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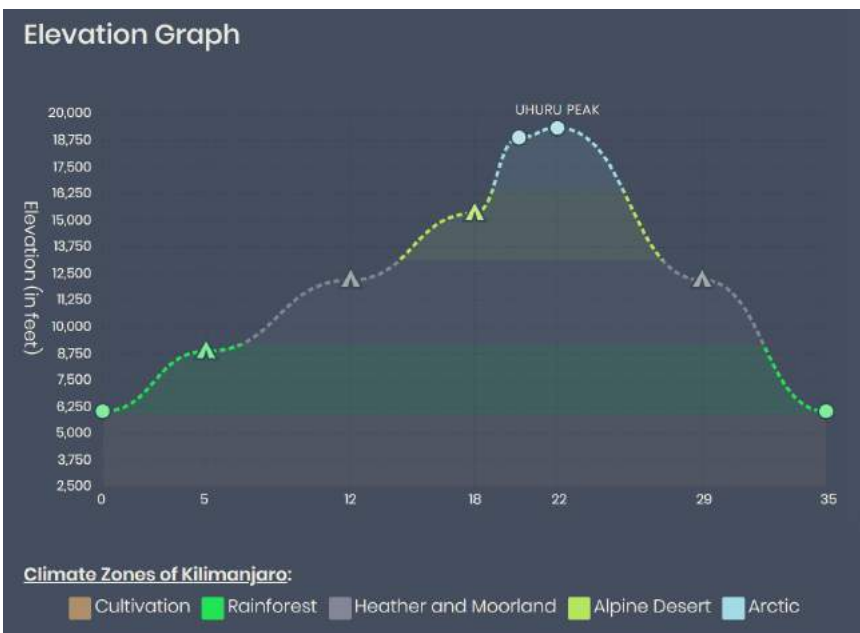
The Marangu Route, also commonly referred to as the “Coca-Cola” route, is the most luxurious route on Kilimanjaro. Many choose the Marangu route because it is the only route which offers sleeping huts rather than traditional tent camping in. In addition, hikers are inclined to choose Marangu because it is considered to be one of the easier paths, with more gradual slopes, to the summit. However, that's not to say it doesn't come with its difficulties. For some, the short time frame itinerary makes altitude acclimatization a difficult task.

Starting from Marangu Gate, you will traverse from the Southeast side of the mountain before summiting from Kibo Hut. After summiting, you will descend back to Marangu Gate via the same route you ascended on.

While the Marangu route is the most comfortable due to sleeping huts, the trail is the least scenic since the ascent and descent are on the same path. Due to traffic flowing both directions, Marangu is also the most crowded route on Kilimanjaro. Additionally, Marangu has the shortest hiking itinerary. Therefore, this route is best for people with some high altitude experience.

Kopa Tours® offers Marangu as a five day climb.

## MAP



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## DAY 1

MARANGU GATE TO MANDARA HUT CAMP

We will drive from Springlands Hotel to the Marangu Gate, which takes about 45 minutes. Our hike begins at the gate. From here, we will walk through the dense rainforest to Mandara Hut. Feel free to take a quick trip to Maundi Crater. Here you can have excellent views of both Kenya and Northern Tanzania.



## DAY 2

MANDARA HUT CAMP TO HOROMBO HUT CAMP

You traverse through the glades of the rainforest before ascending through the heather and moorland climbing zone. From here, you will carry on to Horombo Hut Camp. Once you arrive at Horombo Camp, you will be able to see the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro - Kibo Peak!



## DAY 3

HOROMBO HUT CAMP TO KIBO HUT CAMP

You will leave Horombo Hut Camp to cross the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo. This is a valley which connects the two peaks. At the base of the crater wall of Mount Kibo, you will reach the Kibo Hut Camp. Rest up for your midnight summit attempt.



## DAY 4 PART 1

KIBO HUT CAMP TO UHURU PEAK

You start your ascent at midnight to reach Gilman's Point (18,640 ft) in time for an amazing sunrise over Mawenzi Peak! It will be steep and full of switchbacks over loose volcanic scree. From here, continue 2 more hours to Uhuru Peak - the highest point in Africa!



## DAY 4 PART 2

UHURU PEAK TO HOROMBO HUT CAMP

From Uhuru, descend to Kibo Hut camp - gather your belongings, rest and continue on to Horombo Hut camp. This is your last night on the mountain. Enjoy dinner and let your incredible journey settle in.



## DAY 5

HOROMBO HUT CAMP TO MARANGU GATE

On your last day, pack up and remember to bring your hiking poles as the trail can be muddy and wet in the rainforest. You will hike down to Marangu Gate. Here, receive your summit certificates!

