

Marangu Hut-to-Hut Notes

5 mountain days / 4 hut nights / 7 total trip days

Know the route. Ask clear questions. Keep a few moments from the mountain.



Horombo Huts, photographed in 2009. Christoph Strässler / CC BY-SA 2.0. Resized; cropped display. Photo source. Current hut allocation and conditions vary.

The five mountain stages

Day	Walking stage	Night
1	Marangu Gate to Mandara Rainforest around 4-5 hours	Mandara Hut about 2,720 m
2	Mandara to Horombo Heath and moorland around 6-8 hours	Horombo Hut about 3,720 m
3	Horombo to Kibo Alpine saddle around 6-7 hours	Kibo Hut about 4,700 m
4	Summit attempt via Gilman's Point; descend Uhuru objective 5,895 m often 12-15+ hours	Horombo Hut about 3,720 m
5	Horombo via Mandara to Marangu Gate Descent around 5-7 hours; transfer to Moshi	Moshi hotel

Five days or six?

The five-day plan has no dedicated acclimatisation day at Horombo. The six-day option adds one and needs eight total trip days. Discuss your experience and schedule with David before choosing. Fitness does not remove altitude risk.

Walking times and elevations are approximate. Weather, altitude response and the guide's decisions can change the plan. A summit is never guaranteed. Allow a Moshi hotel night before the climb and another after the descent.

Before the first step

Travel dates: _____ Briefing time: _____

Bring these questions to your briefing

- Who is my lead guide, and what is our meeting and transfer plan?
- Which personal kit or rental items are still missing?
- What are the agreed daily checks, emergency equipment and turnaround plan?
- What does my written quote include, and which extras remain separate?

Personal kit to check with your guide

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| ☐ Broken-in boots and walking socks | ☐ Waterproof jacket and trousers |
| ☐ Warm layers, hat and gloves | ☐ Headlamp and spare power |
| ☐ Sleeping bag suited to the trip | ☐ Water bottles and daypack |
| ☐ Sun protection and sunglasses | ☐ Personal essentials and insurance details |

My hut-to-hut observations

A landscape, a useful word, a crew skill or a moment I want to remember.

Mandara / rainforest

Horombo / moorland

Kibo / the saddle

The summit attempt / descent

Back in Moshi

Useful words: pole pole = slowly; asante = thank you; maji = water. Tell your guide promptly if you feel unwell. These notes support your briefing; they do not replace the guide's directions or your final written itinerary.