SAMPLE QUOTE

Issued 26 November 2026

6-Day Kilimanjaro Marangu Route

Kilimanjaro, Northern Zone, Tanzania, Moshi, Tanzania

Duration	Group size	Destination	Tour type
6 Days	**1 – 15 travellers**	**Mount Kilimanjaro National Park**	**Mountain Trekking**

Indicative price

Traveller	Price per person
Adult	**$1,500**
Child	**$1,200**
Children aged 4 and under	**Free**
Example: 2 adults	**$3,000**

Based on the prices currently listed on our website. Your final price depends on your dates, group size and any changes you ask for, and is confirmed by our team before you pay anything.

Itinerary

Arusha to Marangu Gate, then hike to Mandara Hut

Your adventure begins with collection from your accommodation in Arusha and a road transfer toward Marangu Gate on the southeastern side of Kilimanjaro. At the park entrance, your mountain team completes registration and prepares the equipment before you begin your first walk. The pace is deliberately steady: this is your introduction to the terrain, the guide’s rhythm and the daily routine that will become familiar over the coming days.

From the gate, the trail enters a lush rainforest where giant trees, mosses and dense vegetation create a cool, green corridor. The ground may be damp or slippery, particularly after rain, and your guide will encourage short, regular breaks to keep the group comfortable. As you gain elevation, the forest opens in places to reveal the mountain’s lower slopes. Depending on weather, time and group condition, an optional short walk toward Maundi Crater may be discussed after you reach camp.

Mandara Hut is your first overnight stop. Settle into the hut, enjoy a warm meal and review the following day’s walking plan. The first evening is also an opportunity to discuss hydration, footwear, layers and any early symptoms of altitude discomfort with your guide.

Mandara Hut to Horombo Hut

After breakfast you leave the enclosed rainforest and gradually climb into more open heathland and moorland. Shrubs replace the tall trees, the sky begins to feel wider, and clear weather can reveal the striking outline of Kibo above the route. The change in vegetation makes this one of the clearest examples of Kilimanjaro’s distinct ecological zones.

The trail gains altitude steadily, with time for water, photographs and short breaks along the way. You may feel the thinner air as you approach Horombo. Your guide should keep the pace manageable and watch how everyone is adjusting. Even if you feel energetic, conserving effort and eating well will matter more than walking quickly.

At Horombo Hut, take time to rest and enjoy the views. The original programme mentions that guests can add an acclimatization day here, but that would change the duration and price; it is not part of the six-day schedule as supplied. If you have concerns about altitude, discuss a longer Marangu programme before booking rather than assuming an extra day is included.

Horombo Hut to Kibo Hut

The landscape becomes increasingly spare as you walk beyond Horombo. Heathland gradually gives way to a high, exposed expanse, and the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo stretches ahead. The mountain feels different here: fewer plants, colder wind and the immense volcanic slopes of Kibo drawing closer with every step.

Today’s objective is Kibo Hut, where you prepare for the summit attempt. The walking is not technically complex on the standard trail, but the altitude demands respect. Drink regularly, stay close to your guide’s pacing instructions and report headaches, nausea, dizziness or unusual fatigue rather than pushing through them. The team will explain the summit-night departure plan and check that your headlamp, warm layers, gloves and water are ready.

You will normally eat and rest early at Kibo Hut because the summit push begins around midnight. Rest can be difficult at this altitude, so focus on staying warm and keeping energy for the long night ahead.

Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak, then descend to Horombo Hut

Summit day starts in the dark. Equipped with headlamps and your warmest mountain clothing, you leave Kibo Hut and climb toward the crater rim at a slow, measured pace. The slope is steep, the air is thin and the temperature can be extremely cold. This is usually the toughest part of the expedition; progress is determined by conditions and by how well each member of the group is acclimatizing.

Your route aims first for Gilman’s Point on the crater rim. If conditions and your guide’s assessment allow, you continue along the rim toward Uhuru Peak at 5,895 metres. The rising light may reveal the volcanic landscape and surrounding peaks, but summit views are weather-dependent. Reaching the top is never guaranteed, and your safety takes priority over a summit photograph.

After your time on the rim or summit, descend carefully toward Kibo Hut, where you may pause for food and a brief rest before continuing down to Horombo Hut. Descending a large amount of altitude after the summit makes this a long, physically demanding day. Expect tired legs, loose ground and the need for patience even after the highest point is behind you.

Post-summit route: operational clarification required

The company’s source document labels Day 5 “Horombo – Mandara,” but the paragraph beneath it describes travelling back to Kibo Hut and then returning to Horombo. This does not form a coherent post-summit descent, especially because Day 4 already brings trekkers back to Horombo and Day 6 again starts from Horombo. The document also describes a six-day / five-night trek without a reliable overnight stop for this day.

A publishable guest itinerary must not invent the missing section. The operations team needs to confirm whether Day 5 is a separate acclimatization day scheduled earlier, whether the Day 4/5 descriptions have been shifted, or whether this should be a different total-duration product. Until corrected, Day 5 should remain an internal review placeholder, not customer-facing copy.

Possible final wording and activities will be written after the actual guide-approved overnight sequence and hiking distances are confirmed.

Final descent to Marangu Gate and return to Arusha

The final walking stage descends through the moorland and back into the humid mountain forest. The air grows warmer as you lose elevation, and the vegetation becomes thicker around the trail. Your legs may still be tired from summit day, so trekking poles and a deliberate pace can make the descent more comfortable, particularly on wet steps or muddy stretches.

At Marangu Gate, your mountain party completes the park exit process. Where applicable, successful summit and crater-rim achievements are recorded and certificates handled through the park’s procedures. After saying goodbye to the mountain team, you travel by vehicle back to Arusha. The journey ends with time to shower, rest and reflect on the achievement, whether you reached Uhuru Peak or turned back earlier for safety.

What is included

Included

- • Full-board accommodation during the climb
- • Transport identified in the original programme
- • Professional mountain guides and porters
- • Kilimanjaro park entrance and rescue fees
- • Mineral water as described in the source

Not included

- • International and domestic flights
- • Visa costs
- • Personal purchases, additional drinks, telephone and laundry
- • Tips for guides and porters

Ready to go? Ask us for your own quote.

Tell us your dates and how many are travelling and we will confirm availability and the final price.

Phone: +255 766 903 485 Email: info@watotowabingwasafaris.com

https://watotowabingwasafaris.com/package/6-day-kilimanjaro-marangu-route