

KILIMANJARO CLIMB – MARANGU ROUTE

TOUR CODE: RS10602 (Standard Zara)
DEPARTS: DAILY ON REQUEST
DURATION: 7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS

FROM: KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TO: KILIMANJARO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The Marangu Route

Often considered the easiest and one of the most popular routes to the summit, the Marangu route is used by almost 40% of all climbers and uses comfortable mountain huts with solar power lighting. It is suitable for those adventurers who are not particularly experienced in the mountains, therefore classified as a moderate trek rather than a climb. Although the trail can be a little crowded at certain times of the year, the views are beautiful and each day of walking progresses through a different climate zone, adding considerably to the interest of the trek. The real highlight is the walk from Gillman's point along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak, passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that occupy most of the summit area. The views as the sun rises behind Mawenzi on a clear morning are absolutely magnificent - The Rift Valley, Mt. Meru and the Masai Steppes stand out from the endless plains, almost three vertical miles below.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Collection from Kilimanjaro airport, and transfer to Springlands Hotel located in Moshi Town close to the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro. Here you will have a climb briefing and time to prepare and overnight.

Overnight at Springlands Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis

Day 2

The National Park Gate (1,830 m.) lies at the edge of Marangu, which is an attractive village with many small coffee and banana plantations. After completing the entrance formalities, we climb up through an attractive and unspoilt forest to reach the clearing containing **Mandara Hut** (2,700 m.), a group of comfortable 'A' frame wooden huts. The largest cabin has a downstairs dining area and an upstairs dormitory and mattresses. Smaller huts sleep eight persons. The total capacity is sixty persons. Water is piped onto site from a spring above and there are flush toilets behind the main cabin. The volcanic remains of Maundi Crater are nearby and make a good afternoon excursion. An alternative is to rest and enjoy the beautiful forest. There is rich birdlife at the huts and monkeys are often seen as well. (3-5 hours walking)

Overnight on the mountain on a full board basis

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Day 3

The first part of the walk is a steep ascent through the forest, but the path soon opens out into grassy moorland and in clear weather, there are good views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks. We climb steadily through the moorland zone, containing giant heathers and occasional stands of groundsel, to eventually reach the hut complex at **Horombo** (3,720 m.). The buildings here are similar to Mandara Hut, but total capacity is one hundred and twenty persons. Water is piped from the stream behind the huts. There are platform toilets south east of the main hut, about eighty metres down the slope and flush toilets have been built within the complex of small huts. Sunrises and sunsets here are often spectacular and the site is close to the glaciated dome of Kibo. There is a real sense of being above the clouds here. (4-6 hours walking)

Overnight on the mountain on a full board basis

Day 4

We climb very gradually towards the lunar desert of the Saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo. The terrain changes to scree and there is a palpable sense of high altitude wilderness. We usually reach **Kibo Hut** (4,700 m.) at the bottom of the crater wall by midday. Kibo is a stone-built block house with a small dining area and a number of dormitory rooms leading off a main corridor. There are bunk beds and mattresses for about sixty people. There is no water here so one has to bring an ample supply from the 'last water' supply above Horombo Hut. Platform toilets are behind the hut. The remainder of the day is spent resting and eating in preparation for the final climb before a very early night! (4-5 hours walking)

Overnight on the mountain on a full board basis

Day 5

We will start our ascent by torchlight at about 0100 hours, aiming to be up at Gillman's Point by sunrise. The initial climb is steep over loose volcanic scree, but there are some well-graded zig-zags and a slow but steady pace will have us up to Gillman's (5,685 m.) in about five or six hours. We will rest there and spend some time taking in the sunrise. For those who are still feeling strong can make the three hour round trip from here along the crater rim to Uhuru Peak (5,896 m.), passing close to the spectacular glaciers that still occupy most of the summit area. The descent is surprisingly fast and we return to **Horombo** for the night. (11-15 hours walking)

Overnight on the mountain on a full board basis

Day 6

We retrace our steps with a pleasant moorland walk to Mandara and then a lovely forest walk to the National Park gates. The greenness and lushness of the forest is quite a stunning contrast to the summit day and it really makes you realise how varied the scenery on Kilimanjaro really is. (5-6 hours walking). When you finish the climb, there will be a vehicle waiting to meet you and transfer you back to Springlands Hotel for overnight.

Overnight at Springlands Hotel on a bed and breakfast basis

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Day 7

After breakfast you are transferred to Kilimanjaro airport for your departure flight and end of our services.

(If further services are required, please inform and we will provide costs accordingly)

NETT COST:

IN US DOLLARS	August 2020 to April 2021			
	Per Person Sharing	Single Room Supplement	Sole Participant Supplement	Suggested Tip Amount†
SHARED BASIS CLIMB (min 2 climbers)	Available as Private Only			
PRIVATE BASIS CLIMB (2 climbers)	2945.00	110.00	407.00	350.00
PRIVATE BASIS CLIMB (3+ climbers)	2505.00	110.00	N/A	350.00
Extra night on the mountain Δ	271.00	Nil	Nil	50.00

We no longer offer a shared option for this climb. Private basis climb programmes use shared Alpine Huts and it is likely that there will be other climbers on the same itinerary throughout the climb. However, on private basis, you have your own mountain guide. All transfers are on a shared basis. Sole climbers must book on private basis.

†Suggested tip amount is a recommendation only of the amount each climber should budget to pay the climb staff. This is provided for information only and is not included in the trip price, nor is it paid to us. *Actual tips are at the climbers' discretion.*

Single Supplement on this climb applies only to the nights at the base hotel. Alpine huts on the mountain feature dormitory type accommodation and single occupancy is not possible.

Δ An extra night on the mountain can be added between days 3 and 4. This day remains at Horombo Hut.

Group rates available on request.

If clients require any additional nights at Springlands Hotel then costs will be as follows:

Per person per night (bed and breakfast)	USD	60.00 Nett
Single room supplement	USD	60.00 Nett

Holiday Supplements

There are no holiday supplements on this programme.

Children

This programme is not suitable for children younger than 12 years.

There is no discount for children.

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Cost Includes

Meet and greet services with assistance at the airport
Mountain guide and porters
Transfers as specified
All pre and post climb accommodation as mentioned
All accommodation and meals* on the mountain
All park fees, hut fees and rescue fees**
Government taxes

Cost Excludes

International flights
Visas
Airport tax (pay direct)
Driver guide, mountain guide and porters gratuities
Climbing gear – if required can be hired locally
Drinks, dining rooms tips, portage, personal travel and baggage insurance
Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

Additional Remarks

We may have to reroute the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability. Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.

Passenger Information

Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.

All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them for internal flights.

Baggage on internal flights is strictly limited to 15kgs per person (including hand luggage). Any excess baggage will be charged by the airline at check-in.

Passengers arriving to Tanzania may be asked to present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate

*Meals on the mountain are prepared for high carbohydrate intake to facilitate climbing. They are not hotel standard meals and will lack variety. Special diets can be catered to with advance notice.

**Rescue fee covers evacuation from the mountain to the park gate only. It does not cover any medical treatment at all, or transportation to the local hospital. We recommend that travellers purchase travel insurance with medical and evacuation cover.

Climb preparation documentation, suggested packing lists and equipment rental lists are available on request.