



## Kilimanjaro Trekking on the Marangu Route, 6 Days



**Scheduled group tour | minimum 1, maximum 10 people**

Day 1	1 N	Arusha	<a href="#">Meru View Lodge</a>	HB
Day 2	1 N	Kilimanjaro National Park	Mandara Hut	FB
Day 3 – 4	2 N	Kilimanjaro National Park	Horombo Hut	FB
Day 5	1 N	Kilimanjaro National Park	Kibo Hut	FB
Day 6	1 N	Kilimanjaro National Park	Horombo Hut	FB
Day 7	1 N	Arusha	<a href="#">Meru View Lodge</a>	HB
Day 8	-	Arusha/Kilimanjaro Airport		

**Included:** professional, English-speaking Guide | mountain crew (cook & porters) | 7 nights' stay in lodges and mountain huts (depending on availability, a lodge of a similar standard will be booked) | meals according to the itinerary | drinking water | all national park fees | all mentioned transfers

**Excluded:** flights (international and domestic) | meals not indicated in the itinerary | alcoholic and soft drinks | sleeping bag | tips | personal expenses | visa fees | travel insurance

# Detailed Itinerary



## Day 1 | Kilimanjaro Airport – Arusha

**Distance approx. 35km; driving time approx. 45 minutes**

Upon your arrival at Kilimanjaro Airport, our transfer driver will be waiting for you. He will take you to the Meru View Lodge, where the rest of the day is at leisure. You might want to explore the town of Arusha (taxi required) or just relax at the lodge. In the evening you will be briefed by our team on site in preparation of the upcoming trekking tour. You will spend the night at [Meru View Lodge](#).

**Dinner**

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## Day 2 | Arusha – Marangu Gate (1860m) – Mandara Hut (2700m)

**Altitude ↑840m; walking time approx. 3-4 hours**

After breakfast at the lodge, you will be taken to the Kilimanjaro National Park gate. Once the necessary paper work has been completed, your trek begins and you will soon be hiking through the dense rainforest. You might be lucky to catch a glimpse of the black and white colobus monkeys scrambling through the lush vegetation. Approximately 3 to 4 hours later, you will reach your destination for the day, the Mandara Hut. After a well-earned rest, your guide will take you to the Maundi Crater where you can enjoy wonderful views towards Kenya. Evening meal and overnight stay at the Mandara Hut.

**Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner**

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## Day 3 | Mandara Hut (2700m) – Horombo Hut (3700m)

**Altitude ↑1000m; walking time approx. 5-6 hours**

The day begins with an early breakfast and shortly after you have left Mandara Hut, you will reach the tree line where vegetation changes to shrubs. Approximately 5 to 6 hours later, the Horombo Hut will come into sight. From the hut you will have fantastic views overlooking Mawenzi, Kibo peak and the Masai steppe. Evening meal and overnight stay at the Horombo Hut.

**Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner**

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## Day 4 | Horombo Hut (3700m) – Zebra Rocks (4020m) – Horombo Hut (3700m)

**Altitude ↑400m | ↓400m; walking time approx. 4-5 hours**

Today's purpose is getting your body to acclimatise to the altitude. Acclimatisation should not be underestimated as it greatly improves your chances of reaching the summit. After a relaxing breakfast, you will set off on a trek to Zebra Rocks. The distinctive black and white stripes give the rock formation its name. On your return to Horombo Hut, a cooked lunch will be waiting for you. You can relax in the afternoon and regain your strength for the hike the following day. Overnight and evening meal at Horombo Hut.

**Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner**

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### **Day 5 | Horombo Hut (3700m) – Kibo Hut (4700m)**

**Altitude** ↑1000m; walking time approx. 5-6 hours

Today's stage is long and tough. The trail passes the "last water point" which is followed by the so-called "saddle". This nearly plantless plateau links the summit of Kibo with Mawenzi. Today's destination is Kibo Hut and it should be reached in about 5 to 6 hours. Tonight is an early night to get enough rest for the upcoming summit stage. You will be woken up at around 11pm.

**Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner**

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### **Day 6 | Kibo Hut (4700m) – Uhuru Peak (5895m) – Horombo Hut (3700m)**

**Altitude** ↑1200m | ↓2200m; walking time approx. 12-16 hours

Today is your big day. You will start in the middle of the night when the lava ash is still frozen and walking on it is easier. You will begin the long and strenuous trek to the summit in the dark. Passing the Hans Meyer Cave (5220m), the climb slowly but surely goes upwards. At sunrise, you will reach Gilman's Point (5681m) on the crater rim. Soon you will have forgotten the cold of the night and after another 1 to 2 hours, you will reach Uhuru Peak. Now you are standing on the "Roof of Africa"! The descent follows the same path and the lava ash will now have thawed and allows for a fast descent. On your return to Kibo Hut, a warm meal awaits you and you can rest a while to regain your strength. After a break of 1 to 2 hours, you will be on your way down to the Horombo Hut where you will arrive in the afternoon. After an evening meal, it is early to bed for most.

**Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner**

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### **Day 7 | Horombo Hut (3700m) – Marangu Gate (1860m) – Arusha**

**Altitude** ↓1840m; walking time approx. 6-7 hours

The last stage passes through the heath and moor zone to the Mandara Hut where a cooked lunch awaits you. Soon again you will be in the lush tropical rainforest and after about 6 to 7 hours of trekking, you will be back at the Kilimanjaro National Park gate. After saying goodbye to your mountain crew, you will be taken back to the Meru View Lodge. At the lodge you can have a warm shower and celebrate your success in reaching the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. You will have dinner and spend the night at [Meru View Lodge](#).

**Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner**

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### **Day 8 | Arusha – Kilimanjaro Airport**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to Kilimanjaro Airport. Alternatively, you can extend your trip in Tanzania and go on safari or relax at the Indian Ocean.

**Breakfast**

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