

# THE MARANGU ROUTE

## OVERVIEW AND FEATURES

The Marangu Route is one of the popular routes for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Kilimanjaro is located in Tanzania and attracts climbers from around the world due to its stunning scenery and challenging ascent. The Marangu Route is often referred to as the "Coca-Cola Route" because it is the only route on Kilimanjaro that offers sleeping huts with basic amenities, and climbers can purchase beverages like Coca-Cola along the way

**Duration:** The standard duration for the Marangu Route is typically 5 to 6 days, with an extra day for acclimatization. It is considered a shorter route compared to others, which might make it appealing to those with limited time.

**Accommodations:** Climbers on the Marangu Route stay in huts along the way, as opposed to camping in tents. These huts have bunk beds and basic facilities. The accommodations make this route a bit more comfortable compared to camping routes.

**Scenery:** The Marangu Route is known for its scenic views, including landscapes like rainforests, moorlands, and the alpine desert. Climbers have the opportunity to witness diverse ecosystems as they ascend the mountain.

**Difficulty:** While the Marangu Route is considered less strenuous than some other routes, it still involves a challenging climb to reach the summit of Kilimanjaro. Altitude and weather conditions can pose difficulties, and climbers should be adequately prepared.

**Summit:** The summit of Kilimanjaro, Uhuru Peak, stands at 5,895 meters (19,341 feet) above sea level. Reaching the summit is a significant achievement, and climbers are rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views.

It's important to note that, like any high-altitude trek, climbing Kilimanjaro requires proper preparation, including physical fitness and acclimatization. Additionally, climbers are advised to check the latest information and guidelines from our Kilimanjaro and Safari company, as conditions and regulations may change. If you are considering climbing Kilimanjaro, it is recommended to go with a reputable tour operator who can provide necessary support and guidance throughout the journey.

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## MARANGU ITINERARY

The Marangu Route typically takes about 5 to 6 days to complete, with the option of an additional acclimatization day. Here's a sample itinerary for the Marangu Route:

### Day 1: Arrival in Moshi

Arrive in Moshi, Tanzania.

Transfer to your hotel.

Briefing with your trekking company and guide.

Rest and prepare for the trek.

### Day 2: Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut

Drive to Marangu Gate (1,860 meters/6,102 feet).

Complete registration and meet the trekking team.

Begin trekking through the rainforest to Mandara Hut (2,700 meters/8,858 feet).

Approximate trekking time: 4-6 hours.

### Day 3: Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut

Continue the ascent through the rainforest.

Reach the heath and moorland zone.

Trek to Horombo Hut (3,720 meters/12,205 feet).

Approximate trekking time: 5-7 hours.

### Day 4: Acclimatization Day at Horombo Hut

Spend the day at Horombo Hut for acclimatization.

Optional day hike to Zebra Rocks or Mawenzi Hut.

Rest and prepare for the next day.

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

Ascend through the alpine desert to Kibo Hut (4,703 meters/15,430 feet).

Spectacular views of Mawenzi and the summit.

Approximate trekking time: 6-8 hours.

## **Day 6: Summit Day - Uhuru Peak and Descend to Horombo Hut**

Start the summit attempt around midnight.

Reach Gilman's Point (5,681 meters/18,638 feet) by sunrise.

Continue to Uhuru Peak (5,895 meters/19,341 feet).

Descend to Horombo Hut.

Approximate trekking time: 11-15 hours.

## **Day 7: Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate**

Descend through the rainforest to Marangu Gate.

Complete descent and receive summit certificates.

Transfer back to your hotel in Moshi.

Celebrate your achievement.

Approximate trekking time: 5-7 hours.

## **Day 8: Departure**

Depart from Moshi or continue with additional travel plans.

This itinerary is a general guideline, and the actual schedule may vary based on the tour operator, weather conditions, and the acclimatization needs of the group. It's crucial to choose a reputable trekking company, follow their guidance, and prioritize acclimatization for a safe and enjoyable climb.