 €
From 3 persons	1.299 €