

# Majestic Kilimanjaro Treks & Safaris



## Climb Kilimanjaro - Marangu Route - 6 Day Itinerary

**DAY 1: Elevation (m): 1800m to 2700m, Distance: 7km, Time: 3 hours. Habitat: Montane Forest.**

### **MARANGU GATE TO MANDARA HUT**

You will be picked up from your hotel in the morning and driven to the Mount Kilimanjaro National Park Gate. Once signed in at the park and final preparations are complete, we start ascending on a cleared ridge trail through the rainforest. The forest is where most of Kilimanjaro's animals are found. Our first night is at Mandara Hut camp set in a forest clearing. This camp consists of a group of wooden A-framed huts and flush toilets behind the main hut.

**DAY 2: Elevation (m): 2700m to 3720m, Distance: 12km, Time: 6 hours, Habitat: Moorland.**

### **MANDARA HUT TO HOROMBO HUT**

In the morning we leave camp and trek through a short stretch of forest through to moorland, circumventing the base of the Maundi Crater. In the afternoon we will reach the Horombo Hut where we will stay overnight.

**DAY 3: Elevation (m): 3720, Habitat: Moorland.**

### **HOROMBO HUT (ACCLIMATISATION)**

Given that this route poses challenges for being properly acclimatised, we advise spending another night at Horombo Hut. During this day we will trek towards Mawenzi, passing the Zebra Rocks on the way (about 3 hours up and 1.5 hours down) and then return to Horombo Hut.

**DAY 4: Elevation (m): 3720m to 4700m, Distance: 9.5km, Time: 5 hours. Habitat: Alpine desert.**

### **HOROMBO HUT TO KIBO HUT**

Today we continue our ascent into the Alpine desert zone to Kibo Hut. From Kibo Hut, the summit is now only another 1195m ascent. This afternoon we will have an early dinner, prepare your personal gear for the summit and then get some sleep. Our summit trek starts tonight.

**DAY 5: Elevation (m): 4700m to 5895m, Distance: 21 km, Time: 6-7 hours ascent, 3 hours descent.**

### **Habitat: Stone scree and ice-capped summit**

### **KIBO HUT TO SUMMIT**

You will be woken around 23:30pm, and after a hot breakfast we will start our final summit. The first section of the trail consists of a rocky path to Hans Meyer point (5250m). The path then zigzags up to Gillman's point (5681m) on the crater rim. This section is very steep with a lot of scree.

From Gillman's Point we could encounter snow all the way up to Uhuru peak (5895m), the highest point in Africa. After taking photos at the summit we start the 3 hours descent back to Kibo Hut. After a short rest we pack up all your personal gear and trek down to Horombo Hut (3 hours). Tonight is our last night on the mountain.

**DAY 6: Elevation (m): 3720m to 1980m, Distance: 18 km, Time: 6 hours**

### **HOROMBO HUT TO MARANGU GATE**

This morning we make our final descent down to Marangu Gate where we started. You will be taken for lunch and here you will receive your summit certificate to commemorate your great achievement.

We will then drive you back to your hotel where we will say our farewell.