5-DAY MARANGU KILIMANJARO TREK â€“ ELEGANT HUTS, SUMMIT WITH COMFORT

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SAFARI OVERVIEW

7 days Summiting Kilimanjaro via the 5-Day Marangu Route with Mountain Huts

The Marangu Route, famously known as the â€œCoca-Cola Route,â€• is one of the most popular and cost-effective ways to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. This route stands out for its unique accommodation style, offering comfortable mountain huts instead of camping tentsâ€”making it an ideal option for trekkers seeking a more sheltered and convenient experience during their Kilimanjaro climb. The trail follows a direct path to the summit and descends along the same route, providing a clear and well-established trekking experience. However, due to its relatively rapid altitude gain, it is best suited for climbers with some prior high-altitude experience or strong physical preparation. While the standard itinerary takes five days, adding an extra acclimatization day is highly recommended. Spending an additional night at Horombo Hut allows for a short acclimatization hike, significantly increasing summit success rates. For those planning a Mount Kilimanjaro trekking adventure, the Marangu Route offers a balance of comfort, accessibility, and unforgettable alpine scenery.

PRICING (PER PERSON)

Number of Persons	Price Per Person (USD)
1 Person	$2,171
2 Persons	$1,586
3 Persons	$1,391
4+ Persons	$1,300

DESTINATION

Mountain Kilimanjaro,Moshi Tanzania

WHAT'S INCLUDED

âœ“All accommodations.
âœ“All meals as mentioned on the itinerary.
âœ“Unlimited drinking water.
âœ“Two airport transfers (Arusha Airport or Kilimanjaro Airport).
âœ“Certified professional Mountain-guide.
âœ“All National Park fees.
âœ“Rescue fee (up to 11.483 feet above sea level by car)
âœ“All other taxes and levies.
âœ“Chairs and tables for breakfast, lunch and dinner
âœ“Porters who carry your luggage
âœ“High quality tents (including dinner-tent)
âœ“Private guide speaking fluently English
âœ“Private cook speaking fluently English

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

âœ—Tips for the crew.
âœ—International flights.
âœ—Visa.
âœ—Any additional fees/ individual costs (items of personal nature).
âœ—Travel Insurance.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport

Accommodation: SG resort Arusha.

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport, your dedicated Luxus In Africa guide welcomes you with warm Tanzanian hospitality, ensuring a smooth and comfortable start to your journey. You will be transferred in a private vehicle to your elegant hotel in Arusha, a peaceful retreat set against the backdrop of Mount Kilimanjaroâ€”perfect for rest and recovery after your flight. In the afternoon, meet your professional mountain guide for a personalized Mount Kilimanjaro climb briefing, where you will receive essential information on trekking preparation, recommended clothing, and necessary gear. The session also covers important safety guidelines, altitude awareness, and proper nutrition to support a successful ascent. Enjoy a relaxing evening with a fine dinner, surrounded by comfort and tranquility, as you prepare both physically and mentally for your upcoming adventure on Mount Kilimanjaroâ€”the highest peak in Africa and one of the worldâ€™s most iconic trekking destinations.

Day 2: Marangu Gate â€“ Mandara Huts

Accommodation: Mandara Huts

After a refined breakfast, your private guide will transfer you to Marangu Gate (1,860 m), the official starting point of your Mount Kilimanjaro trekking adventure. The journey begins through scenic coffee and banana plantations before transitioning into a lush tropical rainforest, rich with birdlife and vibrant greeneryâ€”an ideal introduction to the diverse ecosystems of Mount Kilimanjaro. As you ascend gently through dense forest trails, youâ€™ll witness unique flora and occasional wildlife along the way. After approximately 6â€“7 hours of trekking, arrive at Mandara Huts (2,720 m), where comfortable mountain huts and peaceful surroundings await. In the afternoon, enjoy an optional walk to the nearby Maundi Crater, offering panoramic views across northern Tanzania. Back at camp, your guide will emphasize proper hydration and acclimatization. Conclude your day with a warm, nourishing dinner, surrounded by the tranquility of Kilimanjaroâ€™s forested slopes.

Day 3: Mandara Huts â€“ Horombo Huts

Accommodation: Horombo Huts

The day begins with a nourishing breakfast at Mandara Huts before continuing your ascent toward Horombo Huts (3,720 m). As you climb higher on Mount Kilimanjaro, the scenery transforms dramaticallyâ€”from dense rainforest into open heathland and alpine grass plains, revealing expansive views and a landscape that feels almost otherworldly. Throughout the trek, your professional guide will share valuable insights into Kilimanjaroâ€™s unique ecosystems while carefully monitoring your acclimatization, ensuring a safe and enjoyable climb. Upon arrival at Horombo Huts, enjoy a well-deserved lunch and time to rest. In the afternoon, take part in an optional acclimatization hike, ascending an additional 200 meters to support your bodyâ€™s adaptation to altitude before descending back to camp. End the day with a warm, satisfying dinner and a peaceful evening under a brilliant starlit sky, surrounded by the calm beauty of the mountain.

Day 4: Horombo Huts â€“ Kibo Huts Camp

Accommodation: Kibo Huts Camp

After breakfast at Horombo Huts, your trek continues across the dramatic Alpine desert toward Kibo Huts Camp (4,720 m). This section of Mount Kilimanjaro reveals a stark and powerful landscape, where volcanic terrain stretches between the iconic peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. With minimal vegetation and wide-open views, the environment offers a true sense of high-altitude wilderness. Your professional guide carefully sets a steady pace, ensuring proper acclimatization while prioritizing your safety and comfort. Upon arrival at Kibo Huts around midday, enjoy a warm, nourishing lunch while taking in the breathtaking panoramic scenery. The afternoon is dedicated to rest, hydration, and mental preparation for your summit attempt. As evening approaches, enjoy an early dinner before your team assists you in organizing your gear and layering for the night ascentâ€”an essential step toward reaching the Roof of Africa.

Day 5: Kibo Huts â€“ Uhuru Peak â€“ Horombo Huts

Accommodation: Horombo Huts

In the quiet hours before dawn, begin your summit ascent on Mount Kilimanjaro, heading toward Uhuru Peak (5,895 m) beneath a sky filled with stars. The climb to Gilman's Point is the most demanding section, requiring steady pacing, determination, and the full support of your experienced mountain team. From Gilmanâ€™s Point, continue along the crater rim toward Uhuru Peak, where you are rewarded with a breathtaking sunrise over the vast African plainsâ€”an unforgettable moment at the highest point in Africa. Celebrate your incredible achievement before beginning your descent. Return to Kibo Huts Camp for a short rest and lunch, then continue down to Horombo Huts. Throughout this challenging 10â€“12 hour journey, your guides ensure proper hydration, encouragement, and safetyâ€”transforming your summit day into a truly life-changing Kilimanjaro experience.

Day 6: Horombo Huts â€“ Marangu Gate â€“ Hotel

Accommodation: Golden Tulip Arusha

After a hearty breakfast at Horombo Huts, begin your final descent through the lush montane forests of Mount Kilimanjaro toward Marangu Gate. This scenic 5â€“6 hour trek offers a gentle return to lower elevations, passing through vibrant greenery and tranquil trails while reflecting on your incredible summit achievement and the diverse landscapes experienced along the way. Upon arrival at Marangu Gate, receive your official summit certificateâ€”marking your successful climb of Africaâ€™s highest peak. Your dedicated Luxus In Africa guide will then transfer you in comfort to your luxury hotel in Arusha, where relaxation and celebration await. Unwind with spa treatments, enjoy a gourmet dining experience, and take time to rejuvenate after your adventure. This final stage of your Kilimanjaro trekking journey blends accomplishment with refined comfort, ensuring your experience ends on a truly memorable and rewarding note.

Day 7: Departure from Kilimanjaro International Airport

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before your private transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport, where your Mount Kilimanjaro adventure comes to a seamless close. Your dedicated Luxus In Africa guide will assist with luggage and check-in, ensuring a smooth, stress-free departure experience from start to finish. As you board your flight, take a moment to reflect on the unforgettable journeyâ€”conquering Mount Kilimanjaro, witnessing breathtaking landscapes, and achieving a truly life-changing milestone. This experience is more than a climb; it is a personal triumph and a story to carry for a lifetime. For those wishing to extend their journey, discover the best of Tanzania with a luxury safari or a relaxing beach escape in Zanzibar, Pemba Island, or Mafia Island. Luxus In Africa ensures a seamless transition from mountain to safari to seaâ€”creating a complete, tailor-made African experience defined by elegance, adventure, and unforgettable memories.

BOOKING & PAYMENT TERMS

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Secure your private luxury Tanzania safari with confidence through our simple and transparent booking process:

â€¢ Booking Deposit: A 20% deposit of the total safari cost is required to confirm and secure your reservation.
â€¢ Pre-Departure Payment: An additional 30% payment must be completed at least 30 days before your safari departure date.
â€¢ Final Balance: The remaining 50% balance can be paid upon arrival in Tanzania in cash.

Accepted Payment Methods

â€¢ Bank Transfer - Direct wire transfer to our corporate account
â€¢ Credit Card Payment - Visa, Mastercard, American Express accepted (3.5% processing fee applies)
â€¢ Cash Payment upon arrival - USD or TZS accepted

CANCELLATION POLICY

We understand that travel plans can change. Our policy ensures fairness and clarity:

â€¢ 60+ days before departure: Full refund minus transaction fees
â€¢ 30â€“59 days before departure: 90% refund of total safari cost
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â€¢ Less than 15 days before departure: 50% refund of total safari cost
All cancellations must be submitted in writing via email to info@luxusinafrica.co.tz

TIPPING & GRATUITIES

Tips can be given in USD, EUR, or TZS at the end of your safari.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

â€¢ Passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond your travel dates
â€¢ Visa required for most nationalities - obtain online (eVisa) or upon arrival
â€¢ Travel insurance mandatory - must cover medical evacuation and trip cancellation
â€¢ Yellow fever vaccination required if traveling from endemic countries
â€¢ Malaria prophylaxis recommended - consult your doctor before travel
â€¢ Packing: Comfortable neutral-colored clothes for daytime, warm layers for early mornings/evenings
â€¢ Accommodations subject to availability - similar or higher category may be substituted
â€¢ Order of national parks may change due to logistics and wildlife movements

BEST TIME TO VISIT

â€¢ June - October (Dry Season): Best wildlife viewing, animals gather around water sources
â€¢ July - September: Great Migration river crossings in Northern Serengeti (Mara River)
â€¢ December - March (Calving Season): Wildebeest calving in Southern Serengeti, high predator activity
â€¢ January - February: Best time for bird watching, migratory birds present
â€¢ March - May (Wet Season): Green landscapes, fewer crowds, lower rates
â€¢ Zanzibar: Best visited June - March (warm and sunny year-round)

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