

ADVENTURE | TANZANIA

Kilimanjaro Day Hike

DURATION	FROM (PER PERSON)	TRIP STYLE	TRIP CODE
1 day	£1,010.40	Adventure	WTE-3759

Overview

You do not have to climb to the summit to experience Mount Kilimanjaro. Our Kilimanjaro Day Hike, nicknamed "Sneak Peek of the Peak," takes you up the first section of the famous Marangu Route, from Marangu Gate (1,800m) to Mandara Hut (2,743m), in a single day.

Leaving Moshi early in the morning, it is about an hour's drive to Marangu Gate. From there you hike through lush rainforest full of life, gaining around 900 metres in altitude, with a good chance of spotting blue monkeys and colobus monkeys along the trail. You return to Moshi the same day.

Highlights

- Walk on Africa's highest mountain without a multi-day climb
- Rainforest scenery, birdlife and monkeys
- A visit to Mandara Hut, the first overnight stop for Marangu climbers
- A professional guide and transport from Moshi

Who it suits

Travellers with reasonable fitness who want a taste of Kilimanjaro during a safari or business trip, families with older children, and anyone curious about climbing before committing to the full summit.

Contact our team to book your day hike.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 01

- Marangu Gate (1,800m/5,905ft) to Mandara Hut (2,743m/9,000ft) Elevation Gain: 915 meters, 3,000 feet

Leave lively, colourful Moshi early in the morning for the trip to Marangu Gate, the gateway to Mount Kilimanjaro. It's only an hour away, but the scenery will capture you - coffee and banana fields, past charming Marangu hamlet, with Kilimanjaro rising magnificently before you. We'll register you at the Marangu Gate (we don't want you to go lost!) Your adventure will soon begin. The ridged route is first narrow as it winds through the rainforest. It's lush and gloomy, with moss adorning the trees. The canopy above is alive with songs and weird rustlings - might it be a colobus? Mongoose may scurry ahead of you. You'll also encounter fatigued hikers on their way down from the peak. Give them a thumbs up for their efforts. The journey to Mandara Hut takes around three hours, so take a break and eat a wonderful lunch at the Hut before continuing to the short but strenuous walk to the Maundi Crater. The views to the east across Taveta and the northwest to Mawenzi Peak are spectacular on a clear day. Don't forget to bring your camera! After taking in the scenery, you'll climb back down to the Marangu Gate, where our van will be ready to take you back to Moshi, exhausted but delighted. This Kilimanjaro day walk is acceptable for most individuals, even if they are physically challenged.

Ready to book this trip?

From £1,010.40 per person. Dates and private departures available on request.

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