

Baba Kilimanjaro Tours and Safaris

Baba Kilimanjaro Marangu Route - 6 days

On your arrival we pick you up at the airport and register you in your hotel (included in your package). In Moshi we offer 3-4 star accommodation based on bed & breakfast but we can also accommodate you in Arusha up to a 5 star rating, also B&B. You will have time for a brief tour and a visit to Moshi town with its markets and street traders.

Total Distance from airport to Moshi: 41km/25.2mi; to Arusha: 58km/36mi.

Day 1

Moshi to Mandara Huts

Final Location: Mandara Huts

After breakfast in Moshi, we drive to Marangu Gate for park registration and begin our trek by path through the rainforest towards Mandara Huts. You may see a lot of wildlife, including many birds and monkeys. Mandara Huts are shared and are just for sleeping. There is a central dining hall for meals and communion. Final elevation: 8,858 ft (ca. 2,700 m) Terrain: Rainforest

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Total Distance travelled: Moshi-Marangu Gate; 36km/22.5mi, Marangu Gate-Mandara Huts; 8km/5mi

Accommodation: Hostel

Day 2

Mandara Huts to Horombo Hut

Location: Coca Cola Trail, continued

Continuing on the Coca Cola Trail we climb to our next destination — Horombo Huts. Here the terrain changes from heathland to alpine over rocky ground. Here you will also begin to see some magnificent views over the mountainside and up to the peak. The going is now getting slower. Final elevation: 12,205 ft (ca. 3,720 m) Distance: 3 miles (ca. 5 kilometres) Trekking Time ascent: 2-3 hours Trekking time descent: 1-2 hours Terrain: Alpine

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Total Trekking Distance: 9.6km/6mi

Accommodation: Hostel

Day 3

Horombo Hut to Mawenzi Ridge then back to Horombo Hut

Location: Horombo - Mawenzi Trail

Here we have an opportunity for acclimatization up to Mawenzi Ridge, locally known as 'The Saddle' — a ridge between Uhuru Peak (Mt. Kilimanjaro) and his sister, Mawenzi Peak. After spending a few moments exploring the area, we head back to Horombo Hut. Here the hardier trekker can reduce the total climbing days from 6-5 by heading straight up to Kibo Hut, leaving no

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time for acclimatization. Mawenzi Ridge elevation: 14,400 ft (ca. 4,389 m) Final elevation: 12,205 ft (ca. 3,720 m); Trekking Time ascent: 2-3 hours Trekking time descent: 1-2 hours Terrain: Alpine

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Distance: 5km/3mi

Accommodation: Hostel

Day 4

Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

Final Location: Kibo Hut

We now climb gradually, across the arctic desert that is the "Saddle" between Mawenzi and Uhuru Peak. Kibo hut is a bunkhouse meant only for a short rest before the final ascent. You will have a light snack and rest in the early evening before waking up around midnight for your final ascent. The going is very slow; Trekking Time: 6-8 hours. Final elevation: 15,430 ft (ca. 4,703 m) Terrain: shale and rocky; Arctic Desert

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Distance: 10km/7mi

Accommodation: Hostel

Day 5

Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak and return to Horombo Hut

Summit Location: Uhuru Peak, Mt. Kilimanjaro; Final Location: Horombo Hut

Around midnight, you begin your final ascent. We ascend in the darkness for about 4 hours while taking frequent, short, breaks. The going is very slow to snail's pace! The locals will say 'pole, pole' (pronounced polay) which is Swahili for slow, slow. At Gilman's point (5,670m/18,600 ft (ca. 5,669 m)), you will see the sun coming up over Africa — probably the most rewarding you will ever see! Finally, we arrive at Uhuru Peak(5895m)- the highest point on Kibo — aka Mount Kilimanjaro. After a welcome photo opp we start our descent the same way to Kibo for a short rest then continue down to Horombo hut(3720m). Later that evening, we get our well-earned rest and last dinner on Kilimanjaro. Uhuru Peak Elevation: 19,341 ft (ca. 6 kilometres); Trekking Time: 6-8 hours; Terrain: shale and rocky; Arctic Desert Uhuru Peak to Horombo Hut; Trekking Time: 7 hours Terrain: Alpine

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Distance ascent: 4 miles (ca. 6,437 m); descent: 12.6km/8.4mi

Accommodation: Hostel

Day 6

Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate then back to Moshi

Location: Via Marangu; Final location: Parkview Inn

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Here we have a downhill trek back through the tropical rainforest to Marangu Gate where we collect our Mount Kili certificates. You will then be driven back to Moshi and a welcome shower at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Total Trekking Distance: 18.2km/11.6mi

Accommodation: 3-star Hotel