



5 DAYS

TANZANIA · MOUNTAIN TREKKING

Kilimanjaro Marangu Route: 5-Day Climb

The shortest way up Kilimanjaro and the only route with hut accommodation: five days from Marangu Gate to Uhuru Peak and back.

DURATION

5 days

DESTINATIONS

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TRIP STYLE

Mountain Trekking

AT A GLANCE

Experience Overview

Marangu is the original route up Kilimanjaro and still the only one where you sleep indoors. Wooden huts with bunk beds stand at Mandara (2,700 m), Horombo (3,720 m) and Kibo (4,720 m), and the path between them is broad and evenly graded.

The climb takes you through rainforest on the first day, open moorland on the second and the alpine desert of the Saddle on the third. Summit night begins at Kibo Hut around midnight: a steep climb up scree to Gilman's Point on the crater rim, then a walk of up to two hours around the rim to Uhuru Peak, 5,895 m. You descend by the same path.

A word of caution. Marangu is often called the easy route because of the huts and the gentle trail, but five days is very little time to adjust to nearly 6,000 m, and more people turn back on this schedule than on longer ones. Adding a sixth day at Horombo makes a real difference, and we are happy to quote for it.

Good for: fit walkers with limited time, people who would rather not camp, and climbs in the wetter months when huts are drier than tents. Insurance covering trekking to 6,000 m is required.

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TRIP STYLE

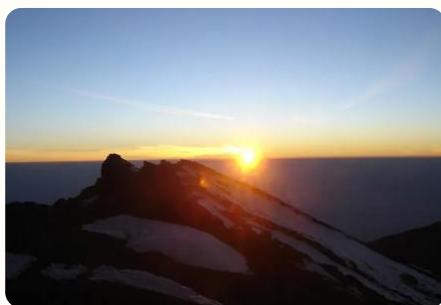
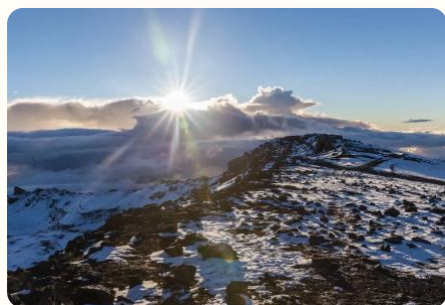
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Highlights

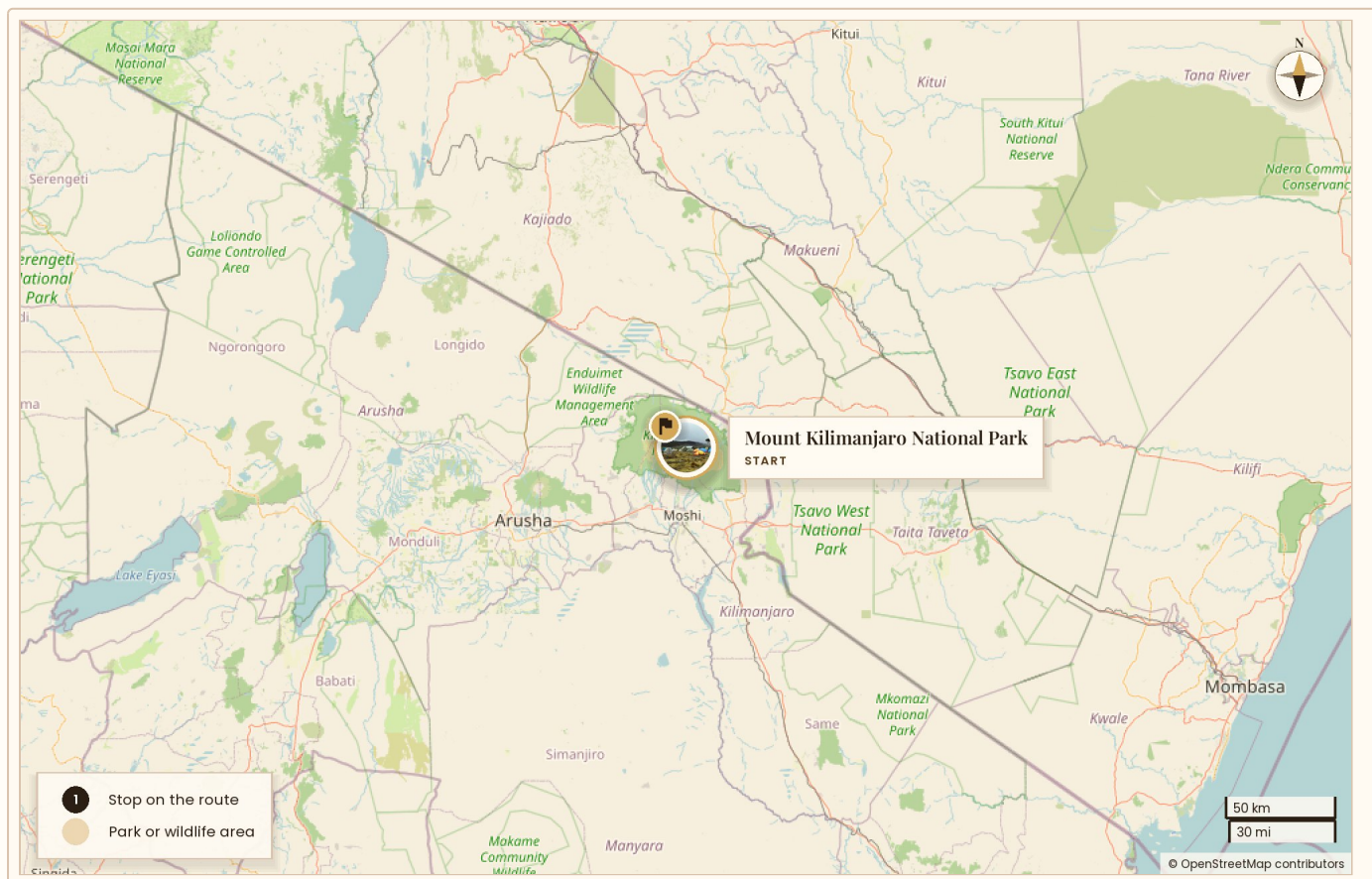
- Summit attempt on Uhuru Peak, 5,895 m
- Summit approach via Gilman's Point
- Twice-daily health checks with a pulse oximeter
- Hut accommodation with bunk beds on every night
- Licensed lead guide, assistant guides, porters and cook
- Pre-climb hotel night in Moshi included



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Your route

Where the journey takes you, from the first day to the last.



Mount Kilimanjaro National Park Days 1-5



Mount Kilimanjaro National Park

DAYS 1-5 · START

Overnight: Marangu Route Huts

5 DAYS

Day by day

Your journey through Tanzania, one day at a time.



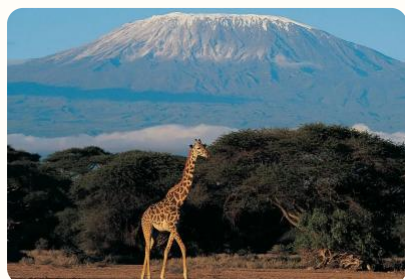
DAY 01

Marangu Gate (1,870 m) to Mandara Hut (2,700 m)

After your night in Moshi you drive to Marangu Gate to register and meet the crew. The first walk is three to four hours through rainforest, with a chance of seeing blue monkeys and colobus. A short side path from the hut leads to Maundi Crater.

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OVERNIGHT Marangu Route Huts



DAY 02

Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut (3,720 m)

The trail leaves the forest and crosses heath and moorland with giant groundsels and lobelias. Kibo and Mawenzi come into view. Five to six hours of steady walking. Your guide checks your oxygen saturation and pulse on arrival.

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DAY 03

Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut (4,720 m)

You climb past the last water point and cross the Saddle, a bare, windy plateau between the two peaks. Kibo Hut is reached after five to six hours. Dinner is early and you rest until about 11 pm.

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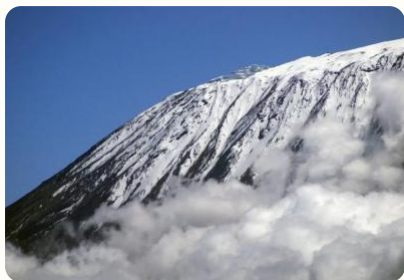
DAY 04

Summit: Uhuru Peak (5,895 m), descend to Horombo

Set off around midnight. The climb to Gilman's Point takes five to six hours on steep scree, followed by one to two hours around the rim to Uhuru Peak. After a short time at the top you descend to Kibo Hut for a rest and on to Horombo. Twelve to fifteen hours in all.

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DAY 05

Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate

A descent of five to six hours through moorland and forest to the gate, where you sign out and receive your certificate. Transfer to Moshi or the airport.

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Where you stay

Lodges and camps chosen for their setting, comfort and service. (or similar, depending on availability)



Marangu Route Huts

DAY 1-4 · MOUNTAIN HUTS · MOUNTAIN STAY

The A-frame huts of the Marangu route: Mandara in the rainforest, Horombo on the moorland and Kibo below the summit cone. Shared sleeping huts with bunk beds and dining halls; our...

Warm washing water · Bunk beds · Dining hall

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Inclusions & Exclusions

Included

- All KINAPA park fees
- KINAPA-licensed lead guide and assistants
- Porters and camp chef
- Mountain hut accommodation
- All meals on the mountain
- Purified drinking water
- Pulse oximetry health checks
- Summit certificate
- Airport transfers
- Pre-trek hotel night in Moshi

Not included

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Personal climbing gear
- Gratuities for mountain crew
- Personal snacks and extras



KILIMANJARO MARANGU ROUTE: 5-DAY CLIMB

Make this journey yours

Every itinerary can be changed: dates, pace, lodges and the parks you visit. Tell us how you like to travel and we will shape this trip around you.

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