

## **Marangu Route**

The Marangu route is the oldest route on Mt.Kilimanjaro and it's popularly known as Coca Cola route as it's easy to climb just like drinking Coca-Cola. The summit night is very hard here though since you have to reach a very steep point called Gillman's(5681M) before Stella Point ( 5756M)

Marangu Route has the most comfortable trails to walk through and it's the only route that offers Hut accommodation and no camping gear is needed. If you want to do this route we will recommend 6 days since the summit success rate improves when you spend longer on the mountain.

### **5-6 Day Itinerary**

#### **Day 1: Marangu Gate to Mandara Hut**

After breakfast with your packed lunch you will be transferred to Marangu gate(1879M) which takes approximately less than 3 hours.

You will start the climb through a fascinating dense rainforest and the vegetation zone here is Montane Forest. You will eat your packed lunch on the half way at Kisambioni picnic site. After lunch you will climb until you reach your first hut called Mandara Hut.

Elevation: 2720M

Distance: 8 kms

Time: 3 hours

#### **Day 2: Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut**

After breakfast start your climb through the moorland vegetation zone. You will have a short break for eating snacks on the half way. After snacks you will continue ascending and on the way you will be able to view the beautiful view of Mawenzi and Kibo peaks which are among the 3 peaks of mount Kilimanjaro. You will reach Horombo Hut for the hot lunch, dinner and overnight.

Elevation: 3720 M

Distance: 11 KM

Time: 5 hours

#### **Day 3: Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut**

After breakfast you will start your Trek through alpine Desert zone. On the way you will be able to see the saddle of Mt.Kilimanjaro. it's on this day you will see your last water point. You will ascend

until you reach Kibo Hut for meals and overnight. You will get your dinner early so you can get enough time to rest and prepare for the summit night.

Elevation: 4720M

Distance: 9 Kms

Time: 5 hours

#### **Day4: Kibo Hut to Uhuru peak and summit night**

After a cup of tea/coffee with snacks you will start your midnight climb. It should be the big day because you will begin your final ascent around midnight which will be long and strenuous. Passing the Hans Meyer Cave at 5220m, the climb is very slow compared to other days. At sunrise, you will reach Gillman's Point (5681m) – the crater rim of Kilimanjaro – where the sun will slowly start to warm up the land. You will have soon forgotten the cold of the night and after a further hike of around 1 to 2 hours, you will reach Uhuru Peak at 5895m. On your return to Kibo Hut, a warm meal awaits you followed by a 1 to 2 hour break before descending down to Horombo Hut for your dinner and overnight.

#### **Day 5: Horombo Hut to Marangu gate**

After early breakfast you will start your descent to Marangu gate. The Marangu route is the only route where you ascend and descend the same trails. You will then catch up your awaiting car to take you back to your hotel in Moshi.

Distance: 19 Kms

Time: 8 hours

**Important: \* it's very recommended for an additional day at Horombo Hut on day 3 for an acclimatization to Zebra Rocks at 4020M**