



Kilimanjaro Trek: Marangu Route

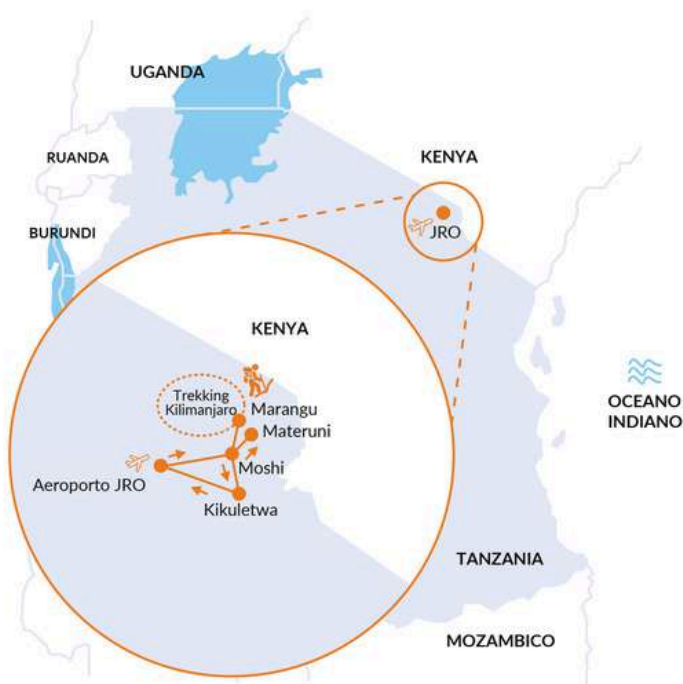
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11 days

September 2024 - August 2025

English speaking tour leader



The 'unforgettable' of the trip:

- The mighty **Materuni and Marangu waterfalls**, surrounded by lush vegetation
- **Chagga villages** and the traditional preparation of coffee
- The rainforest path to the **Mandara hut**, in search of **colobuses**
- The impressive flora of **Mount Kilimanjaro**, including giant lobelias and seneci
- The moonscape of the alpine desert towards **Kibo Peak**
- Sunrise over the snows of the 'roof of Africa', **Uhuru Peak** with its **5,895 metres** of altitude
- The **natural hot pools of Kikuletwa**, where you can regenerate after the exertions of trekking



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Ever dreamt of climbing the roof of Africa?

A six-day trek along the Marangu route, crossing the lush rainforest populated by guenons and colobuses, the moorland with its imposing seneci and lobelias, the arid alpine desert and finally the glaciers of the summit, until you reach Uhuru Peak, which at 5,895 metres dominates the entire continent from above, silhouetted against the clouds.

An adventure that requires adequate equipment and good physical fitness, but which repays with unforgettable images and sensations. An itinerary that does not require technical climbing skills, but only trekking, and with the comfort of overnight stays in refuges (a peculiarity known as the Marangu route) equipped with solar lights and comfortable beds on reaching each campsite. The shelters are shared and the beds have a mattress and sponge pillow. There are a total of 60 beds at both Mandara and Kibo Hut, and 120 beds at Horombo Hut. Toilets and running water are available at the two huts located at lower altitudes. Male and female toilets are present in the last camp but are very basic. All groups, often from different parts of the world, share meals in dining rooms with a jovial and energetic atmosphere.

This itinerary is usually done in 5 days (the shortest route to the summit) but we have decided to propose it in 6 days for better acclimatisation. In this case, the extra day can be spent resting in Horombo or climbing in altitude towards the Mawenzi base camp.



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Day 1:

Outward flight/Kilimanjaro (JRO)

Overnight flight to Kilimanjaro airport.

Day 2:

Kilimanjaro (JRO)/Moshi

Arrive at Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) and meet with Kanaga Africa Tours staff who will arrange a transfer to Kilimanjaro Scenic Lodge or similar. Assistance with the exchange of Euros and the possible purchase of a Tanzanian phone card. Overnight stay in a double room with private bathroom.

Day 3:

Moshi/Materuni/Moshi

After breakfast, depart for the ethnic Chagga village of MATERUNI, a short distance from Moshi, for a 'warm-up' trek (about 8 km in total, 3 to 4 hours' walk) to the waterfalls of the same name, through traditional villages, coffee plantations and rainforest. The first stop will be the waterfalls, where the Mware River plunges more than 80 metres and creates a natural pool at the bottom, a very inviting place to regenerate... even if the water is frozen! Afterwards, we continue to the village for a lunch of local specialities, such as banana and meat soup or the famous ugali, a maize porridge served with vegetables. In the early afternoon, the local guide will introduce us to the secrets of coffee cultivation, we will witness the roasting and grinding, which is traditionally done by hand and is accompanied by Chagga singing and dancing. And to finish, we will enjoy a cup of our freshly brewed coffee! Return to Moshi, meet with the Kilimanjaro trekking guide for an initial briefing and personal equipment check. If some items are missing, we can hire them from a specialised shop in Moshi. Overnight stay at the hotel.



Welcome to Tanzania!



Village of Materuni



Materuni Waterfall



Coffee preparation



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Day 4:

Moshi/Trekking

Marangu Gate (1,860 m)/Mandara Hut (2,700 m)
8 km, 3/4 hour walk

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer by minibus to the gates of Kilimanjaro National Park (approx. 1 hour). Registration will follow and we will begin the ascent. We will walk through the rainforest to Mandara hut, observing towering eucalyptus trees and, with luck, birds and colobus monkeys. At lower altitudes, the path may be wet and muddy; gaiters and trekking poles will help. Picnic lunch on the way or at the refuge. If time and weather permit, we will take a walk to the Maundi crater. Dinner prepared by our cook and overnight stay at the hut, in shared huts with shared facilities.



Mountain forest

Day 5:

Trekking

Marangu Gate (1,860 m)/Mandara Hut (2,700 m)
8 km, 3/4 hour walk

After breakfast, we leave the rainforest clearings and follow an uphill trail through open moorland to the Horombo hut. The views of the Mawenzi and Kibo peaks behind the clouds are extraordinary. We will begin to notice the change in vegetation and admire the first giant lobelias. Picnic lunch en route. Dinner prepared by our cook and overnight stay at the hut, in shared huts with shared facilities.



Mandara Refuge



Heathland landscape

Day 6:

Trekking

Acclimatisation day

After breakfast, an acclimatisation day that can be spent resting at the Horombo hut or taking an optional hike to the 'zebra rock' and the base camp (4,315 m) of Mawenzi Peak. Picnic lunch or at the refuge. Dinner prepared by our cook and overnight stay at the hut, in shared huts with shared facilities.



Incredible flora



The Mawenzi at dawn



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Day 7:

Trekking

Horombo Hut (3,700 m)/Kibo Hut (4,700 m)
9 km, 5/6 hours walk

After breakfast we continue the trek uphill, past the last water supply point, walking on the Kilimanjaro saddle between the peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. The vegetation first begins with upper moorland and then disappears into the 'moonscape'. Picnic lunch. Dinner prepared by our cook and rest at the hut, in shared huts with shared facilities, while awaiting the ascent to the summit.



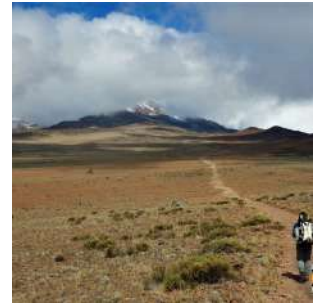
Giant lobelias in the upper moors

Day 8:

Trekking

Kibo Hut (4,700 m)/Uhuru Peak (5,895 m)/Horombo Hut (3,700 m)/
6 km uphill and 15 km downhill, 10/12 hours walk

Very early (around midnight), after a frugal breakfast, we begin the ascent in the dark towards the summit via a volcanic scree or on snow to Gilman Point (5,685 m) located on the crater rim. Here we will regain our strength and watch the sunrise before continuing on to Stella Point (5,756 m), admiring beautiful views of the glacier and the volcanic cone of Mount Meru (4,562 m, Tanzania's second and Africa's fifth highest peak) on clear days. Continuing on, we ascend Uhuru Peak (5,895 m), the highest point on the African continent from which you can enjoy extraordinary 360-degree views. After the celebrations, we will start our descent to the Kibo hut, where we will have lunch and time for a well-deserved rest. In the afternoon, descent to the Horombo hut. Dinner prepared by our cook and overnight stay at the hut, in shared huts with shared facilities.



"Lunar Landscape" of the Alpine Desert



View of the glacier and Mount Meru



The roof of Africa!



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Day 9:

Trekking/Moshi

Horombo Hut (3,700 m)/Marangu Gate (1,860 m)
20 km, 4/5 hours walk

After breakfast, a steady descent will take us across the moorland to the Mandara Hut. We continue our descent through a lush forest trail to the gates of the National Park, where we can visit the Marangu Waterfalls. Arriving at the Gate picnic lunch and awarding of certificates. Transfer to Moshi, accommodation at Kilimanjaro Scenic Lodge or similar. Possibility of shopping in town. Overnight stay in a double room with private facilities.



Descent into the forest



Marangu Waterfall

Day 10:

Moshi/Chemka/Kilimanjaro (JRO)

After breakfast, transfer to the Chemka area, where you will find the KIKULETWA HOTSPRING, a paradise oasis in the middle of the savannah, where hot springs create wonderful natural pools ideal for regenerating after the exertions of trekking. Time at leisure for relaxation, lunch box. Early afternoon transfer to Kilimanjaro Airport (JRO) in time for your return flight, or to your hotel in Arusha for those planning an extension. End of services.



Kikuletwa Natural Pools

Day 11:

Kilimanjaro (JRO)/Return flight

Arrival at the destination airport.



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**Individual participation fee in double room
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Base 1 pax: 2,490 €/pax
Base 2 pax: 2,290 €/pax
Base 3/4 pax: 2,190 €/pax
Base 5/7 pax: 2,090 €/pax
Base 8/12 pax: 1,990 €/pax

Supplements:

- Enrollment fee: **free!**
- Single room (Moshi nights only): **90 €**
- Day use or extra night: **80 €/room**
- Extensions Mount Meru trek, Ol Doinyo Lengai trek, Safari, Safari and ethnic groups: **on request**

The fee includes:

- English-speaking guide during excursions to Materuni and Chemka;
- English-speaking mountain guides during the trek (1 for every 2 participants, as per Kilimanjaro Park regulations);
- Visits and excursions as scheduled;
- Kilimanjaro Park entrance and fees;
- All minibus transfers including driver, fuel and tolls;
- Full board except in Moshi;
- Drinking water and hot drinks during the trek;
- Cook and cook for meals during the trek;
- Carriers during the trek (max. 15 kg/pax);
- 8 overnight stays as mentioned in the itinerary (3 in hotels, 5 in mountain huts);
- Emergency kit and oxygen cylinder.

The fee does not include:

- Tanzania visa (\$50 on arrival);
- Insurance for cancellation, health, luggage;
- Air flights ;
- Drinks and mineral water (outside the trek);
- Meals in Moshi;
- Trekking equipment and sleeping bag (can be hired on site);
- Possible day use or extra night in Moshi;
- Tips and expenses of a personal nature;
- Everything mentioned in 'supplements';
- Anything not expressly mentioned in 'the fee includes'.