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MT. KILIMANJARO TREK (Marangu Route)- 9 Days
 (includes air travel days)

Day 01 - Depart the U.S. for Arusha, Tanzania.

Day 02 - Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in Arusha, Tanzania. Transfer to the Springlands Hotel for overnight.

Day 03 - After breakfast transfer to the gate of Mt Kilimanjaro National Park (1830m - 6000 ft.). Here we will meet our guide, assistant guides and porters. Now we begin the trek through the lower rain forest. This at a nice easy pace for about 3 to 3 1/2 hours. We'll have a light lunch en-route. Arrive at Mandara Hut (2765M - 9070 FT) in the late afternoon. (BLD)

Day 04 - After breakfast start again up through the forest and out onto the alpine moorlands. Today's trek is more strenuous and takes about 5-6 hours before we arrive at Horombo Hut (3790m -12430 ft.) in the late afternoon. At the higher altitudes you must keep warm and drink plenty of liquids. Loss of body heat can lead to dehydration. Rest well tonight for tomorrow is long. (BLD)

Day 05 - Today will be busy. Once we pass "Last Water Point" you will notice that the plant life starts to fade the higher we go. As we cross the "saddle" between the two peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi the trail begins to take on a lunar effect (for those of you that have visited there). Keep warm, the winds can have a drastic chilling effect. We should arrive at Kibo Hut (4750m - 15600 ft.) in about 6 hours. We'll have an early meal and get to bed by 7pm. At 11:30 you will be awakened for a light snack and final preparations. At just after midnight we will begin the final push to the summit. (BLD)

Day 06 - It is early but this is a good time to climb the scree as it will be frozen making the climb a little easier. Our first objective is the rim of the crater at Gilman's Point (5685m - 18648 ft.) to catch the first rays of sunrise and that sense of achievement and pleasure of sitting 'On the Roof of Africa'. This trek normally takes about 5 hours of hard walking during the night with only your headlamp (and guide) to point the way. Our main objective - the peak of Uhuru/The Summit! - is now just a little further and higher around the rim. You've done it! You are standing at 5895m - 19,340 ft.

After you have taken it all in and hammed it up for lots of photos we will descend back down to Kibo Hut. Once we arrive at Kibo we'll have a light snack, pack up our things and descend further down to Horombo Hut. About half way down to Horombo is when it hits home what you have accomplished. The remainder of this days trek has just become that much easier. Tonight, after almost 24 hours of snack bars, we get a nice hot and well deserved meal. A lager also goes down pretty well. As you can imagine, sleep tonight will come easy. (BLD)

Day 07 - Return around noon to the Main Gate, via Mandara Hut, and collect your certificate for the climb. Perhaps another celebratory lager before we say good-bye to our team of guides and porters and return to Arusha and the Springlands Hotel. We have really earned the hot shower and nice dinner that awaits us. (BLD)

Day 08 - Rise at your leisure and enjoy a large breakfast. Have a relaxing day while you prepare for your trip back to the U.S. After dinner you will transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home. (BL)

Day 09 - Connect in European or African gateway. Arrive in the U.S. and connect to your flight home.

Inclusive meals as indicated (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Meals during the trek are prepared by your porters.

Kilimanjaro Trek*	Tour Cost (Per Person)	Single Room Supplement
Operates: Upon Request	\$1490	\$115