



### 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***

#### 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



pipled 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 (Summit day)

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***

#### Day 7

## TRIP ITINERARY

## Kilimanjaro Climb (Marangu Route)

## Tanzania



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. On private basis, you have your own mountain guide and porters. All transfers are on a shared basis. Sole climbers must book on private basis.

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

### **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, portorage, personal travel and baggage insurance  
Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

### **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 be basic. 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.