

Route Overview

The **Marangu Route**, often called the “**Coca-Cola Route**”, is the only Kilimanjaro trail that offers hut accommodations instead of tents. It is considered one of the easier routes because of its gradual slopes, but the shorter duration can make acclimatization more challenging. The 6-day version adds an extra night at Horombo Hut, giving climbers more time to adjust to altitude and increasing summit success rates.

- **Duration:** 6 days / 5 nights
- **Difficulty:** Moderate to challenging (better acclimatization than 5-day version)
- **Accommodation:** Mountain huts with dormitory-style beds
- **Best for:** Climbers seeking comfort in huts and a safer pace

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Marangu Gate → Mandara Hut

Your climb begins at **Marangu Gate** (1,800m). After registration, you trek through lush rainforest alive with monkeys and tropical birds. The trail is gentle but humid, with moss-covered trees lining the path. By late afternoon, you arrive at **Mandara Hut** (2,700m), where you enjoy a warm meal and rest in dormitory-style huts.

Day 2: Mandara Hut → Horombo Hut

The trail leaves the forest and enters moorland. Vegetation changes to giant heathers and alpine flowers. The climb is steady, with wide views of Mawenzi and Kibo peaks. By evening, you reach **Horombo Hut** (3,720m), a lively camp where climbers share stories and prepare for higher altitudes.

Day 3: Horombo Hut – Acclimatization Day

This extra day is dedicated to acclimatization. You can take a short hike toward Mawenzi Ridge (4,300m) for stunning views and to help your body adjust to altitude. Returning to **Horombo Hut**, you rest and prepare for the push higher.

Day 4: Horombo Hut → Kibo Hut

Today's trek crosses the alpine desert. The air is dry, and the landscape barren yet striking. The trail is long but gradual, leading to **Kibo Hut** (4,700m), located at the foot of Kibo crater. Dinner is early, and climbers rest before the midnight summit attempt.

Day 5: Kibo Hut → Uhuru Peak → Horombo Hut

Summit night begins at midnight. With headlamps glowing, you ascend slowly in freezing air. The climb is steep and demanding, but as dawn breaks, you reach **Gilman's Point** (5,681m), then continue to **Uhuru Peak** (5,895m), the highest point in Africa. The sunrise over the glaciers is unforgettable. After celebrations, you descend back to **Horombo Hut** for a well-earned rest.

Day 6: Horombo Hut → Marangu Gate

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At the end of your descent, you'll gather with your guides and porters to celebrate your achievement and receive your official summit certificate — a proud reminder that you've conquered Kilimanjaro. After hugs, photos, and heartfelt goodbyes, we'll transfer you back to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha. There, a hot shower, a soft bed, and a delicious celebration meal await — the perfect way to relax, reflect, and enjoy the memories of your incredible journey.

✓ Inclusions

- **Professional guides & crew** – Certified, English-speaking guides, assistant guides, porters, and cooks.
 - **Park fees & permits** – Entry fees, camping/hut fees, rescue fees, and government VAT.
 - **Camping or hut accommodation** – High-quality tents (4-season) or huts on the Marangu Route.
 - **Meals & water** – Freshly prepared hot meals daily, clean drinking water, tea/coffee, and snacks.
 - **Group equipment** – Dining tent, kitchen tent, cooking utensils, sleeping pads, and medical kit with oxygen.
 - **Daily health monitoring** – Pulse oximeter checks, altitude assessments, and emergency protocols.
 - **Airport transfers** – Round-trip transfers between Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and hotel in Moshi/Arusha.
 - **Hotel stays before & after trek** – Typically 2 nights (1 before, 1 after climb).
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✕ Exclusions

- **International flights** – Airfare to/from Tanzania.
- **Visa fees** – Tourist visa (varies by nationality).
- **Travel insurance** – Must cover high-altitude trekking and emergency evacuation.
- **Personal trekking gear** – Boots, sleeping bag, insulated clothing, rain gear, backpack, trekking poles.
- **Tips for guides & porters** – Standard practice, a key income source for staff.
- **Personal expenses** – Souvenirs, drinks, laundry, optional activities.
- **Extra hotel nights** – Beyond the standard 2 nights included.

