

Kilimanjaro 2005

An expedition account

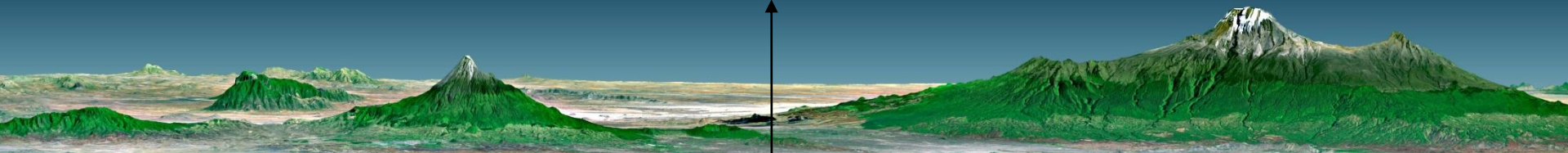
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Where is Mount Kilimanjaro?



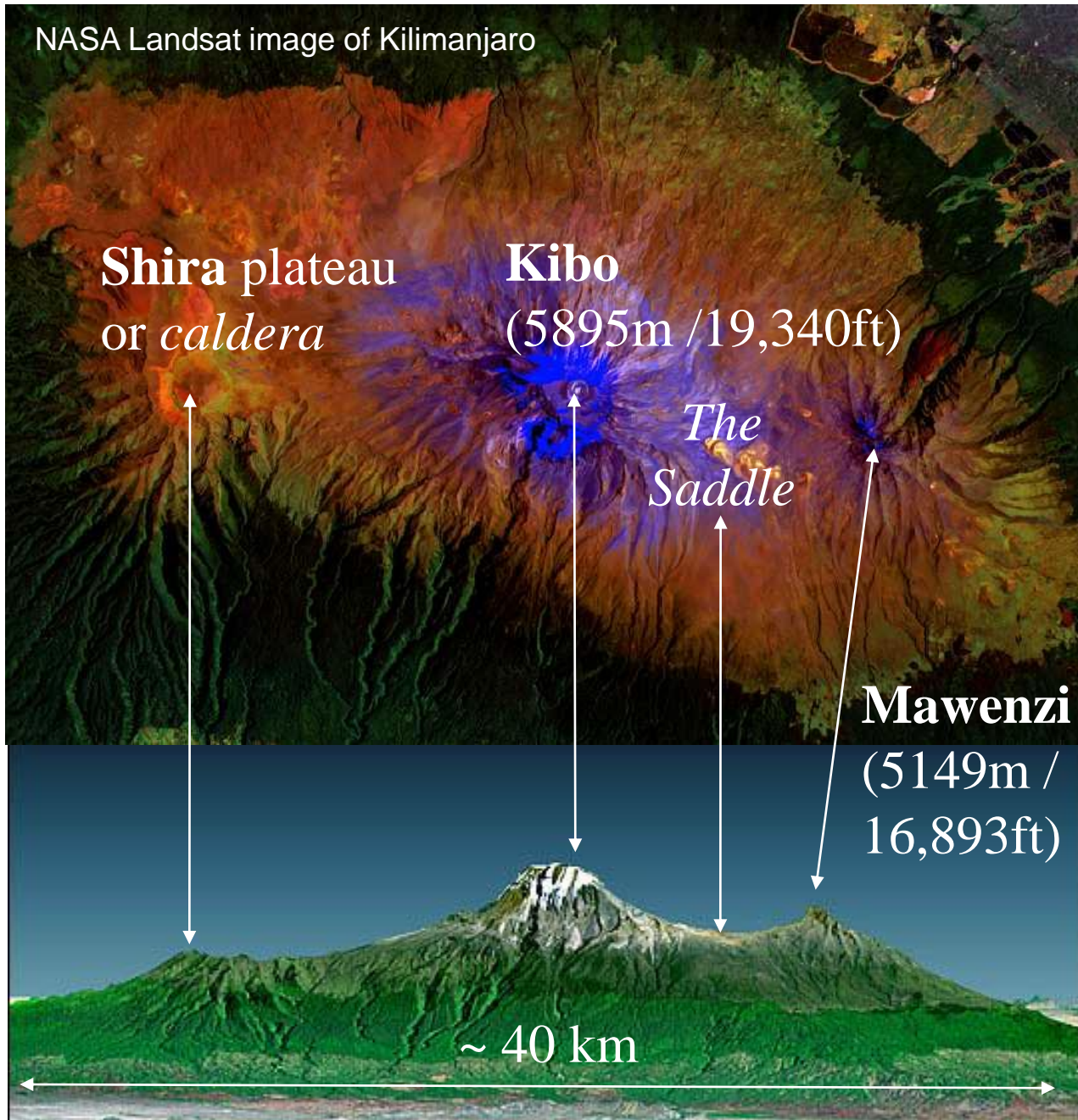
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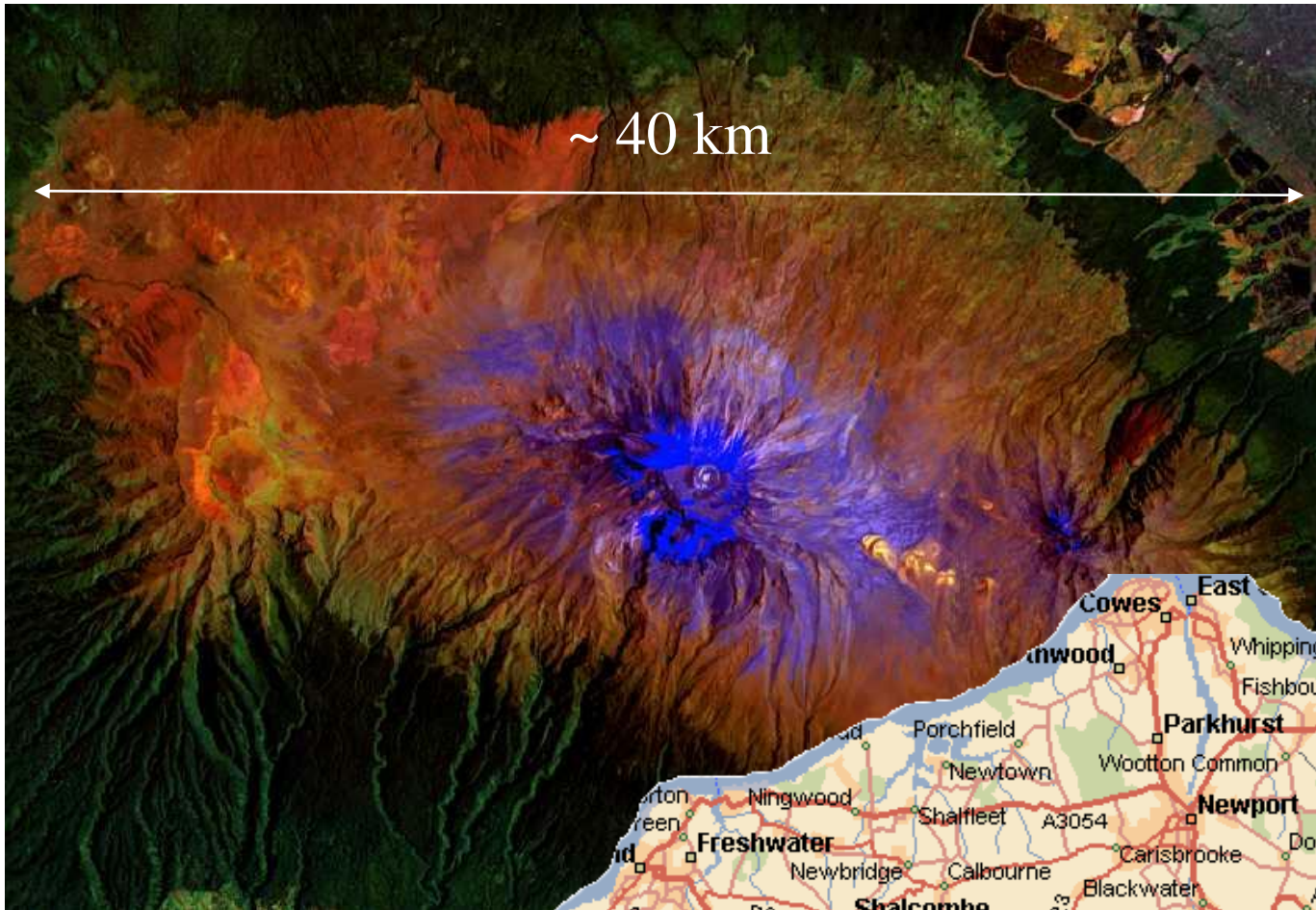


Meru (4566m)

Kilimanjaro (5895m)

NASA Landsat image of Kilimanjaro





A sense of scale



<http://www.scope.org.uk>

**Free hotline,
website and
printed media**

Education

Early years support

Campaigns

**Coordination
of local CP charities**

- The major Cerebral Palsy (CP) charity in England and Wales. 1 in 400 babies born in the UK has CP.
- Over £180,000 was raised for SCOPE by the 52 Kilimanjaro trekkers.

Sunday 23rd January 2005

...The trek begins!

- Fly to Nairobi (Kenya) from Heathrow airport
- £3000 raised for SCOPE
- Get the T shirt
- Leave the guitar at home





Swahili words

Karibu - Welcome

Jambo - Hello

Asante - Thank you

Nzuri sana - I don't have altitude sickness (!)

Climb 4800m from the African plain?
Hakuna matata. (No problem).





Marangu Gate.

The start of a four-season journey!

KINAPA
(Kilimanjaro National Park)
headquarters.
Bureaucracy in paradise!





Day 1.

Marangu Gate to Mandara Huts

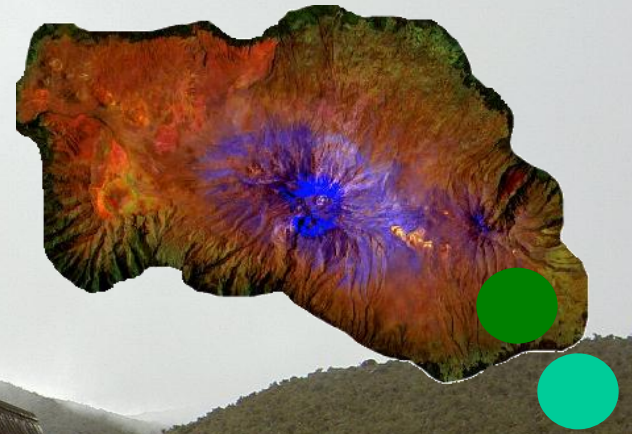


Quite a pretty parasitic cone.



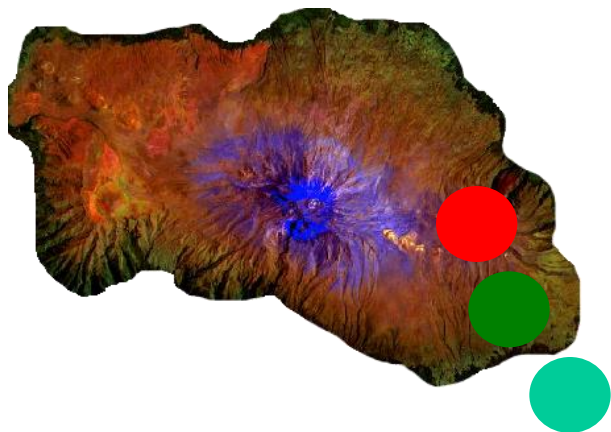
Day 2.

**Mandara Huts to
Horombo Huts**





**Day 3. Acclimatisation
walk to Mawenzi Hut.**

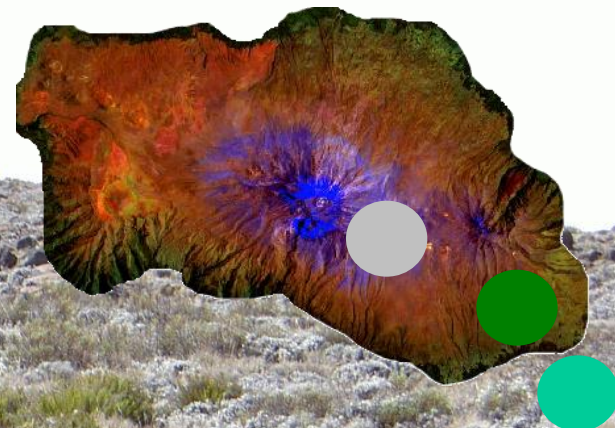




ZEBRA ROCKS →

Day 4.

**Horombo Huts to
Kibo Huts**





The Saddle.
Lava flow from
Kibo's last eruption.



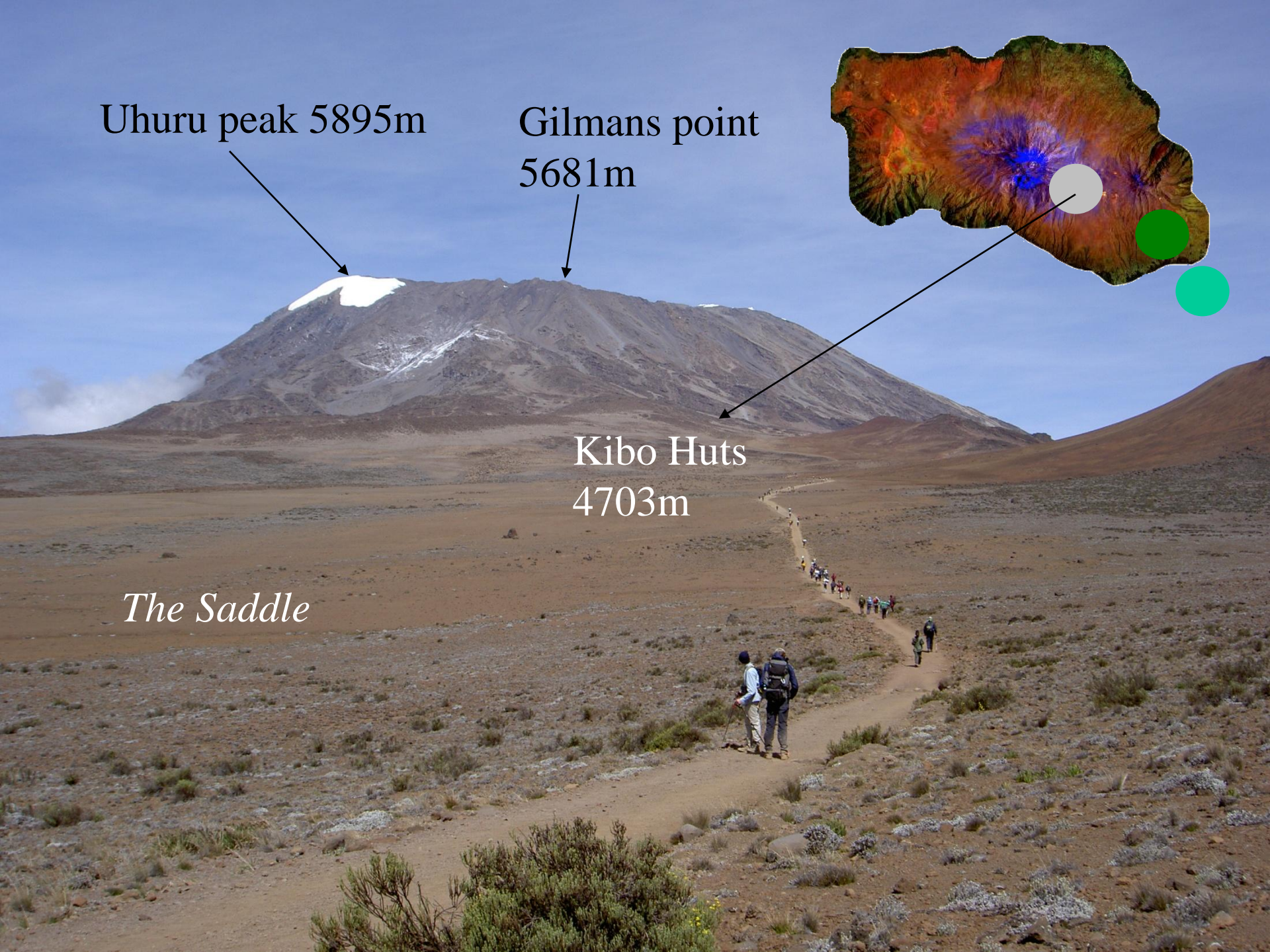
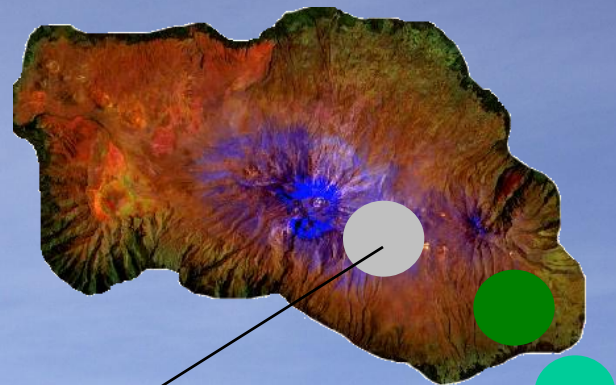
A loo with a view!

Uhuru peak 5895m

Gilmans point
5681m

Kibo Huts
4703m

The Saddle





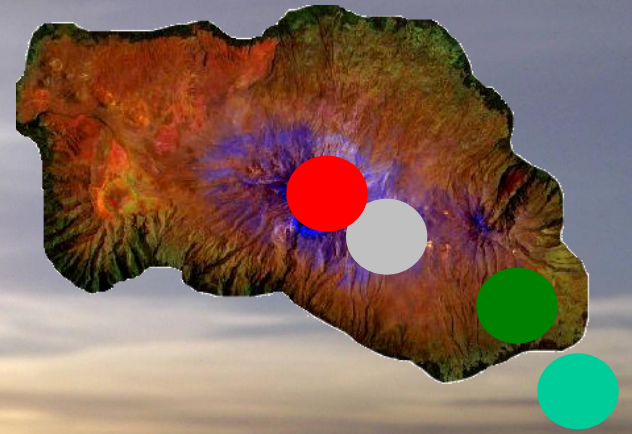
The long road to
Kibo Huts across
the **Saddle**

No room at the inn!



Day 5.

**Kibo Huts
to Uhuru peak**



CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU ARE NOW AT

UHURU PEAK, TANZANIA, 5895M. AMSL.

AFRICA'S HIGHEST POINT
WORLD'S HIGHEST FREE-STANDING MOUNTAIN

ONE OF WORLD'S LARGEST VOLCANOES
WELCOME



Kibo crater rim at dawn.



**Mount Meru (4566m) observed from Uhuru Peak (5895m)
of Kilimanjaro, the highest point in Africa.**



Permanent glaciers of **Kibo**



The trek back to **Gilman's Point**





TANZANIA
YOU ARE NOW AT
GILMAN'S POINT, 5681M. AMSL.

TANZANIA
WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

Mawenzi (5149m) perched atop the main slopes of Kilimanjaro. The **Saddle** is temporarily clad in snow following the blizzard of the previous night.





After beginning the summit climb at midnight, return to **Kibo Huts** at 9am. After tea and biscuits, another 10km hike back to **Horombo Huts**!







The jungle trail to **Marangu Gate**. The path dividers are used to channel rainfall and prevent erosion. Quite effective, as we discovered not long after this photograph was taken!



Young and old conquerors return.

Day 7.

Kibo Hotel, Marangu to Nairobi, Kenya



We were up there!





Karibu!

Welcome to Kenya.

Crossing the border at
Namanga between
Tanzania and **Kenya**.



Flora of Kilimanjaro. A *Senecio kilimanjari* (Giant Tree Groundsel) in the shadow of Mawenzi.





*Lobelia
deckenii*



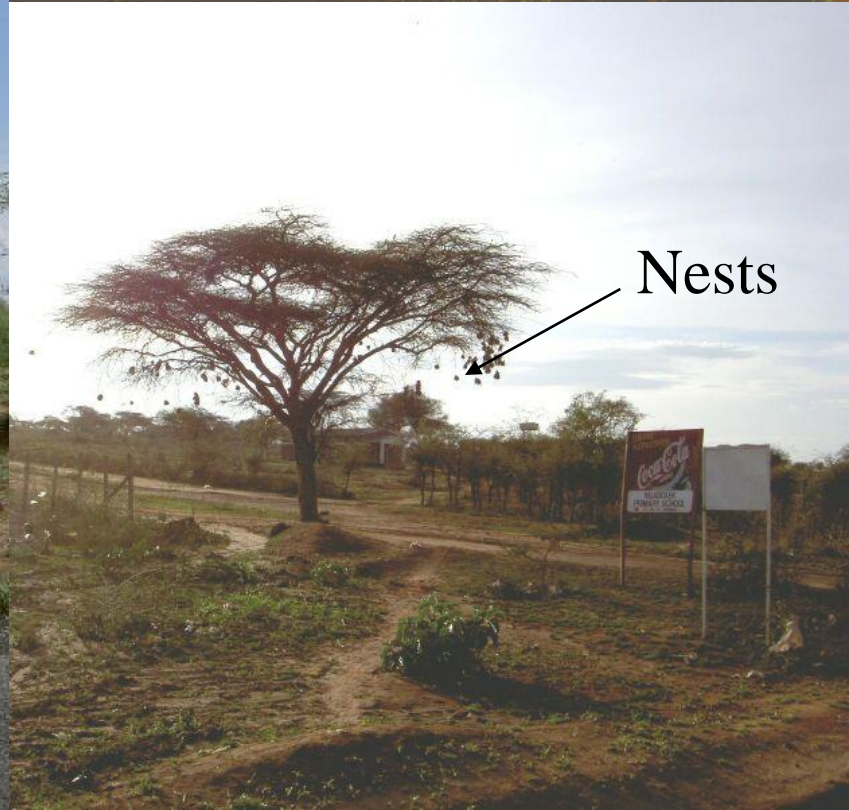
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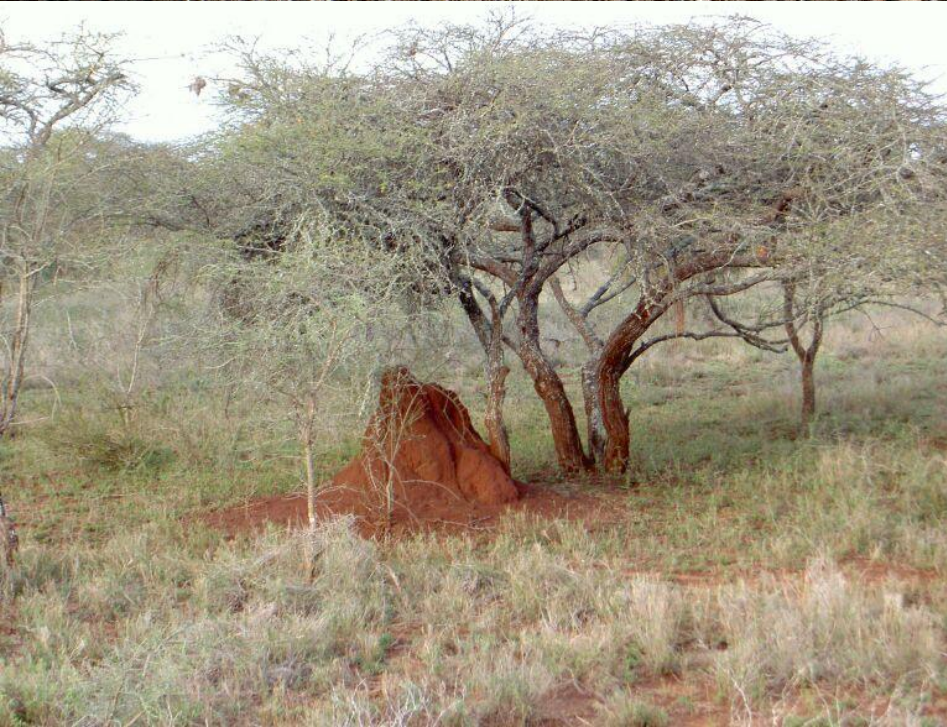


Senecio kilimanjari



Flora of the African plains ...





...and some **Fauna!**



Porters load their heads with 20kg of *mzungu* (white person) gear...

While immaculately dressed schoolchildren fill theirs with education...





Modern roadside housing...

The more traditional
sort!





Capitalism, African style!



Masai women, all expert trinket sellers!



The old curiosity shop ...

Where next....?



Questions!