

2026 Kilimanjaro Marathon Tour Itinerary- JOIN US FEB OF 2026!

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Kilimanjaro Summit Marathon Detailed Day By Day Program

Come early or stay a few extra days and explore the Serengeti on a world class safari extension tour!

Day 0 SATURDAY JAN 31, 2026: DEPART YOUR HOME COUNTRY FOR TANZANIA

Depart from your home city to Moshi, Tanzania. Airport for arrival is JRO. Kilimanjaro intl airport.

Day 1 SUNDAY FEB 1, 2026: ARRIVE TO TANZANIA

You will arrive to Kilimanjaro airport and transfer to the hotel in Moshi. Rest after the journey and settle in. Meet and Greet with the host/race director. Dinner at hotel included. Overnight at Moshi.

Day 2 MONDAY FEB 2: TREK AND RACE PREPARATION DAY / OPTIONAL TOURS

Breakfast at hotel. This morning there is an optional group acclimation run to nearby rice terraces. After we have a mandatory race meeting and gear distribution, packet pickup. Lunch on your own. PM- free for packing and preparing for the trek and race. (Optional excursions are also available- at extra charge such as a coffee plantation/waterfall tour, Masai Village tour, Moshi town tour, and more). Overnight in Moshi. Dinner at the hotel included.

Day 3 TUESDAY FEB 3: DEPART FOR THE MOUNTAIN AND 1ST DAY TREKKING

After breakfast from the hotel, you will meet your guides and porters and prepare your equipment before departing to the Rongai trail head. Lunch at trail head. The climb begins from nearby the attractive wooden village of Nale Moru (2,150m) on a

trail that winds through indigenous and pine forest, crossing streams. The track then starts to climb consistently, but gently through attractive forest that shelters a variety of wildlife, including the beautiful Kilimanjaro Colobus monkey. The forest begins to thin out and the first camp is at the edge of the moorland zone with extensive views over the Kenyan plains. Take a short walk higher from camp for a little acclimation and come back. Distance today about 9km. Dinner served. Overnight 1st Cave or Simba Campsite (2,600m).

Day 4 WED FEB 4: 2ND DAY TREKKING

The morning walk is a steady ascent up to the Second Cave (3,450m) with superb views of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim. After lunch, we leave the main trail and strike out across the moorland on a smaller path towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi. Distance today about 14km. Dinner and overnight at our campsite in a sheltered valley near Kikelewa Caves (3,600m).

Day 5 THURSDAY FEB 5: 3RD DAY TREKKING

A short but steep climb up grassy slopes is rewarded by superb all-round views and a tangible sense of wilderness. We leave vegetation behind shortly before reaching the next camp at Mawenzi Tarn, spectacularly situated in a cirque directly beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi. The afternoon will be free to rest or explore the surrounding area as an aid to acclimatization. Distance today about 6km. Lunch, Dinner and Overnight at Mawenzi Tarn Campsite (4,330m).

Day 6 FRIDAY FEB 6: THE DAY BEFORE THE RACES!

Marathon Runners: Today is an acclimatisation day. Morning at leisure, head out after for optional/easy walks to higher elevation for more acclimation and back to same camp. Distance today about 5km. Lunch. Dinner. **Overnight at Mawenzi Tarn Campsite (4,330m)**

*** Marathoners: Your race includes a climb from 4,330 meters to the summit (5,900m) and then down the other side to 2,700 meters in one day. Race distance 42.2 km*

Ultra Runners: Today is an acclimatisation day. Morning at leisure, head out after for optional short/easy walks to higher elevation for more acclimation and back to

camp. Lunch. Then head down the mnt back to the Simba Camp via a different new set of trails! On a more direct route. Distance today about 14 km.

Dinner. **Overnight Simba Camp (2,600m)**

***Ultra runners: Your race includes the very large climb up the entire mountain from bottom (2,150m) to the summit (5,900m) and then down the other side to 2,700 meters in one day. Race distance 60km. *Thus you will need to locate back near the trail head tonight near the bottom to do the Ultra.*

Day 7 SATURDAY FEB 7: RACES! SUMMIT KILIMANJARO TODAY

Marathon Runners: Start from Mawenzi Tarn camp (4,330m)- Cross the lunar desert of the 'Saddle' between Mawenzi and Kibo to reach Kibo campsite and aid station (4,695 m) at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall, and up to the summit Uhuru (5,900m).

Then the long descent begins- back to the Kibu Camp and aid station, then down to Hormobo camp aid station (3,800m), and finally to Mandara (2,700m) the finish line. **Distance 42.2 km today.**

Ultra Runners: Start from Simba Camp (2,600m)- Descend to the trail head and entry gate (2,150m), turn around and start the climb all the way up first passing the start line again (2,600m) and 1st aid station, later passing 3rd cave camp and aid station (3800m), then further up to Kibo campsite and aid station (4,695m) at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall, and finally to the summit Uhuru (5,900m).

Then the long descent begins- back to the Kibu Camp and aid station, then down to Hormobo camp aid station (3,800m), and finally to Mandara (2,700m) the finish line. **Distance 60 km today.**

ALL RUNNERS: After the races, you will have access to your things, your tent, snacks, a full service dinner, time to relax and celebrate, and then camp again.

Overnight at Mandara camp (2,700m)

Day 8 SUNDAY FEB 8: WALK OFF THE MNT AND CELEBRATE BACK IN MOSHI!

Sleep in and have a hearty breakfast. Today we continue walking easy descending from Mandara (2,700m) for 7km through lovely lush forest on a good path to the National Park Gate at Marangu (1,960m). Lunch. A private vehicle will take us from there back to the hotel in Moshi, where it is definitely time for celebration! Dinner and RACE AWARDS included tonight. Overnight in Moshi.

Day 9 MONDAY FEB 9: DEPARTURE

Breakfast at hotel. Free time until the included transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

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