

# MARANGU ROUTE

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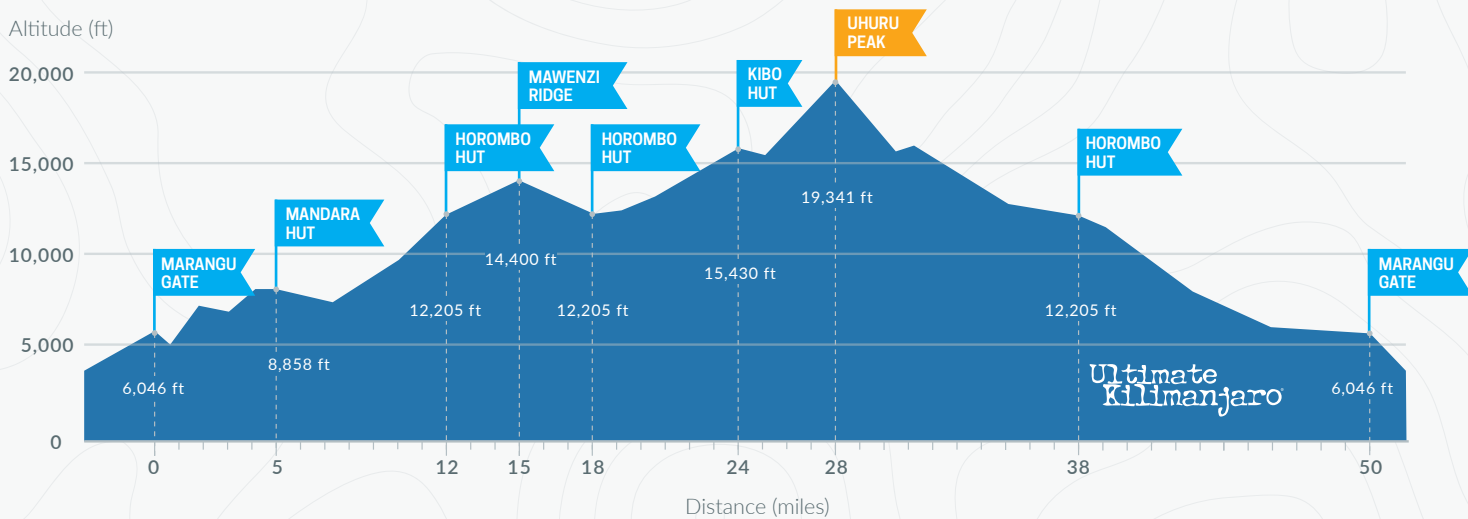
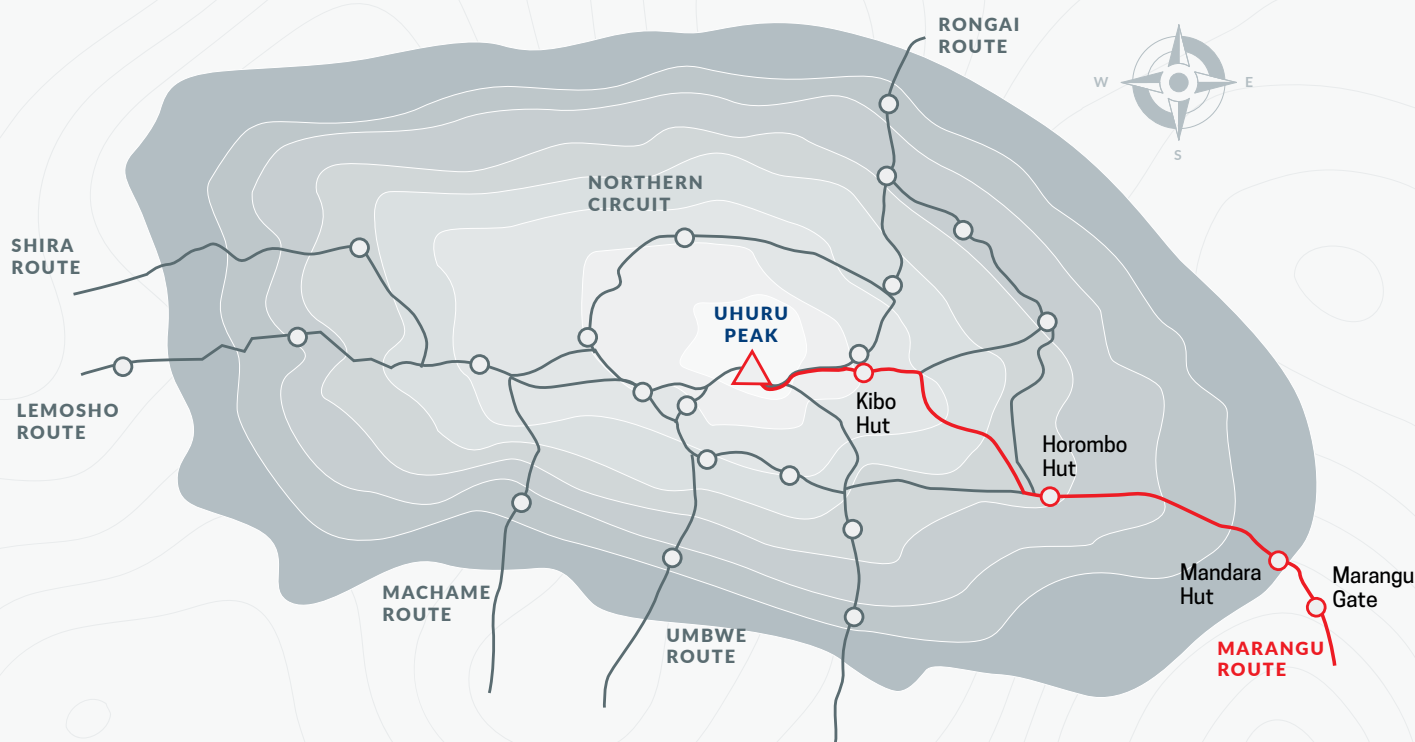
The **Marangu Route**, also known as the “Coca-Cola” route, is the oldest, most well established route on Kilimanjaro. This is the only route which offers sleeping huts in dormitory style accommodations in lieu of camping. Many favor Marangu because it is considered to be the easiest path on the mountain, given its gradual slope and direct path. However the short time frame of the route makes altitude acclimatization fairly difficult.

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The route approaches Mount Kilimanjaro from the southeast. Marangu is unfortunately less scenic than the other routes because the ascent and descent are along the same path. It is also the most crowded route for that reason.

Ultimate Kilimanjaro® offers Marangu as five or six day private climb.



# 6 DAY MARANGU ITINERARY

## DAY 1

### Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut

**Elevation (ft):** 6,046 ft to 8,858 ft

**Distance:** 8 km | 5 miles

**Hiking Time:** 4-5 hours

**Habitat:** Rain Forest

We depart Moshi for Marangu Gate for the necessary formalities before beginning our trek. The hiking trail begins by ascending a beautiful, tropical rain forest. At the upper edge of the forest line, we have the opportunity to see blue monkeys. The trail then widens to expose beautiful hillsides until we reach Mandara Hut.

## DAY 2

### Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut

**Elevation (ft):** 8,858 ft to 12,205 ft

**Distance:** 12 km | 7 miles

**Hiking Time:** 6-8 hours

**Habitat:** Heath

We start the day continuing through the forest until the trail opens into high moorland. We may get our first views of Kibo and Mawenzi peaks - two of the three volcanic peaks that make up the summit of Kilimanjaro.

## DAY 3

### Horombo Hut to Mawenzi Ridge

**Elevation (ft):** 12,205 ft to 14,400 ft

**Distance:** 5 km | 3 miles

**Hiking Time:** 2-3 hours

**Habitat:** Heath

### Mawenzi Ridge to Horombo Hut

**Elevation (ft):** 14,400 ft to 12,205

**Distance:** 5 km | 3 miles

**Hiking Time:** 1-2 hours

**Habitat:** Heath

This is an extra day meant for acclimatization and can be spent day hiking on Mawenzi Ridge. The unique landscape offers motivating views of Kibo and Mawenzi. After spending a few moments exploring the area we head back to Horombo Hut.

## DAY 4

### Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

**Elevation (ft):** 12,205 ft to 15,430 ft

**Distance:** 10 km | 6 miles

**Hiking Time:** 6-8 hours

**Habitat:** Alpine Desert

We climb gradually, then cross the lunar desert of the "Saddle" between Mawenzi and Kibo. Our camp, Kibo Hut, sits at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. Once here we rest, enjoy an early dinner to prepare for the summit day.

## DAY 5

### Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak

**Elevation ( t):** 15,430 ft to 19,341 ft

**Distance:** 6 km | 4 miles

**Hiking Time:** 7-9 hours

**Habitat:** Arctic

### Uhuru Peak to Horombo Hut

**Elevation ( t):** 19,341 ft to 12,250 ft

**Distance:** 16 km | 10 miles

**Hiking Time:** 4-6 hours

**Habitat:** Heath

Very early in the morning (around midnight), we begin our push to the summit. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. The wind and cold at this elevation and time of day can be extreme. We ascend in the darkness for several hours while taking frequent, but short, breaks. At Gilman's point (18,600 ft), you will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see coming over Mawenzi Peak. Finally, we arrive at Uhuru Peak- the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa.

After spending a few moments taking in the plains of Africa and your accomplishment, we descend to Horombo Hut. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep.

## DAY 6

### Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate

**Elevation (ft):** 12,205 ft to 6,046 ft

**Distance:** 20 km | 12 miles

**Hiking Time:** 5-7 hours

**Habitat:** Rain Forest

On our last day, we have a long trek mostly downhill through the tropical rainforest. Once at the park headquarters at Marangu gate, we collect our summit certificates. A vehicle will meet us here and drive us back to the hotel in Moshi.

Day	Start	Altitude (m)	Altitude (ft)	Finish	Altitude (m)	Altitude (ft)	Time (hrs)	Distance (km)	Distance (miles)
1	Marangu Gate	1,843	6,046	Mandara Hut	2,700	8,858	4-5	8	5
2	Mandara Hut	2,700	8,858	Horombo Hut	3,720	12,205	6-8	12	7
3	Horombo Hut	3,720	12,205	Mawenzi Ridge	4,390	14,400	2-3	5	3
	Mawenzi Ridge	4,390	14,400	Horombo Hut	3,720	12,205	1-2	5	3
4	Horombo Hut	3,720	12,205	Kibo Hut	4,703	15,430	6-8	10	6
5	Kibo Hut	4,703	15,430	Uhuru Peak	5,895	19,341	7-9	6	4
	Uhuru Peak	5,895	19,341	Horombo Hut	3,720	12,205	4-6	16	10
6	Horombo Hut	3,720	12,205	Marangu Gate	1,843	6,046	5-7	20	12
Total								82	50