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Kilimanjaro Climb
Rongai Route - 7 days/6 nights

The Rongai Route is the only one that approaches the summit from the north and starts near the border of Tanzania and Kenya.

For those looking for a more remote route, Rongai is an excellent choice, as traffic is low and it offers a different perspective of the mountain as you conquer it from the north.

Climbs usually take six to seven days; however, we always advise choosing the longer route for the best chance of acclimatization and reaching the summit.



Moshi Arrival

To make your trip as easy as possible, we can offer accommodation in Moshi before and after the climb. Or if you'd prefer, you can stay at a hostel/hotel of your choice. We can also offer airport transfers to and from Kilimanjaro Airport if required. A pre-climb briefing will be arranged with one of our mountain guides to ensure that you have all the correct mountain climbing gear (see our packing list for further information). We'll also talk you through what will be expected during the climb and share all our best secrets for conquering the highest point of Africa!

Day 1: Rongai Gate (1,900m/5,900ft) to First Cave Camp (2,600m/8,400ft)

Elevation Gain: 800 metres/ 2,500 feet

Hiking time: Approximately 5 hours

Habitat: Rainforest

After breakfast, you'll get picked up from your hostel/hotel and driven to the starting point at Marangu Gate (which is approximately one hour from Moshi). After registration, we will then take a short transfer to Rongai Gate where you will begin ascending the mountain. The path winds through maize and potato fields and then gently climbs through rainforest habitat which is home to a variety of wildlife, including the Black and White Colobus Monkey. The Rongai Route is one of the least crowded routes on Kilimanjaro and is thought to have the best chance of viewing wildlife.

Day 2: First Cave Camp (2,600m/ 8,400ft) to Kikelewa Cave (3,600m/11,800 ft)

Elevation Gain: 1,000 metres / 3,400 feet

Hiking time: Approximately 6 to 7 hours

Habitat: Moorland

You will begin the second day with a steady incline up to Second Cave where you will stop for lunch. From here you will continue on through the moorland zone towards to Mawenzi Peak, giving you a great chance to take in the breath-taking views of the mountain along the way. If the skies are clear, you should be able to get some fantastic shots of Kibo Peak. The afternoon is gentler as you continue across the moorland to camp in a sheltered valley at Kikelewa or the third cave.

Day 3: Kikelewa Cave (3,600m/11,800ft) to Mawenzi Tarn Hut (4,330m/14,200ft)

Elevation Gain: 730 metres / 2,400 feet

Hiking time: Approximately 3 to 4 hours

Habitat: Alpine desert

Today's hike is short but steep along a grassy trail. Continuing to trek at a slow pace through the moorland heath, you will begin to notice a change in the scenery as you enter the alpine desert zone. After a few hours of hiking, you will reach Mawenzi Tarn Hut which sits right beneath the jagged peaks of Mawenzi. The remainder of the day can be spent relaxing or exploring the surroundings before a hearty dinner and overnight rest.

Day 4: Acclimatisation Walk

Today you can have a lie in, as you will be staying at Mawenzi Tarn Hut for a second night and spend the day on an acclimatisation walk. Depending on how you are feeling after yesterday's climb, you can either take a steep walk up the scree slopes towards the peak of Mawenzi, or enjoy a gentler climb to the ridge or the lunar desert visiting the site of a plane crash on the way. Return to Mawenzi Tarn for a hot lunch and afternoon of rest.

Day 5: Mawenzi Tarn Hut (4,330m/14,200ft) to Kibo Huts(4,700m/15,400ft)

Elevation Gain: 370 metres / 1,200 feet

Hiking time: Approximately 5 to 6 hours

Habitat: Alpine desert

After a full breakfast, you will then cross the lunar-like landscape between the Mawenzi and Kibo saddle. From here you will start to get fantastic views of Mt. Kilimanjaro's summit before arriving at Kibo Hut. Upon arriving you will start to prepare for your final ascent – THE SUMMIT – which you will begin around midnight!

Day 6: SUMMIT DAY! - Kibo Huts (4,700m/ 15,400ft) to Uhuru Peak (5,895m/ 19,340ft) to Horombo Huts (3,720m/12,200ft)

Elevation Gain: 1,195 metres / 3,940 feet

Elevation Loss: 2,175 metres / 7,140 feet

Hiking time: 6 to 7 hours to Uhuru Peak; 7 to 8 hours to Horombo Huts

Habitat: Arctic conditions

This is where the going gets really tough! Just before midnight, you will venture into the night and begin your final ascent to the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro. Head northwest through the heavy stone scree following multiple switchbacks between Ratzel and Rebmann glaciers until you reach Stella Point (5,685m). This section is probably the most challenging part of the route, and will require great physical and mental effort. Continue to move slowly, always listening to your guide.

After a short rest at Stella Point, you will hike along the crater rim for another hour before reaching your ultimate goal – Uhuru Peak! **Congratulations! You have now made it to the "Roof of Africa"**. Weather conditions on the summit will determine how long you will be able to spend there, but it is important to start your descent within good time to ensure you get enough rest back at Barafu Camp. After your rest, you'll gather the rest of your belongings and descend to Mweka Hut (3,100m) where you'll enjoy dinner and a well-earned sleep!

Day 7: Horombo Huts (3,720m/12,200ft) to Marangu Gate (1,830m/6,000ft)

Elevation Loss: 1,890 metres / 6,200 feet

Hiking Time: 5 to 7 hours

Habitat: Rainforest

After eating breakfast, you will begin the easiest part of your adventure on Mount Kilimanjaro via scenic path through the forest to Marangu Gate. Successful hikers who made it to Stella Point and Uhuru Peak will be awarded their certificates at the gate. Then it's time to drive back to your hotel to enjoy a shower, dinner and celebrations with a Kilimanjaro beer!

Tour Price: Please contact us directly for a quote.

This price will include the following services:

- All park fees (entry, camping, forest department and rescue fees)
- Three meals a day (breakfast, lunch and dinner) while on the mountain
- Camping facilities (tent, mattresses, mess tent)
- Fair and ethical salaries for the team (guide, assistant guide, cook and porters) – in accordance with KPAP guidelines
- Transport to and from the gate
- Drinking water
- Oxygen cylinder and ox meter

The price does not include:

- Tips for the team (guide, assistant guide, cook and porters)
- All personal mountain climbing gear and equipment

- Alcoholic and soft drinks
- Travel insurance and visa

You may be wondering - why is it so expensive to climb Kilimanjaro?

Kilimanjaro National Park charges three separate daily fees: an entrance, camping, and rescue fee. All these costs amount to over \$135 US dollars per person for each day on the trek. The rest of the cost includes incredible food, accommodation, additional fees, and most importantly your hardworking crew.

Ethical Climbs

We are now certified for ethical climbs through the Kili Porters Association [KPAP](#) which ensures the fair and ethical treatment of mountain crews. They ensure every climb has been certified to provide fair salaries, conditions, food, clothing and sleeping conditions for crew members.

While others may offer at a lower rate, BEWARE!! They may not offer adequate crew numbers or guides properly trained in First Responders Wilderness Safety. These operators cannot ensure fair and ethical treatment to their porters, which sadly are very exploited in this industry.

Why should you book with us?

By supporting us as a local business, you are helping support job security here in the community. We believe in strong corporate social responsibility and support many community development projects that you can learn about on [our website](#).

Our experienced and dedicated staff will always go the extra mile to ensure that you enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience. But don't just take our word for it - check out what our other clients have to say about us on [Tripadvisor](#) and see why we say, "come as a client and leave as a friend."

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