7. MOUNT KILIMANJARO HIKEMARANGU ROUTE

Marangu Trail Adventure

Climbing Africa's highest peak is a dream for many—but it's not for everyone. Some travelers prefer to avoid the risks, while others simply don't have the time. For those who still want a taste of Kilimanjaro's magic without committing to a full summit trek, we offer a guided one-day hike on the scenic Marangu Route.

Starting from Marangu Gate, a 90-minute drive from Kaliwa Lodge, you'll enter the lush rainforest and hike up to Mandara Huts, the first overnight stop for summit climbers. On clear days, you might catch a glimpse of Kilimanjaro's majestic summit—though it's often hidden by midday clouds.

Lunch is served either at the crater rim or in the Mandara Huts dining hall, depending on the weather. Along the way, enjoy fresh mountain air, rich rainforest scenery, and unforgettable views.

No mountaineering experience is needed—just a reasonable level of fitness, comfortable breathable clothing, sturdy shoes, and rain protection. The hike covers approximately 17 km (10.5 miles) round trip with an elevation gain of about 1,000 m (3,281 feet)—a rewarding but manageable challenge for those with good stamina.

Start: 7 am Finish: 4-6 pm*

Included: Park fee, certified guide, transportation, packed lunch and water

Bring: Passport copy, sturdy hiking or sports shoes, breathable clothing layers, and a rain jacket

Level of difficulty: Intermediate

* Estimate time back at Kaliwa

Kaliwa Lodge is not the organizer, only the intermediary of the activities, which are carried out by experienced and licensed companies, guides, and driver.

All activities are subject to availability and weather conditions. The operator reserves the right to cancel the execution of activities at his/her discretion and without prior notice.

