

## The Marangu Route

### Trek Overview

The Marangu Route is a 10 Day trip with 5 days of trekking. This is the oldest and most well established route on Kilimanjaro. In our experience this is the easiest of the 5 routes and is usually the most popular with our trekkers.

### Trek Schedule

**Day 1:** Meet up and depart Ireland for Tanzania late morning flight

**Day 2:** Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport Tanzania. After passing through immigration, transfer by road to Hotel, allocation of room. Team meeting and brief at lunch time/early evening, Venture 2 Adventures will pay for lunch to welcome you to Tanzania. There will be a free afternoon to rest and relax around the Hotel. The group meets up for dinner, paid for by Venture 2 Adventures. Return to the hotel for a kit check and climb briefing, then bed.

#### **Day 3: Day 1 on Kilimanjaro**

After breakfast, transfer to Marangu Gate, Mt Kilimanjaro. After registration and issue of water and packed lunch, we start climb to Mandara Hut, 4 to 5 hours walk. We have lunch en route. On arrival to Mandara we register into camp, hot drink and snacks are issued. Acclimatisation walk to Maundi Crater, Dinner, Trek Brief and bed.

#### **Day 4: Day 2 on Kilimanjaro**

After breakfast, we are issued our water for the day and start to climb to Horombo Hut, 6 to 8 hours trekking depending on speed of group. We will see the first views of the Kibo summit while trekking. We have lunch on our way. When we reach Horombo, we will have tea and snacks. Later we will have dinner, trek briefing and bed.

#### **Day 5: Day 3 on Kilimanjaro**

After Breakfast, we are issued our daily ration of water and start our trek to Kibo Hut. We take our time today as we are crossing an Alpine desert at altitude, the trek will take between 6 to 8 hours. We will have our lunch on the trail. When we reach Kibo Hut, we will be given bunks, tea etc. At this point we start to put on our thermals and rest. We are now at 4750m and the air is quite thin. Early evening we will have dinner and a brief to cover the next 24 hours. We return to bed and sleep till

11pm wake up. When we get up we will have tea/coffee and a snack, we will have an issue of water, a final brief and form up ready to tackle the summit.

#### **Day 6: Day 4 on Kilimanjaro**

At Midnight, we start our climb to Gilman's point, passing by Hans Meyers Cave. This should take approx 5 to 6 hours. We aim to be at Gilman's to witness the African Sunrise, one of the most exhilarating you will ever see in your life. After a short rest, we trek around the Crater rim, passing through Stellas Point and onto UHURU PEAK 5895m – The summit. This should take approx 1.5 to 2 hours. After some time to take photos we begin our descent, passing through Stellas Point and onto Gilman's Point. After a short rest, we descend to Kibo Hut. Here we have food and a short rest. Then from here we trek back to Horombo Hut, where we have food, a short talk on the plans for the next day and then bed.

#### **Day 7: Day 5 on Kilimanjaro**

Early rise, breakfast, issue of water, then we have our Handover of Tips Ceremony to the Guides and Porters. Be prepared for an early morning sing song! Afterwards we trek back to Mandara Hut, where we stop for a short break before trekking back to Marangu Gate. This is the end of our Climb. We transfer back to the Hotel, allocation of rooms and a welcome shower. Later we will have a celebration dinner in a local Restaurant and the issuing of Certificates before returning to the Hotel for a well earned sleep.

#### **Day 8: Free Day**

This is a free day to rest relax etc., We usually organise a guided tour of the local town where we can sample some of the local food at lunchtime and visit a 1930's coffee house , Coffee Union. In the evening, we can rest and relax at the hotel till we depart for the Airport for a night flight home

#### **Day 9: Optional Extra Day**

We have an option of staying an extra day if you wish to stay on and visit a Kids project we are involved in through the charity Childaid. If you are able, we highly recommend staying this extra day – the cost of which is completely covered by Venture 2 Adventures.

**DAY 9/10:** Arrive back to Ireland, Transfer to your home, End of trip.

#### **Included in the Trek Price**

- Transfer from Kilimanjaro Airport to Tanzanian Hotel which is compatible with European Hotels in a Beautiful Tranquil setting
- All Food lunch/Dinner Bed and Breakfast while in Hotel
- Transfer from Hotel to Marangu Gate Kilimanjaro National Park

- All Permits, costs, Fees, Govt Taxes, etc. for Mt Kilimanjaro climb
- Guides Porters etc.
- All Food and Water while climbing Mt Kilimanjaro
- Certification for your successful climb
- Transfer back to Hotel from your climb and a complimentary Drink courtesy of Venture 2 Adventures
- Celebration Dinner in Old Moshi Town, to mark the end of the climb courtesy of Venture 2 Adventures
- Guided tour around Moshi and a chance to purchase some African souvenirs, visit the Markets etc.
- Coffee in a very Famous 1930's coffee house, Coffee Union, a great place to chill out and a must visit place to go
- Transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight Home
- Every month we do Training climbs and treks in Ireland, you are more than welcome to take part, we do not charge for Irish Mountains!
- Prior to Departure, we will send you out one of our Technical Trekking T Shirts
- We offer advice on Equipment, clothing etc. for your trek and advise you on vaccinations

#### **Not Included in the Trek Price**

- Spending Money
- Entry visa \$50 U S Dollars
- Tips to porters etc. (we can advise of this)
- Alcohol or beverages unless otherwise stated
- Any safari's or outings organised outside of your Itinerary
- Vaccinations
- Trekking equipment/clothing

#### **Cost**

Venture 2 Adventures offers the most competitive prices. Once you pay your deposit your price is locked in and there will be no hidden or additional costs. Contact Graham and the team for more information.

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