

# Alpenglow Adventures

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## Detailed Itinerary

Mt. Kilimanjaro Climb & Safari, Tanzania, Africa

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**Meals included with trip price:** B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

### Day 1 Kilimanjaro Airport / Moshi

- Fly into the Kilimanjaro International Airport and get brought to Springland Hotel for Dinner
- Dinner and Overnight: Springland Hotel (**D**)

### Day 2 Moshi / Marangu Gate 6,500ft (1980m) – Mandara Hut 8,900ft (2700m)

Hiking time: **5 Hours** - Distance: About **7.5miles (12 K)** - Habitat: **Montane Forest**

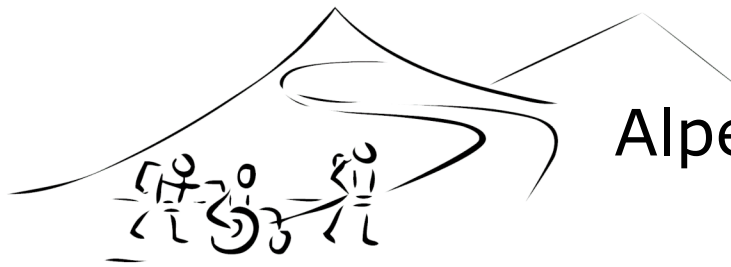
- The drive from Moshi to Kilimanjaro National Park gate takes about 50 minutes. The journey passes through the village of Marangu, which is located on the lower slopes of the mountain. When reaching the park gate all hikers are requested to sign in at the Park office and make their final preparations for the climb. We now leave the Park gate and ascend on a cleared ridge trail through the rain forest.
- Our first night stop will be at Mandara Hut, a group of wooden huts in a forest clearing. Each hut consists of 6 – 8 sleeping bunks with solar generated lighting. Water is pumped from springs above and there are flush toilets behind the main hut.
- Overnight: Mandara Hut (**B,L,D**)

### Day 3 Mandara Hut 8,900ft (2700m) – Horombo Hut 12,200ft (3720m)

Hiking time: **6 Hours** - Distance: About **9.3miles (15 K)** - Habitat: **Moorland**

- From Mandara Hut the trail passes through a short stretch of forest then skirts the base of the Maundi Crater and emerges into the transition from rain forest to moorland. After about 6 hours from here we will reach Horombo Hut, where we will have hot washing water, an evening meal and an overnight.
- Horombo Hut is a village of wooden huts on a small plateau. We will meet both ascending and descending hikers here. The rest of this day and night at Horombo Hut is for acclimatization. We **must remember** to drink enough water and move at a comfortable pace. All meals for the day are provided at the hut, so we will retire early to get a good night's sleep.
- Overnight: Horombo Hut (**B,L,D**)





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### Days 4 & 5

**Horombo Hut** 12,200ft (3720m) – **Kibo Hut** 15,400ft (4700m)

Hiking time: **6-8 Hours** - Distance: About **9.3miles (15 K)** - Habitat: **Alpine Desert**

- After breakfast we will now continue into the Alpine desert habitat. From Horombo Hut there are two trails, an upper route and a lower route. We will take lower one, as it is much easier. Bottled water should be bought at Kibo Hut which is situated in barren Alpine land. It is a stone built blockhouse that has bunk beds for 60 climbers. At this point we will be about 3820ft (1165m) from the summit, which we will reach this same night.
- We will prepare our hiking equipment, thermal clothing, and replace camera/headlamp batteries for our summit bid.
- We will go to bed at around **5pm (1700hrs)** and try to get as much rest as possible.

**Kibo Hut** 15,400ft(4700m)–**Uhuru Peak** 19,340ft(5895m)–**Horombo Hut** 12,200ft(3720m)

Hiking time: **9 Hrs to Uhuru** – **6-8 Hrs to Horombo** - Distance: About **3.75miles (6K)** ascent & **13miles (21K)** descent - Habitat/Terrain: **Stone Scree & Ice capped Summit**

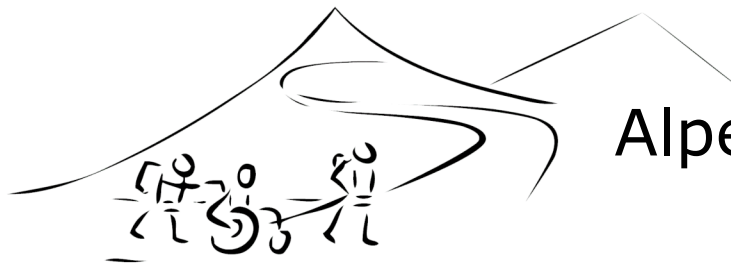
- We will rise around **11:00pm (2300hrs)** and after tea & biscuits we continue into the night, this is where the going gets really tough. The first section of the trail consists of a rocky path to the Hans Meyer cave at **16,900ft (5150m)**, also a good resting point. The path then zigzags up to Gillman's Point at **19,230ft (5861m)**, which is located on the crater rim. This section is very steep with a lot of stone scree, requiring a physical and mental effort.
- From Gillman's Point we may encounter snow all the way up to Uhuru Peak. WE MADE IT to the highest point in Africa! Weather conditions on the summit will determine how long we will be able to spend taking photographs, before our 3-hour descent back to Kibo Hut. After a short rest at Kibo we will gather all of our gear, left behind for the ascent, and head down to Horombo hut for our last dinner on the mountain & a well-earned sleep filled with happy memories. The return will seem surprisingly fast.
- Overnight: Horombo Hut (**B,L,D**)

**Horombo Hut** 12,200ft (3720m) – **Marangu Gate** 6,500ft (1980m) – **Karatu**

Hiking Time: **6 Hours** - Distance: **About 16.8miles (27K)**

- After a rest we will continue with our descent all the way down to the Marangu Gate. At the Marangu Gate we will sign our name's and details in a register. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates (Green for those who reached Gilman's Point & Gold for those who reached Uhuru Peak). We will now drive straight to Karatu for a long overdue shower & dinner. YES!
- Dinner and Overnight: High View Hotel (**B,L,D**)





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### Day 6 Karatu / Ngorongoro Crater / Karatu

- After an early breakfast we will drive to the incredible Ngorongoro Crater for a day trip, including a picnic lunch.
- The Ngorongoro Crater is the world's largest intact caldera (collapsed volcano). Today we will descend the 2,000 feet into the crater for a full day safari. Over 30,000 animals live within this enormous natural bowl, the most densely packed concentration of wildlife in Africa. We should see wildebeests, elephants, lions, dik-diks, and warthogs...and whilst on the lakeside we should see pelicans, ibises and flamingoes. – Return to Karatu late afternoon.
- Dinner and Overnight: High View Hotel **(B,L,D)**

### Day 7 Karatu / Lake Manyara National Park / Karatu

- After breakfast we will drive to Manyara National Park for a day excursion and picnic lunch.
- This 125 sq mi (325 sq km) park is sheltered under the massive escarpment of the Rift Valley and consists of five distinct vegetation zones with a wide range of flora. The park is famous for its tree climbing lions that laze on the branches of acacia trees during the hot day. It has over 350 species of birds, the most profuse and lively being the flamingos, which at certain seasons form a solid line of pink for many miles (kilometers) down the lake. We will return to the Hotel in late afternoon.
- Dinner and Overnight: High View Hotel **(B,L,D)**

### Day 8 Karatu / Tarangire National Park / Karatu

- After breakfast we will drive to beautiful Tarangire National Park for another day excursion and picnic lunch.
- Tarangire overflows with wildlife. We will search for great herds of elephants, who scratch in the dirt for underground streams. And we will see how many of the 550(!) species of birds, who call Tangire home, we can find. We will return to the Hotel in late afternoon.
- Dinner and Overnight: High View Hotel **(B,L,D)**

### Day 9 Karatu / Arusha / Kilimanjaro Airport

- After breakfast we will drive back to Arusha for lunch, and where everyone will have some free time to shop.
- We will have an early dinner before driving to Kilimanjaro Airport for the return flights. **(B,L,D)**

### • **WHAT A TRIP!!!!**

