

MARANGU ROUTE (HUT ACCOMODATION)

6 Days / 5 Nights



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Duration: 6 Days / 5 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

Overview of the Umbwe route

The Marangu Route, also known as the “Coca-Cola Route,” is a popular and well-established path for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. It is the only route that provides hut accommodations instead of camping, making it a comfortable and accessible option for many climbers. This route is often recommended for beginners due to its gentle and well-maintained trail. The journey typically takes 5 to 6 days, with the 6-day option allowing for better acclimatization to high altitudes.

Expert recommendation

Marangu offers classic views of Kilimanjaro’s southern side. Because **ascent and descent use the same trail**, you see less variety of scenery than on circular routes, and the path can feel busier at peak times.

The **5-day Marangu itinerary** omits a full acclimatization day in the middle of the climb; it is demanding and is best reserved for trekkers with **prior high-altitude experience** or excellent recent acclimatization. If you are new to altitude, the **6-day Marangu** schedule — or a 7+ day itinerary on another route — is a safer choice.

For a direct comparison: both **Marangu 6-day** and **Machame 6-day** are popular; Marangu’s huts can feel simpler logistically, while Machame offers a more varied loop. If you are choosing between them, we are happy to advise based on your dates, fitness, and budget.

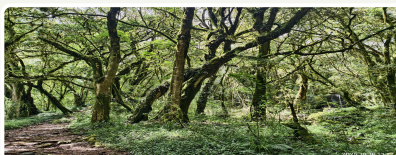
Summit success rates (Marangu)

Published data from large Kilimanjaro operators illustrates how much itinerary length matters on Marangu. As a rough guide (figures vary by operator, season, and group mix):

- **Marangu 5-day**—historically around **80–85%** of climbers reach Uhuru Peak on well-supported trips; crater-rim success is slightly higher.
- **Marangu 6-day**—often around **85–90%+** reach Uhuru on comparable expeditions, thanks to better acclimatization.

Overall, Marangu success rates are typically **lower than on longer 7–8 day itineraries** on Lemosho or Machame because the slope of acclimatization is steeper. Strong guides, oxygen protocols, and daily health checks improve outcomes regardless of route.

Note: If you prefer the 5-day mountain option, ask us for that schedule and pricing band.



DESTINATIONS



**Kilimanjaro National
Park**



**Kilimanjaro
International Airport
JRO**



Moshi Town

Moshi

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), where you will meet a **Kilimanjaro Explore** representative and transfer to your hotel. The hotel provides comfortable rooms, hot water, staff, a pool, and internet. Evening briefing with your coordinator.

Private tours include shared airport transfers for the group; extra individual transfers may cost more. Sync arrival times when possible.

Please note: Check-in often starts at **2:00 PM**.

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Moshi Town



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ACCOMMODATION

Keys Hotel Mbokomu



Day 2: Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut

Guide and crew meet you at the hotel, briefing, then drive to **Marangu Gate** (~1,860 m / 6,102 ft). After permits and search-and-rescue registration, trek through **rainforest** to **Mandara Hut** (~2,720 m / 8,922 ft). Rain is likely — pack rain gear. Lunch is prepared at camp.

On Marangu you sleep in **dormitory huts** every night — no camping tents.

Please note: First day at altitude:

- Drink **3–4+ litres** of water daily, little and often.
- Discuss altitude medication with your doctor; your coordinator can explain options.
- Night breathing may feel shallow — report headache, nausea, or illness to your guide.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (6.8 mi)

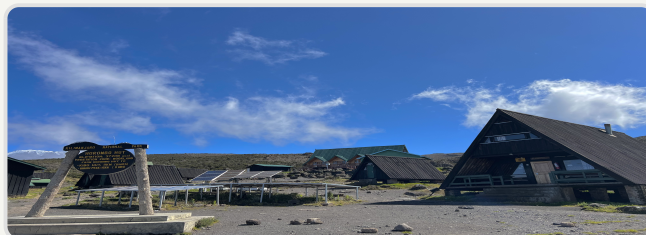
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Marangu route huts (KINAPA)



Day 3: Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut

Early breakfast, leave Mandara, and trek to **Horombo Hut** (~3,720 m / 12,202 ft). Enjoy views of both **Kibo** and **Mawenzi**. Several hours after lunch, an **acclimatization hike** toward Kibo Hut (~200 m gain), then return to Horombo for dinner.

Please note: Take acclimatization hikes seriously — they improve summit odds.

Acclimatization hike: Horombo (~3,720 m) to ~3,920 m en route to Kibo — ~2.5 km, **1–2 hours**.

Trekking time (main): ~6 hours | **Distance:** ~11 km (6.8 mi)

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Day 4: Acclimatisation Day at Horombo Hut

An extra day is included for acclimatization, helping your body adjust to the thinning mountain air. An optional hike to Zebra Rocks (4,100 m) offers a 90-minute climb with stunning views before returning to Horombo Hut (3,720 m) for the night. Horombo provides water, toilets, and washbasins. The landscape shifts from moorland to alpine desert, and you may spot high-altitude birds and rodents along the way.

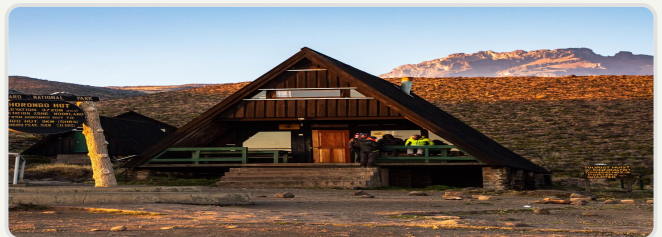
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ACCOMMODATION

Horombo huts



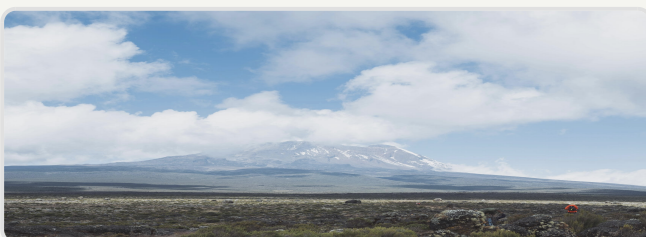
Day 5: Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

After breakfast, trek to **Kibo Hut** (~4,720 m / 15,482 ft). The walking is moderate; conserve strength for summit night. Lunch at Kibo, then sleep as much as you can, avoid heavy activity, and drink plenty of water.

Trekking time: 4–8 hours | **Distance:** ~10 km (6.2 mi)

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Day 6: Uhuru Peak and descent to Horombo Hut

Night departure from Kibo for **Uhuru Peak** (5,895 m / 19,336 ft). Technically moderate terrain, but altitude is the challenge — each pair is normally with a dedicated guide. After the summit, optional short walk toward glacier viewpoints, rest at Kibo, then descend to **Horombo Hut**.

Please note: Roughly **90%** of accidents happen on the descent — protect feet and use trekking poles carefully.

Trekking time: 9–12 hours | **Distance:** ~16 km (9.9 mi)

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Day 7: Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate

Warm breakfast, then long descent through forest to **Marangu Gate** (~1,970 m / 6,462 ft). Guestbook, certificates, and transfer to the hotel.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~18 km (11.1 mi)

📍 DESTINATION

Moshi

🏠 ACCOMMODATION

Aishi Machame Hotel



Day 8: Departure

Rest at the hotel and transfer to the airport.

Please note: Hotel check-out is often **11:00 AM**; late checkout may be available for a fee.

📍 DESTINATION

Kilimanjaro International Airport JRO



🏠 ACCOMMODATION

No Accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

Included

- ⊙ All transfers in Tanzania as per programme (airport pick-up and drop-off, hotel ? park gate / trailhead)
- ⊙ Hotel accommodation before and after the climb (typically bed & breakfast; shared twin unless single supplement)
- ⊙ Kilimanjaro National Park fees, camping or hut fees, and rescue fee contributions as applicable
- ⊙ Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook(s), and porter crew
- ⊙ All meals on the mountain; mess / kitchen tent and group dining equipment
- ⊙ Four-season mountain tents (shared, two per tent by default), group sleeping mat, group camping furniture
- ⊙ Safety: emergency oxygen, comprehensive group medical kit, daily health monitoring with guides
- ⊙ Summit certificates after a successful climb

Excluded

- ⊗ International flights to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- ⊗ Tanzania visa fees (confirm current rate before travel)
- ⊗ Travel and high-altitude evacuation insurance (mandatory — confirm coverage for trekking to 6,000 m)
- ⊗ Tips for guides, cooks, and porters (budget per consultant advice)
- ⊗ Personal trekking clothing, boots, and sleeping bag (rental may be available)
- ⊗ Lunch and dinner at the hotel before/after the climb unless stated otherwise
- ⊗ Single room or single tent supplements; optional portable toilet hire; optional private tent surcharge
- ⊗ Personal expenses, drinks, laundry, and phone/data charges

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
6-day	\$2,034	\$1,995	\$1,875	\$1,825	\$1,780	\$1,695

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
6-day	\$2,034	\$1,995	\$1,875	\$1,825	\$1,780	\$1,695

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
6-day	\$2,034	\$1,995	\$1,875	\$1,825	\$1,780	\$1,695

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