



Kilimanjaro - Rongai route

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The Kilimanjaro Rongai Route is a relatively gradual ascent to the summit. The numbers of hikers on this route tend to be less than Machame and Marangu. A 7 day ascent to the roof of Africa. Starting at Rongai on the Eastern side of Kilimanjaro. This side of the mountain is relatively dry and has relatively short forest zone. It skirts the base of Mawenzi and then ascends via Gillman's Point to Uhuru Peak. There are acclimatization days including Mawenzi Tarn. The descent is via the Marangu route. The trip is fully supported with spacious guest tents, mattress and pillow as well as a mess tent with lightweight tables and chairs and all cutlery. Our trips also include a toilet tent in camp and most importantly knowledgeable professional guides that go through bi annual training. Our logistics team at our base monitors your trip from start to finish. Kilimanjaro! Views over the Mwaenzi and Kibo saddle, close views of Mawenzi, Kibo Crater and ash pit, glaciers, and The Roof of Africa!

In more detail...

Day 1 ~ Arusha

On arrival you are personally met by one of our representatives and transferred to Arusha to a well appointed lodge. In the afternoon there is a full briefing with the climbs Manager and your guide. *Overnight Rivertrees Country Inn (D) **other options available***

Day 2 ~ Rongai

In the morning you drive around Kilimanjaro to the Eastern side to Nale Moru to register at the gate. Hiking is through farm and pine plantations and then through afro-montane forest. The Rongai trail has beautiful juniper and olive trees. *Overnight Simba Camp (B,L,D)*

Day 3 ~ Caves

Today there is a steady ascent from First Cave to Second Cave (3450m) across open grasslands which attract elephant if you're lucky! From here you have views of Kibo, the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim, Amboseli and Tsavo. After lunch you leave the main trail and head towards Mawenzi. Your campsite is in a sheltered valley tonight. *Overnight Kikelewa Caves Camp (B,L,D)*

Day 4 ~ Mawenzi Tarn

You hike up towards the jagged pinnacles of Mawenzi and hike up close to Mawenzi Tarn located right beneath the mountain. The last portion today is quite steep. *Overnight Mawenzi Tarn Camp (B,L,D)*

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Day 5 ~ Mawenzi Tarn

Today is an acclimatization day at Mawenzi Tarn. Your guides will take you on a day hike to explore Mawenzi often times with very few people around. There are great views of Kibo and senecios (groundsels). *Overnight Mawenzi Tarn Camp (B,L,D)*

Day 6 ~ Kibo

Considered one of the better days on this route, today you cross the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo in the alpine desert zone. The camp is at (4700m) and this afternoon it is time to prepare for the night ascent to the summit! *Overnight Kibo Huts Camp (B,L,D)*

Day 7 ~ Summit / Horombo

Most people depart just before midnight for the final summit bid. Patience and persistence is the name of game to reach the summit and by dawn as the first rays of light start to appear, most arrive near the rim. You ascend Kibo volcano via Gilman's Point (5685m) which takes around 6 to 7 hours. It is then a further 1.5 to 2 hours to the summit, Uhuru peak, the Roof of Africa! What goes up must come down and you descend into Kibo Hut for refreshment and refueling. From here you continue down to Horombo Camp. *Overnight Horombo Huts Camp (B,L,D)*

Day 8 ~ Arusha

The final section descends to Marangu Hut and Mandara Hut and eventually to Marangu gate where you are picked up and transferred to your well-appointed lodge for a well-deserved shower and celebration dinner! *Overnight Rivertrees Country Inn (B,L,D)*

Day 9 ~ Depart

Today a day room is held to allow you to relax and check out later in the day. A vehicle is on hand to transfer you to the airport to connect with your international flight, or you may connect with further programs such as safari or Zanzibar... (B,L)

END OF SERVICES

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