



6 DAY MARANGU ROUTE

Embark on an extraordinary adventure up majestic Kilimanjaro, following the legendary Marangu route, aptly nicknamed the “Coca-Cola” route. Unlike other routes that demand camping, you’ll find comfort in dormitory-style sleeping huts along the way, adding a touch of convenience to your expedition. For this reason, we offer it as a private climb only. We recommend this route if you plan on climbing Kilimanjaro during the rainy seasons. The rainy seasons are from mid-March through the end of May and November. What sets Marangu apart is its gradual ascent, making it the favored choice for those seeking a slightly easier climb. However, it’s important to note that this popularity comes at a cost. The ascent and descent share the same trail, resulting in larger crowds and fewer awe-inspiring vistas. But don’t let that deter you, as the allure of Kilimanjaro lies not only in its scenery but also in the sheer triumph of reaching its summit.

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ARRIVAL

To ensure you're adequately prepared for this epic journey, we recommend arriving at least the morning before your climb begins or, preferably, the prior evening. Rushing into a trip briefing and lacking proper rest can undermine your overall experience. Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) is conveniently located just 45 minutes from your lodging. If you reserved a private transfer, our team will be eagerly waiting to greet you and transport you to your hotel. Alternatively, you can opt for a taxi service if you prefer.

During the trip briefing, we'll take the time to ensure you possess all the necessary equipment, conduct an initial health check, and verify that you have the mandatory medical coverage and travel insurance, ensuring your safety and peace of mind throughout the expedition.

KILIMANJARO: DAY 1

- 4-5 hours
- 4.3 miles
- elevation: +2,100 ft.

We kick off the expedition by departing from Arusha and making our way to the Marangu Gate, where you'll complete the essential registration formalities. The climb commences from Marangu Gate, situated

at an elevation of 6,000 ft. As you ascend, you'll be embraced by a captivating forest, teeming with a variety of wildlife, including the enchanting blue monkey. The forest gradually thins out, leading you to your first campsite, Mandara Hut, located at 8,800 ft.

KILIMANJARO: DAY 2

- 6-8 hours
- 5.7 miles
- elevation: +3,400 ft.

Prepare for an invigorating morning ascent through the mesmerizing moorland region. Weather permitting, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks—two of the three awe-inspiring volcanos comprising the summit of Kilimanjaro. Tonight, we make camp at Horombo Hut, nestled at an elevation of 12,200 ft, where you'll find solace under the starlit African sky.

KILIMANJARO: DAY 3

- 3-4 hours
- 3.1 miles
- elevation: +2,200 ft.

Today, we embark on a day dedicated to acclimatization. A short hike to the Mawenzi Ridge, towering at 14,400 ft, awaits you. From this vantage point, prepare to be mesmerized by

unobstructed views of the majestic Kibo and Mawenzi peaks. After soaking in the splendor of this area, we'll descend back to Horombo Hut, allowing your body to adjust and adapt to the altitude.

KILIMANJARO: DAY 4

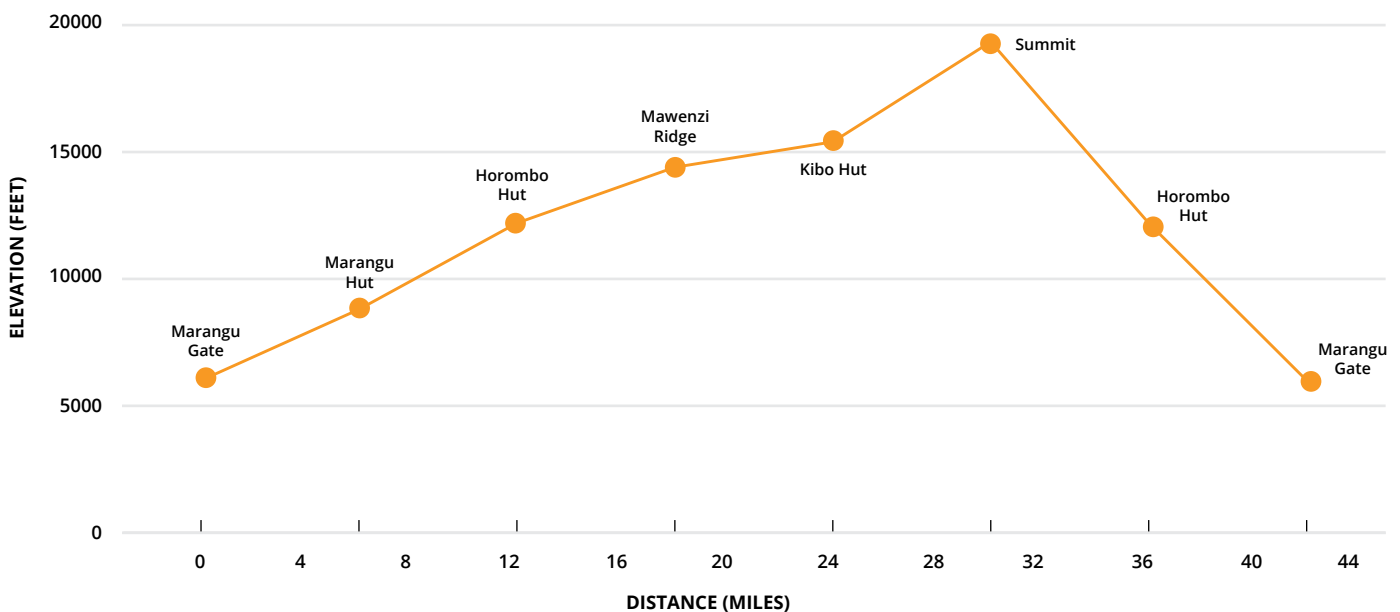
- 5-6 hours
- 5.5 miles
- elevation: +1,200 ft.

We traverse the lunar desert of the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo, eventually reaching Kibo Hut at the base of the crater wall, standing proudly at an elevation of 15,400 ft. The remainder of the day is dedicated to rest and preparation for the thrilling final ascent that lies ahead.

KILIMANJARO: DAY 5

- 11-15 hours
- 12.3 miles
- elevation: +3,945 ft. gain
- -7,145 ft. loss

Summit Night: As the anticipation builds, we commence the most demanding stage of the climb, illuminated by the gentle glow of headlamps around 1 a.m. Navigating through switchback trails and loose volcanic scree, we ascend painstakingly slowly, guided by the ethereal darkness. The reward awaits at Gillman's Point,



perched at an awe-inspiring altitude of 18,600 ft, where we pause to witness the magnificent sunrise painting the sky above Mawenzi. For the intrepid souls who still crave more, a three-hour round trip to Uhuru Peak (19,345 ft) is within reach. Along this path, marvel at the striking glaciers and formidable ice cliffs that dominate the summit region.

The descent to Kibo Hut (15,400 ft) surprises with its swiftness, and after refreshing ourselves, we continue the descent to Horombo Huts (12,200 ft), savoring every step of this incredible journey.

KILIMANJARO: DAY 6

- 5-6 hours
- 12.4 miles
- elevation: -6,200 ft.

A steady descent guides us through the enchanting moorland, leading us back to Mandara Huts (8,900 ft). The path continues, revealing the beauty of a lush forest, abundant with life, as we make our way toward the Kilimanjaro National Park gate in Marangu (6,000 ft). From there, we arrange for your transfer back to your lodge in Arusha, allowing you to reflect on the indomitable spirit that carried you to the summit.

DEPARTURE

After a well-deserved breakfast, we'll organize a private transfer or taxi service to whisk you away to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). Or if you booked a safari, you'll commence that portion of your trip.



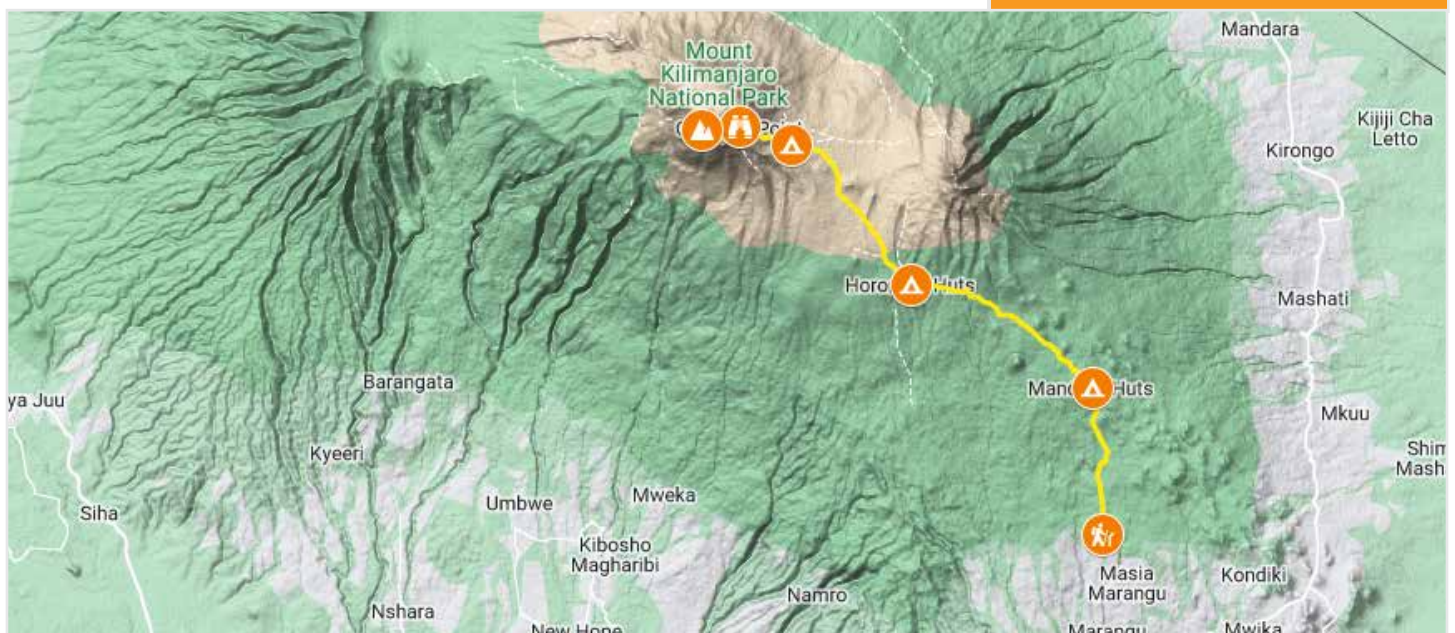
WHAT IS INCLUDED

- All park fees and taxes
- Hotel lodging the night before and the night after the climb (double occupancy)
- Breakfast
- Transport to and from the hotel and trailhead
- Tents (double occupancy)
- Sleeping pad
- All meals and water on the mountain
- Support personnel (guides, cooks, and porters)

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to Tanzania
- Airport pick up and drop off
- Tips for guides and porters
- Sleeping bags and other personal gear
- Rental gear
- Visa
- Travel Insurance
- Drinks and/or snacks
- Lunch and dinner at the hotel

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