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# Conquer Mt. Kilimanjaro, the world's highest free-standing mountain

## Trip Overview



### **9 Aug - 10 Aug, 2024**

Fly to Tanzania and your adventure begins!

Upon arrival in Kilimanjaro, you will be met and taken to your lovely hotel to relax after your flights. You will meet your hiking team for your briefing.

Pink Flamingo Boutique HotelCottage Deluxe Twin Room

B&B

1 Night

### **10 Aug - 15 Aug, 2024**

You have your 6 day (5 night) trekking route.

Mount Kilimanjarothe

Full Board



5 Nights

**15 Aug - 16 Aug, 2024**

Your final descent brings you to the bottom. You part ways here with your hiking crew and are transferred to your hotel for the night.

Kahawa House Standard Room

B&B

1 Night

**Aug 16, 2024**

Return home today and this completes your incredible achievement.



## Map

### Key Dates

- 1) 9 Aug - 10 Aug, 2024: Pink Flamingo Boutique Hotel
- 2) 15 Aug - 16 Aug, 2024: Kahawa House



## Itinerary Details

### Moshi



#### *Area Overview*

Moshi, situated in northern Tanzania near the Kenyan border, serves as the gateway to Kilimanjaro National Park, where Africa's tallest peak, Mount Kilimanjaro, resides. The town is conveniently located just 30 minutes from Kilimanjaro Airport. Moshi is renowned for its coffee farms and has been a significant coffee production center in Tanzania. Additionally, it boasts a historical rail station that has connected the region with neighboring towns and countries for many years.

### **Pink Flamingo Boutique Hotel**



## *Property Overview*

Welcome to our family-run boutique hotel nestled in the heart of Moshi, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. Our spacious and impeccably maintained grounds offer you complete privacy and tranquility. Situated a mere 5-minute drive from Moshi Town and just 30 minutes from Kilimanjaro International Airport, our location is both convenient and serene. With 23 years of experience in Tanzania, our family possesses extensive knowledge of the local areas and cultures, ensuring that your stay is guided by seasoned expertise.

Our offering includes three distinct properties, two of which boast private swimming pools, in addition to our main boutique hotel with a spacious private pool. Your stay with us promises to be truly unforgettable. Our dedicated staff will be at your service throughout your visit, ensuring that all your needs and preferences are meticulously catered to.

## *Experience & Activities*

Many of our guests embark on the incredible journey of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. Over the years, we've learned from their experiences and understand their needs before and after this adventure. Whether it's nourishing food, relaxation, massages, or any other requirement, we are dedicated to ensuring that your stay with us results in unforgettable memories.

## *Accommodation*

Cottage

The Villa/Cottage is a standalone house located just a few meters ( 30 mts) out of the main Lodge. The Cottage has 2 triple rooms, 1 Super King size bed and 1 Queen size bed per room. Two bathrooms with a shower, Sitting room, fully equipped kitchen, TV,SAT, NETFLIX, Wi-Fi, own garden and a small private swimming pool to make the perfect place that calls for a relaxing and enjoyable environment.

## Deluxe Twin Room

The two twin deluxe rooms are located in the Tuscany style apartment, with a small cosy private swimming pool just outside the door. A huge veranda overlooking the swimming pool and the garden welcome you to relax. This room includes two queen beds, a dining room, and a kitchen facility.

### *Fast Facts*

#### **Highlights**

Great location.

Close to Kili trek starting points

Swimming pool

Family owned and run

#### **Quick facts**

3 properties, 2 with private pools

30 mins from the airport

## The Marangu Route



## **Day One: Marangu Gate (1,800m/5,905ft) to Mandara Hut (2,743m/9,000ft)**

Elevation Gain: 915 meters (3,000 feet)

Your Kilimanjaro adventure begins with a departure from Arusha at 8 am, heading for Marangu Gate. The drive to Marangu typically takes about 4 hours. Upon your arrival at the gate, you'll meet our team of guides, cooks, and porters. After completing the necessary gate registration procedures, your Kilimanjaro trek officially commences.

The initial part of the hike involves navigating a narrow trail that winds through the lush Kilimanjaro rainforest. Your journey will take you deeper into this natural wonderland. Around the halfway point of day one, you'll break for a picnic lunch at Kisambioni. After your meal, you'll continue your trek through the rainforest, eventually arriving at Mandara Hut.

Once at Mandara Hut, you'll have the rest of the day to relax or choose to embark on a short hike to Maundi Crater. On clear days, the panoramic views are truly breathtaking. To the east, you'll glimpse Taveta, while to the northwest, the majestic Mawenzi Peak dominates the horizon. This short hike is well worth the effort, given the stunning vistas it offers.

Mandara Hut comprises A-frame huts that can accommodate up to seventy people. These huts are equipped with several sleeping areas and a dining section. Importantly, all of Marangu's huts are furnished with beds and mattresses, providing you with some comfort on your trek.



## **Day Two: Mandara Hut (2,743m/9,000ft) to Horombo Hut (3,720m/12,200ft)**

Elevation Gain: 977 meters (3,200 feet)

Following breakfast at Mandara Hut, bid farewell to the Kilimanjaro rainforests as you make your way to Horombo Hut. Today's hike will predominantly traverse Kilimanjaro's moorland, a rocky terrain adorned with desert-like vegetation. You'll pause for a picnic lunch at Kambi ya Taabu before resuming your journey towards Horombo Hut. If the weather is clear, you'll be treated to splendid vistas of Mawenzi and Kibo peaks along the way. Anticipate reaching Horombo Hut at approximately 3 pm, allowing you ample time to unwind for the remainder of the afternoon.

Despite being quite busy, the Horombo Huts are renowned as some of the best on Kilimanjaro. These small A-frame structures can each accommodate up to eight individuals and serve as accommodations for hikers both ascending and descending the mountain, as well as those acclimatizing. In total, Horombo Hut can house around one hundred hikers, in addition to numerous porters, cooks, and guides.

## **Day Three: Horombo Hut (3,720m/12,200ft) to Mawenzi Hut (4,600m/15,100ft) to Horombo Hut (3,720m/12,200ft)**

Elevation Gain and Loss: 880 meters (2,900 feet)

Today is dedicated to acclimatization, and we recommend embarking on a hike to Mawenzi Hut to aid in altitude adaptation. This trek will enhance your prospects of reaching Uhuru Peak while affording you splendid vistas of Kibo. After your excursion, return to Horombo for a late lunch, and then take the afternoon and evening to unwind and rejuvenate at Horombo Hut.

## **Day Four: Horombo Hut (3,720m/12,200ft) to Kibo Hut (4,750m/15,580ft)**

Elevation Gain: 1,030 meters (3,380 feet)

Start your day with breakfast at Horombo Hut, and then set out on a journey through the moorland and alpine desert of Kilimanjaro's higher altitudes. After about an hour of hiking, you'll reach Maua River, a small mountain stream. Beyond Maua, the terrain levels out, and the vegetation becomes sparse. Pause for lunch at Middle Red Hill. Following your meal, continue ascending steadily for another two hours, making your way through Kilimanjaro's Saddle. While the landscape en route to Kibo is a stark desert with limited vegetation, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking views of the Kibo and Mawenzi peaks. Arrive at Kibo Hut around 3pm to rest and prepare for your midnight climb.

## **Day Five: Kibo Hut (4,750m/15,580ft) to Summit (5,895m/19,340ft) to Horombo Hut (3,720m/12,200ft)**

Elevation Gain: 1,145 meters (3,760 feet) Elevation Loss: 2,175 meters (7,140 feet)



Around midnight, prepare for the final ascent to Uhuru Peak, the roof of Africa. The hike commences with a challenging 5-hour trek to Gillman's Point on the crater rim. Although considered the easiest of the three paths to ascend the crater, it remains exceptionally demanding. The first significant rest point, William's Point, sits at 5,000 meters and is roughly a 2-hour hike from Kibo Hut. Continue for another thirty minutes before starting the rocky switchbacks leading to Gillman's Point, which stands at 5,681 meters.

The hike from Gilman's to Uhuru Peak is a gradual ascent and, in terms of terrain, not particularly difficult. However, the altitude makes the journey long and exhausting. The hike along the crater rim takes approximately 2 hours. Upon reaching Uhuru, capture photographs of your guide and group at the peak before embarking on the descent to Horombo Hut.

While descending from the summit, you can appreciate the magnificent views you may have missed on the way up. Take a short break and enjoy some snacks at Kibo Hut before continuing your descent to Horombo Hut. Arrive at Horombo Hut in the afternoon and savor your final night on the mountain.

### **Day Six: Horombo Hut (3,720m/12,200ft) to Marangu Gate (1,800m/5,905ft)**

Elevation Loss: 1,920 meters (6,295 feet)

Following breakfast, complete the trek with a descent to Marangu Gate. Your final hike on Kilimanjaro leads through the captivating cloud forest of Kilimanjaro. Exercise caution during the descent, as the trail can be slippery. We will be waiting at Marangu Gate to transport you back to Arusha. Congratulations on your accomplishment!

## **Arusha**



## *Area Overview*

Arusha nestles at the base of Mount Meru, on the eastern edge of the Great Rift Valley. Serving as the entry point to the northern safari circuit, it offers convenient access to renowned destinations like the Serengeti, Ngorongoro, Lake Manyara, Tarangire, and the towering peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Meru. Positioned at an elevation of 1,400 meters (4,600 feet), Arusha enjoys a pleasantly mild climate, with temperatures typically ranging from 10 to 30°C (50 to 86°F). The city's higher altitude ensures a comfortable climate with minimal humidity, making it a welcoming environment despite its equatorial location.

Arusha is accessible through two airports: Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) to the east and Arusha Airport, mainly catering to domestic flights. These airports are linked by a main road, often bustling with traffic. The city also offers excellent shopping opportunities, notably at the impressive Cultural Heritage center. This destination houses a variety of shops, including curio outlets, a jewelry boutique, a counter specializing in Tanzanite and precious stones, a bargain center, and an art gallery, providing a rich shopping experience reflective of the local culture and craftsmanship.

## **Kahawa House**



## *Property Overview*

Kahawa House, which opened in 2019, is the newest addition to Tanganyika Wilderness Camps' collection of lodges and camps. Situated just four kilometres from Arusha Airport, this welcoming lodge serves as the perfect base for travellers on their way to the parks, after a safari adventure, or as a convenient stopover before heading back home.

## *Accommodations*

Standard Room

The bedrooms are distributed in four two storey buildings. The rooms have a balcony and private bathroom.

## *Fast Facts*

### **Highlights**

Close to Arusha Airport

Stunning views of Mt Meru on top floor

### **Quick facts**

Main pool

Alfresco dining





## Trip Price

### Rooming Configuration:

x1 family room for safari

x3 twin huts

x1 single hut

### This cost includes:

#### Kilimanjaro climb prices include the following items:

- All park entrance, camping, hut and rescue fees
- All meals and treated drinking water while on the mountain
- Guide (Wilderness First Responder certified), cook and porter salaries and fees
- Portable altitude chamber included on Crater Camp climbs
- First aid kit and pulse oximeter
- Transport to/from Kilimanjaro National Park
- Baggage portorage
- Accommodation before and after the trek.

#### Safari prices include the following items:

- Accommodation and meals as mentioned
- Conservation fees on safari
- Private vehicle and guide
- Safari activities in well-maintained safari vehicle
- Park fees
- Ngorongoro Crater fee
- Professional local staff
- Complimentary concierge service

### This cost does not include:

#### Kilimanjaro prices do not include the following items:

- Gratuities
- Soda/alcohol
- Health insurance
- Visa fees
- Airfare
- Laundry
- Meals not noted on the itinerary
- Personal camping equipment

#### Rental equipment prices:

- Mountaineering sleeping bag: \$45 each
- Shell/insulated layer combination: \$45 for a waterproof layer combined with a down layer
- Walking stick (pair): \$35 each



- Jackets and pants: \$15 each item
- Hats, gloves, gaiters and balaclava: \$10 each item

All ascents via Crater Camp incur an additional USD 540 per person

**Safari prices do not include the following items:**

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Visas
- Meals, drinks and activities not mentioned in your itinerary
- Optional tips and any items of a personal nature
- Any necessary COVID tests.