

LOVE & ADVENTURE

MOUNT KILIMANJARO ITINERARY

DAY 1

MARANGU GATE TO MANDARA HUT

- Elevation: 1,860m to 2,700m
- Distance: 8km
- Time: 3-4 hours
- Summary: After a morning briefing, you'll drive to Marangu Gate. The hike begins through a lush rainforest, a beautiful and gentle introduction to the climb. You'll reach Mandara Hut, where you can take an optional side trip to Maundi Crater for views of the plains below.

DAY 2

MANDARA HUT TO HOROMBO HUT

- Elevation: 2,700m to 3,720m
- Distance: 12km
- Time: 5-6 hours
- Summary: The trail leaves the rainforest and ascends into open moorland. You'll see unique giant lobelia and groundsel plants. The views of Mawenzi and Kibo peaks become breathtaking as you approach Horombo Hut.

DAY 3

HOROMBO HUT TO KIBO HUT

- Elevation: 3,720m to 4,700m
- Distance: 10km
- Time: 5-6 hours
- Summary: This day crosses the "Saddle," a high-altitude desert between the Kibo and Mawenzi peaks. The landscape is barren and moon-like, a stark contrast to the previous days. You'll arrive at Kibo Hut in the afternoon, where you'll rest and prepare for the midnight summit push.

DAY 4

SUMMIT DAY (KIBO HUT TO UHURU PEAK TO HOROMBO HUT)

- Elevation: 4,700m to 5,895m to 3,720m
- Distance: 6km ascent, 15km descent
- Time: 6-8 hours ascent, 6-8 hours descent
- Summary: You will start the final ascent just after midnight. The climb is on steep scree (loose volcanic rock) to Gilman's Point on the crater rim. From there, it's a gradual slope to Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa. After a brief photo opportunity, you'll begin the long descent back to Horombo Hut for the night.

DAY 5

HOROMBO HUT TO MARANGU GATE

- Elevation: 3,720m to 1,860m
- Distance: 20km
- Time: 4-5 hours
- Summary: The final day is a long, steady descent through the moorland and back into the forest to Marangu Gate, where you'll receive your summit certificates.