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Mount Kilimanjaro Marangu Route, 8 Day Travel plan





Day 1

KILIMANJARO AIRPORT – MOSHI | SPRINGLANDS HOTEL

Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport where you will be picked up and transferred to Springlands Hotel or similar overnight.

Overnight at Springlands Hotel (bed and breakfast) or Similar.

Day 2

MOSHI | MARANGU GATE | MANDARA HUT

Altitude: 1,800 m – 2,720 m

Hiking time: 4 hours

Leave Springlands hotel at about 8:00 a.m. and drive 45 minutes to Marangu Gate on the eastern side of Kilimanjaro. Do the necessary paperwork at the park gate such as registrations. Begin hiking at about 10:30 a.m. Hike through the rainforest from the park gate to Mandara Hut, which takes about 4 hours. Stop halfway for lunch. Reach the Mandara Huts at about 2 or 3 p.m. Unpack, rest, and have some tea or coffee. Dinner is served during the early evening, at about 7 p.m. A side trip to Maundi Crater (about 15 minutes away) is a good way to see the surroundings as well as the views of Kenya and Northern Tanzania. Bathrooms are available with running water.



Day 3

MANDARA HUT | HOROMBO HUT

Altitude: 2,720 m – 3,720 m

Hiking time: 5-6 hours

Wake up for breakfast (approx. 7:30 a.m.) and pack for the next leg. Break camp at about 8:30 am and hike to Horombo Hut. This leg should take 5 to 6 hrs. You travel through lower-heath land with small shrubs being the main vegetation. Stop halfway for lunch. Views of Mawenzi are amazing. The summit of Kibo can be seen from Horombo Huts. Arrive at Horombo Huts at about 3 p.m. Rest, unpack and prepare for dinner. Bathrooms are available with running water.

Day 4

HOROMBO HUT (Acclimatization Day)

This day you will have an extra day at Horombo Hut (3,720 m) for acclimatization. It will be great training for your body to get used to the altitude as you walk around the hut up to zebra rocks at an altitude of 4,100 m and back. You will get spectacular views and familiarize yourself with summit weather. You will overnight at Horombo Hut.

Day 5

HOROMBO HUT | KIBO HUT

Altitude: 3,720 m – 4,720 m

Hiking time: 6–7 hours

Wake up for breakfast as usual (if you wake before sun-up you can get some great photos of the sunrise). Pack and begin the



hike to Kibo Hut. The first half of the day's hike traverses the upper heath land while the second half crosses the vast saddle that connects Mawenzi and Kibo. The saddle is an alpine desert that resembles a lunar landscape. Be careful to notice signs of altitude sickness. The day's hike should take 6 to 7 hours, stopping halfway for lunch. There is no running water at Kibo Huts.

Day 6

KIBO HUT | SUMMIT | HOROMBO HUT

Altitude: 4,720 m – 5,895 m

Hiking time: 7 hours

Wake up at around midnight to a light breakfast, and then prepare for the summit ascent. This part of the hike is carried out during the early morning before dawn so that the climbers reach Uhuru Peak at around sunrise. Leave at about 1:00 a.m. and reach Gilman's Point at about 7:00 a.m. The climbers are met with views of the crater from Gilman's Point because it is on the Crater Rim. Another 2 hours of hiking brings the climber to Uhuru Peak at about 8:30 a.m. From there you will descend back to Kibo Huts, collect your things and cross the saddle again at Horombo Huts where you will spend the night. Eat dinner and get some well-deserved sleep.

Day 7

HOROMBO HUT | MARANGU GATE | SPRINGLANDS HOTEL

Wake, as usual, pack and descend to Mandara Huts. Have your lunch there and continue to the park gate where you will be met by your transport back to Moshi. You should reach the park gate



around 2 or 3 p.m. You will now drive back to Moshi for a long overdue hot shower, Overnight in Springlands hotel. It is recommended to tip guides and porters, this is highly appreciated at the end of their trip. Tips can be given to the main guide at Springlands Hotel. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. Those climbers who reached Stella Point (5,759m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak (5,895m) receive gold certificates.

Overnight at Springlands Hotel (bed and breakfast) or Similar.

Day 8

MOSHI | KILIMANJARO AIRPORT

Depart for the airport or other destinations in Tanzania or Kenya. Zanzibar is a great trip to take after a hard climb. Other trips around Moshi and the Kilimanjaro region can be arranged at a reasonable price.



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Included in the price:

- 2 Nights accommodation at Springlands Hotel – Bed & Breakfast basis
- All park fees
- National Park approved guides and porters
- Accommodation on the mountain (Marangu Route accommodations are in huts).
- Meals on the mountain
- Transport from Moshi at Springlands hotel to the starting point on the mountain and return to Moshi at Springlands hotel

Excluded from the price:

- International and Domestic flights
- Visas
- Tips to driver, porters, and guides
- Health Insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Transfer to and from Kilimanjaro Airport
- Climbing gear – sleeping bags, shoes, etc