

ADVENTURE | TANZANIA

7 Days Marangu Route Hike

DURATION	FROM (PER PERSON)	TRIP STYLE	TRIP CODE
7 days / 6 nights	£1,958.40	Adventure	WTE-3761

Overview

The Marangu Route, often called the "Coca-Cola Route," is the classic way up Mount Kilimanjaro. It is the only route where you sleep in mountain huts instead of tents, making it a popular choice for first-time climbers and anyone who wants a little more comfort on the mountain.

Over seven days you climb through five climate zones: tropical rainforest where colobus monkeys play in the canopy, moorland of giant heathers with views of Mawenzi Peak, the stark alpine desert below Kibo and finally the arctic summit zone, where you stand on Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa, as the sun rises over the plains below.

Why this itinerary works

Our 7-day plan includes a full acclimatisation day at Horombo Hut (3,720m), with an optional hike to Zebra Rocks or Mawenzi Ridge. That extra day gives your body time to adjust to the altitude and is one of the best ways to improve your chances of reaching the summit. The route ascends and descends on the same trail, so the path is well marked and steady.

Who it suits

- First-time Kilimanjaro climbers with reasonable fitness
- Trekkers who prefer hut beds to camping
- Anyone short on time who still wants a well-paced climb

Your journey at a glance

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport and transfer to Moshi for a gear check and briefing with your guide. Trek from Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut, on to Horombo Hut, take your acclimatisation day, then continue to Kibo Hut. A midnight start takes you via Gilman's Point to Uhuru Peak, before you descend through the rainforest to Marangu Gate to receive your summit certificate.

Park fees, hut accommodation, meals on the mountain, a professional guide and return airport transfers are included. See the full day-by-day itinerary below, or contact our team to plan your climb.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 01

Arrival in Moshi

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), you'll be met by our AML Travel & Safaris representative and transferred to your hotel in Moshi. After check-in, you'll meet your mountain guide for a briefing and gear check to prepare for the climb.

Accommodation: Hotel in Moshi

Meals: Dinner

DAY 02

Moshi – Marangu Gate (1,860m) to Mandara Hut (2,700m)

After breakfast, transfer to Marangu Gate where registration is completed before starting your trek through lush tropical rainforest. Expect to spot Colobus monkeys and exotic birds along the trail.

Hiking Distance: 8 km (approx. 4–5 hours)

Habitat: Rainforest

Accommodation: Mandara Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 03

Mandara Hut (2,700m) to Horombo Hut (3,720m)

The trail gradually ascends through the moorland zone with stunning views of Mawenzi Peak. You'll pass through giant heathers and open grasslands before reaching Horombo Hut, where you'll rest for the night.

Hiking Distance: 12 km (approx. 6–7 hours)

Habitat: Moorland

Accommodation: Horombo Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 04

Acclimatization at Horombo Hut (3,720m)

Spend a full day at Horombo Hut for acclimatization. You may take a short hike to Mawenzi Ridge or Zebra Rocks to help your body adjust to the altitude while enjoying panoramic views.

Activity: Acclimatization Hike

Accommodation: Horombo Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 05

Horombo Hut (3,720m) to Kibo Hut (4,703m)

Today's trek takes you through alpine desert terrain, passing the Last Water Point before climbing gradually toward Kibo Hut, located at the foot of the summit cone. Rest early in preparation for the midnight summit attempt.

Hiking Distance: 10 km (approx. 6 hours)

Habitat: Alpine Desert

Accommodation: Kibo Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 06

Summit Day – Kibo Hut (4,703m) to Uhuru Peak (5,895m) then down to Horombo Hut (3,720m)

You'll start your summit push at midnight, ascending steeply to Gilman's Point (5,681m) and then to Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa. Witness a breathtaking sunrise from the summit before descending back to Horombo Hut for a well-deserved rest.

Hiking Distance: 22 km (up and down, approx. 10–14 hours)

Habitat: Arctic Zone

Accommodation: Horombo Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 07

Horombo Hut (3,720m) to Marangu Gate (1,860m) – Transfer to Moshi

After breakfast, descend through the lush rainforest back to Marangu Gate, where you'll receive your summit certificate. Your driver will transfer you to Moshi for celebration and relaxation.

Hiking Distance: 20 km (approx. 6–7 hours)

Habitat: Rainforest

Accommodation: Hotel in Moshi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Ready to book this trip?

From £1,958.40 per person. Dates and private departures available on request.

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