

Marangu Route



DAY 1: Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport.

You will be met at the airport and transferred to Springlands Hotel/Any other booked Hotel – Moshi.

DAY 2: Marangu Gate (6000ft) - Mandara Hut (9000 ft)

Hiking time: 4 hours | Habitat: Montane forest

Leave Moshi town about 0900hrs and drive to about 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 1030hrs. Hike through rainforest from the park gate (6000 ft) to Mandara Hut (9000 ft), taking about 4 hours. Stop half way for lunch. Reach Mandara Huts at about 2 or 3 PM. Unpack, rest and have some tea or coffee. Dinner is served during early evening, about 7 PM. A side trip to Maundi Crater (about 15 minutes away) is a good way to see the surroundings as well as views of Kenya and Northern Tanzania. Bathrooms are available with running water.

DAY 3: Mandara Hut (9000 ft) – Horombo Huts (12000 ft)

Hiking time: 6 hours | Habitat: Heathland

Wake to breakfast (approx. 7:30 am) and pack for the next leg. Break camp at about 8:30 am and hike to Horombo Huts (12,000 ft). This leg should take 5 to 6 hrs. You travel through lower heath land with small shrubs being the main vegetation. Stop half way for lunch. Views of Mawenzi are amazing. The summit of Kibo can be seen from Horombo Huts. Arrive Horombo Huts at about 3 PM. Rest, unpack and prepare for dinner. Bathrooms are available with running water.

DAY 4: Horombo Huts (12,000 ft) – Kibo Huts (15,500 ft)

Hiking time: 7 hours | Habitat: Alpine Desert

Wake to breakfast as usual (if you wake before sunup you can get some great photos of the sunrise). Pack and begin the hike to Kibo Huts (15,500 ft). 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 half way for lunch. No running water at Kibo Huts.

DAY 5: SUMMIT DAY (19,340 ft)

Hiking time: 7 hours | Habitat: Alpine Desert

Wake 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 1:00am and reach Gilman's Point at about 7:00am. 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 UhuruPeak (19,340 ft) at about 8:30 am. 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 6: Descending from Horombo to the Marangu Gate

Wake as usual, pack and descend to Mandara Huts. Take lunch there and continue on 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 PM. Wake as usual, pack and descend to Mandara Huts. Take lunch there and continue on 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 PM. You now drive back to Moshi for a long overdue hot shower, Overnight in Springlands hotel. It is recommended and tips are highly appreciated at the end of their trip. Tips can be given to the Guide at Springlands Hotel. This is also where successful climbers receive their summitcertificates. Those climbers who reached Stella Point (5685m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached UhuruPeak (5895m) receive gold certificates. Dinner included.

DAY 7: Departure

Depart to the airport for your flight back home.





Travel - Safety and Security Information

Clothing

Aside of the normal clothes your probably already thought of, consider:

Comfortable, loose fitting, lightweight clothes.

Long trousers and long sleeves. To protect from mosquito's and the sun.

1 warm sweater might be enough. To save space

1 jacket for the light rains.

Less expensive or new clothes is a less worried mind.

Equipment

Decide: a backpack or a suitcase?

When using a backpack: buy a flightbag.

Smartphone or a cheap simple phone with long lasting battery?

When bringing a smartphone, look into the many travelling apps available.

They are fun. Mobile internet is readily available in Kenya.

Power bank for extra battery life

Headlamp

Small bottles for your liquids (sunscreen, lotion, shampoo, deo etc.)

Small padlock (TSA)

A rich, hip, colourful travel guide

Health

Vaccinations and advice from a doctor
Diarrhoea blocking medicine. In case of emergency
Malaria pills
Mosquito repellent. Preferably 30% DEET or more.
Mosquito net
Sunscreen

Paperwork

Passport
Copy of passport
Visa (in passport)
Extra passport photo's
Vaccination document. Or at least: proof of yellow fever vaccine ICE document with important telephone numbers and personal information

Inclusions

Accommodation as stipulated on the itinerary

Meals as stipulated on the itinerary

Transportation in a 4 x 4 land cruiser with a pop up roof for game viewing & photography on shared basis

Services of a professional driver-guide

All game viewing drives

All parks entrance fees as indicated in the itinerary

All Government taxes and levies

Complimentary 500 ml mineral water per person per day in the vehicle All meet and greet services

24 hours stand-by contact number

Meals as indicated in the itinerary

Two-way long range high frequency radio communication in each vehicle On safari accessories in each vehicle:

First-aid kit, wildlife books, a pair of binoculars, cool box and fire extinquisher

Exclusions

All items of personal nature e.g. telephone call bills, fax/email bills Insurances (Travel, Health)

Tipping: Recommended Hotel staff @ USD 5 & Guides @ USD 10 per diem

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks

International flight and departure

Laundry services

Any other item(s) not included in our itinerary

Visa fees

Excursions while on safari



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Travel For Change as an organization believes that we have a moral duty of improving the living conditions of our communities. To this end we actively participate in the uplifting of the standards of women and children in the rural areas where our affiliate non profit NGO also named Travel For Change - Reg. No. OP.218/051/15-027/9879 operates.

Good health is important for the growth of children of all ages. Unfortunately in Africa it is shocking that six out of every ten children are fighting with health problems associated with food and nutrition. While many families can put food on their tables for less than US\$ 1 per day, this food is lacking the nutrients required for proper growth of children, leading to malnutrition which is very severe in some cases. As part of our Corporate Social Responsibility, Travel For Change is committed to ensuring that the children in the areas where our sister non profit NGO operates benefit from our activities. To this end, 5% of our profits go towards the feeding programs of the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) who are our associates. This program runs throughout the year, not only when school is in session, it ensures that for 365 days a year, the children under these programs have at least one wholesome and nutritious meal a day.