

GROUP ADVENTURES

Mount Kilimanjaro Trek (Marangu Route) 8D/7N

Hiking & Trekking

8 Days / 1 Country

Tanzania

Departure city: **Moshi, Tanzania**

End city: **Moshi, Tanzania**



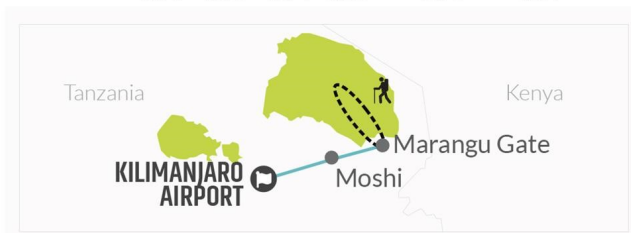
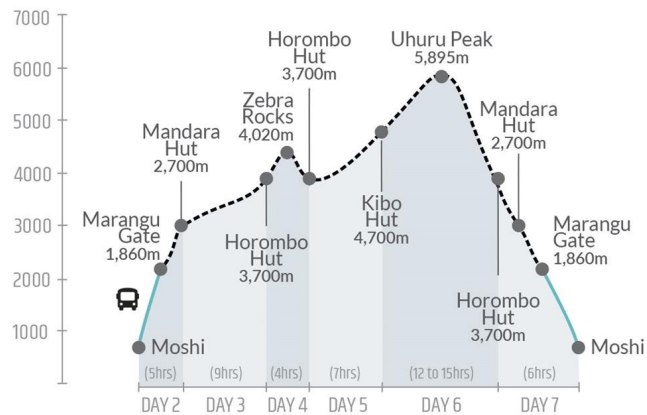
HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike up Africa's highest peak at 5,895m
- Rise above the cloud line and enjoy stunning views
- Witness an amazing sunrise at the summit
- Discover the region's unique flora and fauna
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This 8-day hiking adventure is the easiest and shortest route to the mighty Mt Kilimanjaro summit, conquering the highest peak in Africa! Travel with experienced guides via the popular Marangu Route and sleep in mountain huts on the way to the top.,

MAP

*Disclaimer: This map shows trek altitudes, but is not geographically to scale.



What is included

Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers

Accommodation: 7

- 7N in Mixed accommodation 2 nights in hotel
- 5 night camping during trek in shared huts

Transport: 4

- Pick-up, drop-off, tour transport Roundtrip transportation to/from point of trek
- Moshi bus station pick-up/drop-off

Meals: 18

- 7 Breakfast(s), 6 Lunch(es), 5 Dinner(s),

Guides:

- English speaking driver/guides
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What is not included

- *Airport transfers
- *Airfare
- *Other meals & drinks
- *Sleeping bags (available to hire)
- *Group doctor
- *Toilets during trek - portable flush toilet with a toilet tent is extra (us\$150 per toilet + toilet tent)
- *Tips
- *Personal expenses
- *Optional activities
- *Travellers insurance
- *Airport departure tax

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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The best time for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro is January to February and September.

This is a group trip, however, we can't guarantee that there will be other travellers on the trek. Therefore, it may be a private adventure.

About The Marangu Route:

The Marangu Trek is the most popular route up Mt Kilimanjaro. Despite the human traffic, it can be fun to come together with other international like-minded travellers. This route has a well-defined path and accommodation in huts, resulting in a "climber-friendly trekking experience." The Marangu Trek is a scenic route with good views of Mt Mawenzi Volcanic Cone and excellent chances for viewing wildlife. The route offers moderate climbing from the starting point to the Kibo huts followed by a more strenuous path to reach the summit.

Additional Information:

Physical Demand: Machame Route is physically demanding and requires people with some trekking experience as tracks are strenuous.

Age Restrictions: Children under the age of 10 are not allowed.

Essential Packing List:

The below information is seen as an essential list of what you should take with you on the mountain. Certain Equipment and Clothing is available to hire at an extra cost, but other items can be extremely hard to source in Tanzania. Please also note that this list should be used to check off items that you have. We will also check over your kit in the pre-climb briefing to make sure you are ready for a climb.

Please try and keep your total weight of equipment on the mountain to around 10kg in your porter's bag (duffel/soft bag/rucksack) knowing that you will be carrying extra 5kg in your day pack/small rucksack. Please advise us if you will be bringing more.

Equipment: (All available to hire at extra cost)

Sleeping bag (3 Seasons), Large soft-sided duffel bag (70L to 90L), Small day pack (25L to 35L), Walking Poles, Head Torch, Water bottles/Camelbacks (enough to hold 3L of water), Sunglasses

Clothing: (All available to hire at extra cost)*

Windproof, waterproof mountain jacket, Long sleeved shirts, T-shirts, Thermal long sleeved top, Thick long-johns/thick tights, Warm sweaters or fleeces, Walking trousers (lightweight cargo trousers), Waterproof walking trousers, Thin outer rain jacket, Underwear (*not available for hire), Thick wool hiking socks (multiple pairs), Proper hiking boots (waterproof with good ankle support), Trainers (for wearing around the camp in the evenings), Pair of warm gloves, Balaclava, Gaiters, Sunhat (cap or wide brimmed), Warm hat.

Personal Items:

Toiletries, Sunscreen (Minimum 30 SPF) & SPF Lip balm, Personal First Aid Kit (*Guide carries a group first aid kit), Insect Repellent, Hand Sanitizer, Wet Wipes (optional), Snacks such as protein bars (optional), Passport (A photocopy is enough), Travel Insurance (please bring a copy of your insurance certificate with the 24hr emergency contact number), Cash (just bring enough for tipping and buying souvenirs), Water Purification Tablets (*Water on the mountain is filtered using Katadyn Filters hence it is safe for drinking but purification tablets are still recommended)

Itinerary

Day 1: Moshi, Tanzania

Moshi Bus Station Pick-Up - Transfer to Moshi Accommodation

Your first day begins with a pick up at the Moshi Bus Station and a transfer to your accommodation in Moshi. Tonight, your guide will brief you on your upcoming trek and check all of your gear to ensure you've got everything you need. Overnight in Moshi.

Day 2: Moshi - Mandara Hut, Tanzania

Transfer to Marangu Gate (1,860m) & Trek to Mandara Hut (2,700m) (B/L/D)

Drive from Moshi to the Marangu Gate at Kilimanjaro National Park [1,860m] on the eastern side of the mountain. The trek begins through dense rainforests of tall eucalyptuses where many species of birds and colobus monkeys can be sighted jumping through the canopy. Reach Mandara Hut [2,700m] where you will enjoy your evening meal and overnight.

Overnight at Mandara Hut on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

*Please Note: Allow plenty of time for your body to acclimatize by ascending slowly.

Trekking Time: approx. 8.3 kms / 5 hrs

Day 3: Mandara Hut - Horombo Hut, Tanzania

Mandara Hut (2,700m) Trek to Horombo Hut (3,700m) (B/L/D)

You will start hiking through rainforests and then through mountain heathland, where you will view unique giant lobelias and groundsels, some of which are over 3 meters high! You will then continue on, as the landscape turns into low shrubs and moorlands. As you get to Horombo Hut [3,700m], you will have amazing views of the Mawenzi, Kibo massifs and Masai steppe. Enjoy your evening meal and overnight. Overnight at Horombo Hut on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Trekking Time: approx. 12.5 kms / 9 hrs

Day 4: Horombo Hut, Tanzania

Trek to Horombo Hut (3,700m) via Zebra Rocks (4,020m) (B/L/D)

Today will be an acclimatization day so your body can adjust to the altitude, which will greatly improve your chances of reaching the summit. Have a relaxing breakfast and then set off on a 3-4 hour trek to Zebra Rocks situated at 4,020m. The rocks are named for their distinctive black and white zebra-like stripes. Return back to Horombo Hut where lunch will be waiting for you. Enjoy some free time this afternoon to relax and charge your batteries for the strenuous trekking days ahead. Have your evening meal and overnight at Horombo Hut on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Trekking Time: 5 km / 4 hrs

Day 5: Horombo Hut - Kibo Hut, Tanzania

Trek to Kibo Hut (4,700m) (B/L/D)

Today's hike will be long and tough as you begin climbing past the "last water point" and the "saddle" into the plant-less plateau with a rocky moon-like landscape. You will cross the surprisingly wide saddle of alpine desert connecting Mawenzi and Kibo. Remember to drink a lot of water and move slowly to prevent altitude sickness. Reach Kibo Hut [4,700m] and go to bed early so you can get lots of rest before beginning your ascent to the summit tomorrow.

Overnight at Kibo Hut on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Trekking Time: approx. 9.5-10 kms / 7 hrs

Day 6: Kibo Hut - Horombo Hut, Tanzania

Trek to Horombo Hut (4,700m) via Uhuru Peak (5,895m) (B/L/D)

Today is the big "summit day!" You will be woken in the middle of the night around 12:00-1:00 am and begin your trek along frozen lava ash in the dark towards the summit. Climb along the rocky path passing the Hans Meyer Cave [5,200m] and then reach Gilman's Point [5,681m] on the crater rim at dawn. Appreciate a breathtaking sunrise with views over the impressive crater and the plains down below. After another 1-2 hours you will find yourself standing on the "Roof of Africa" at the great Kilimanjaro's dizzying Uhuru Peak! [5,895m] On the summit, enjoy your accomplishment in total exhilaration as you admire the magnificent views of the surrounding plains. Once you have taken in this outstanding view, descend back to Kibo Hut where a rewarding warm meal awaits you. Take a 1-2-hr break and regain your strength so you can descend further to Horombo Hut [3,700m] arriving in the afternoon. The return to Horombo Hut will seem surprisingly fast compared to the tough ascent of the last days. After a long journey today, have your evening meal and tuck into bed early to rest up and recover from your big adventure.

Overnight at Horombo Hut on Mount Kilimanjaro.

Trekking Time: approx. 22 kms / 12-15hrs

Day 7: Horombo Hut - Moshi, Tanzania

Trek to Marangu Gate (1,860m) & Transfer to Moshi (B/L)

Have breakfast this morning and bid farewell to your mountain crew. Descend back down through moorlands and lush forests to Mandara Hut [2,700m] where lunch awaits you. Then continue down through lush rainforest to reach the Mount Kilimanjaro Marangu Gate [1,860m]. Get your Kilimanjaro trekking certificate and then meet your driver who will take you back to Moshi where you will be able to take a long and rewarding warm shower. Enjoy the rest of the day to relax, celebrate your big achievement and share photos with the rest of your group.

Overnight in Moshi.

Trekking Time: approx. 20.8 kms / 6 hrs

Day 8: Moshi, Tanzania

Moshi Bus Station Drop-Off (B)

Transfer to the Moshi Bus Station for your departure. You will leave with incredible memories that will last a lifetime!

