

# Kilimanjaro Trekking- The Coca Cola Route (Marangu) 7Nights & 8 Days

Welcome to Tanzania, where there is always a magnificent view or exotic animal waiting to take your breath away. Perhaps on this journey you won't be peering into the eyes of a lioness 15feet away or staring at the massive Ngorongoro Crater, but we are certain you will still feel the same exhilaration and magic the country offers by conquering the continents highest peak!.

We believe a safari is deeper than merely an overland expedition, and our attitude is no different when it comes to mountain trekking. This is more than just a test of your physical endurance, mental strength, and will- it is the beginning of rewarding journey in which we are with you each step of the way to help you achieve your goal.

With each step taken you get closer to reconnecting with nature and fully appreciating the beauty that surrounds us. We take care of every minor detail, so that all of you have to do is push forward; and in return all we ask is that when you take a break to admire the beauty that surrounds you, quietly whisper Asante to Tanzania.

#### Day 1: Arrival

After arrival in Arusha, you will be met by a member of the AS team and be transferred to your lodging for the night. Although small, the vibrant town is full of culture and is a great place to relax before your mammoth task ahead. Overnight at Olasiti Lodge

# Day 2: Marangu Gate

After an early and refreshing breakfast you will be briefed regarding the climb ahead, after which you will begin the drive towards the Marangu gate to begin your climb. The drive to the gate is relaxing as you pass through Tanzania's lush countryside. As you begin up the eastern side of the mountain, you will notice how full the rainforest is with life, be sure to keep an eye open for Colobus monkey among other wildlife. The trek will be at a very comfortable speed and it will be three hours before you reach the Mandara Huts where you will stop and relax for the night.

# **Day 3: Horombo Huts**

After a very early breakfast, you will continue your trek forward towards the Horombo Huts. The trek will allow you to pass through several different landscapes, such as the rainforest glades, heath, and moorlands- They will be an excellent opportunity to absorb it all as you break for lunch.

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The entire trek will be between 5-6 hours before you reach the Horombo Huts before you reach the huts which are 12,339ft above sea level. It is a magnificent sight as you will get to see the peaks of Mawenzi and Kibo.

# Day 4: Horombo Huts- Acclimatization

This is the best place to acclimatize your body as you may begin feeling the effects of the altitude. Therefore soon after breakfast, there will be a short trek towards the famous Zebra Rock and then to the Maua river. The views are spectacular as not only will you see Kibo Hut, but also the twin peaks and trail to summit. Shortly after you will trek back towards the Horombo Huts to relax and have a hot lunch.

#### Day 5: Kibo Hut

After a great night's rest and refreshing breakfast, you will begin the trek toward Kibo Hut via the Kibo Sadle. The mountain flora and fauna surrounding you will be breathtaking and be sure to take your time or as the Swahili say pole pole. The trek will last between 7-8 hours, in which you will stop for a lunch about halfway. Once you arrive at Kibo Hut, you will receive an early hot dinner and briefing about the final ascent to the peak.

#### Day 6: The Final Push-Uhuru Peak

Just before midnight you will begin your final ascent to the peak. This is the steepest and most challenging part of the trek as you push forward to Gilman's point and Uhuru Peak. Once you reach the peak, you will get to relax and take pictures of the world below you. The views are absolutely stunning and well worth the challenging journey. After some time on the peak, you will begin the descent back down the mountain; past Kibo Huts all the way back to Horombo huts for a dinner and well deserved rest. Expect this day to be very long, in the region of 15-17 hours.

#### Day 7: Marangu-Arusha

After breakfast, you will leave Horombo and continue your descent towards the Marungu Gate. Once you reach the gates, it will surely be time to celebrate as you have successfully conquered one of the world seven peaks. After passing through the gate, you will be transferred back to Arusha for an overnight stay at Olasiti Lodge.

#### Day 8: Home

Take your time this morning to get your things together and enjoy your breakfast. You will then be transferred to the airport in time for your flight home. We hope you enjoyed your reconnection with nature, and we look forward to seeing you again when nature calls. It was a pleasure having you and Asante.



# **Map of Routes**



# Cost \$1985 per person

#### **Inclusions**

Airport/land transfers, Accommodations, Meals, All government tax & levies, Trekking activities & Sleeping Equipment (Tents), Fluent English speaking driver/guide, Flying Doctors evacuation facility.

# **Exclusions**

Entry visas, international flights, travel insurance, tips, drinks in hotels and lodges, all items of personal expenses/nature.

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# **Trekking Recommendations**

# **Trekking Gear**

For your baggage you should plan to pack a personal day pack for you to carry and any other backpack will be carried by the porters. The weight limit for the porters to carry is 35lbs per bag.

In regards to clothing, you will need to different clothes for hiking, evening relaxation, as well as sleeping. As you can imagine, while trekking the temperature on the mountain will vary greatly as you ascend further. Therefore it is important to ensure you have enough layers to keep you warm. We recommend your inner layer to be similar to that of gore-tex/ under-armor; with the next being protecting and warm and the final being waterproof.

- Rain pants & Rain jackets for both the rain forest and snowy peaks
- Down Jacket or Ski Parka
- Thermal Underwear & Long sleeve thermals
- Long sleeve shirts
- Short sleeve shirts
- Fleece Jacket or Wool sweater
- Fleece Pants
- Hiking Boots(Make sure you have broken them in)
- Hiking & Wool socks( Sock liners are also great to pack as they decrease moisture buildup)
- Balaclava
- Hand & Feet warmers
- Waterproof Gloves (2 Pairs, one thin and one thick)
- Sun Glasses
- Bandana
- Hat
- Flashlight & Headlamp including spare batteries (This can be rented if you do not have it for \$10)
- Sleeping Bag( This can be rented if you do not have it for \$10)
- Walking Pole/Stick(This can be rented if you do not have it \$10)
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Personal First-Aid Kit

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