BUDGET

Marangu Route – 6 Days

Duration: 6 days Starts / ends: Arusha From: **US$1,520** per person



The only route with sleeping huts instead of tents. A steady, gradual trail on the south-east side of the mountain, with an extra acclimatisation day at Horombo.

Route: Mandara Hut (2,720 m) → Horombo Hut (3,720 m) → Kibo Hut (4,703 m) → Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) → Marangu Gate (1,860 m)

Highlights

- Huts with bunk beds, no tents
- Gentle, gradual gradient
- Acclimatisation walk towards Mawenzi
- Summit via Gilman’s Point

Day by day

DAY 1

Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut

Register at Marangu Gate and walk through rainforest to Mandara Hut. Short walk to the Maundi Crater.

Camp: Mandara Hut · Meals: L, D · Altitude: 1,860 → 2,720 m · 8 km · 4–5 h

DAY 2

Mandara to Horombo Hut

Through heather and moorland with views of Kibo and Mawenzi.

Camp: Horombo Hut · Meals: B, L, D · Altitude: 2,720 → 3,720 m · 12 km · 6–8 h

DAY 3

Acclimatisation day at Horombo

Hike towards Mawenzi Hut or the Zebra Rocks and return to Horombo to sleep.

Camp: Horombo Hut · Meals: B, L, D · Altitude: 3,720 → ~4,200 → 3,720 m · 3–4 h

DAY 4

Horombo to Kibo Hut

Cross the alpine desert of the Saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo.

Camp: Kibo Hut · Meals: B, L, D · Altitude: 3,720 → 4,703 m · 10 km · 6–7 h

DAY 5

Summit day

Midnight start up the scree to Gilman’s Point and on to Uhuru Peak, then descend to Horombo.

Camp: Horombo Hut · Meals: B, L, D · Altitude: 4,703 → 5,895 → 3,720 m · 21 km · 12–15 h

DAY 6

Horombo to Marangu Gate

Descend to the gate, collect your certificate and drive back to Arusha.

Camp: Mount Meru Hotel · Meals: B, L · Altitude: 3,720 → 1,860 m · 20 km · 6–7 h

Meals: B = breakfast, L = lunch, D = dinner.

Rates per person (US$)

Season	Solo	2 people	4 people	6 people
Peak season 1 Jan – 15 Mar, 1 Jun – 31 Oct, 20–31 Dec	3,390	2,190	1,840	1,690
Rainy season 16 Mar – 31 May, 1 Nov – 19 Dec	3,060	1,970	1,660	1,520

Prices are per person sharing, in US dollars, and include all park and crater fees. Children’s, single and East African resident rates on request.

Included

- Kilimanjaro National Park entrance, camping or hut and rescue fees
- Licensed mountain guide, assistant guides, cook and porters
- All meals and treated drinking water on the mountain
- Twice-daily pulse oximeter checks and emergency oxygen
- Transfers between Arusha or Moshi and the park gates
- One night before and one night after the climb in Arusha (bed & breakfast)
- Summit certificate
- Hut accommodation on the mountain

Not included

- International flights and Tanzania visa
- Travel insurance that covers trekking to 6,000 m
- Sleeping bag and personal gear (available to rent)
- Tips for the mountain crew
- Drinks and meals in Arusha not listed