



Kilimanjaro Rongai Route (#20822)

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Overview

Rongai route is less crowded compared to Marangu, it is the easiest route of all. It has a relatively gentle gradient and short daily stages as it winds its way from the standing point just south of the Kenya – Tanzania border through attractive farmland and delightful forest to several other climate zone.

Trip Highlights

Kilimanjaro-Rongai Gate-Simba Camp-Second Camp-Kikelewa Camp-Mawenzi Tarn Camp-Kibo Camp-Horombo Hut-Marangu Gate-Kilimanjaro

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Arrive Kilimanjaro



Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro airport, you will be met by our representative and taken to Keys Hotel. It is a family run hotel located on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, with comfortable accommodation, variety of meals, clean swimming pool and friendly services. Just located only ten minutes walking distance to Moshi town centre, dinner & overnight at Keys Hotel- 2700 ft Keys Hotel stands to be the best home away from home place to stay at.

Meal: Dinner

Day 02

Day 02: Rongai Gate (1,950 m/6,395 ft) – Simba Camp (2,800 m/9,186 ft)

Walking distance: 8 km/4,9 miles

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Altitude gain: 850 m/2,791ft

After breakfast you will be transferred by road (approx. 3-4 hours' drive) along the eastern side of Kilimanjaro to the Rongai Gate in the north of Kilimanjaro National Park from where your hike starts. A short slow hike will take you through a pine trees plantation that leads up into the thicker rainforest on the foothills of the mountain. Enjoy time taking in the natural surroundings, take a photo and nibble on your packed lunch that we provide. Spend your first night on the mountain at Simba Camp on the edge of the rainforest. Dinner and overnight: Simba Campsite.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 03

Day 03: Simba Camp (2,800 m/9,186 ft) – Second Camp (3, 450 m/11,319 ft)

Walking distance: 7 km/4,3 miles

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Altitude gain: 650 m/2,133 ft

On day two you trek higher up on the northern slopes of Kilimanjaro leaving the montane forest behind. The path takes you into the Kikelewa Moorland area with fantastic mountain vegetation such as Proteas (Protea kilimandscharica), Impatiens (impatiens kilimanjari), daisies (euryops brownie). Enjoy great views of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim. Giant Senecious grow nearby the sheltered valley of Second Cave, where you will spend the night. Dinner and overnight: Second Campsite.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



Day 04

Day 04: Second Camp (3,450 m/11,319 ft) – Kikelewa Camp (3,600 m/11,811 ft)

Walking distance: 6 km/3,7 miles

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Altitude gain: 150m/492 ft

Continue to head out across the Kikelewa moorland towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi. From here you will be rewarded with spectacular views of the plains of Kenya below. Spend the night at Kikelewa Camp. Dinner and overnight: Kikelewa Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 05

Day 05: Kikelewa Camp (3,600 m/11,811 ft) – Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,320m/14,174 ft)

Walking distance: 6 km/3.7 miles

Walking time: 4-5 hours

Altitude gain: 720 m/2,363 ft

A steep, but short hike leads you over grassy terrain to the base of Mawenzi Peak. The views from here are spectacular into Kenya's plains below. Vegetation diminishes as you gain altitude towards the towering spires of Mawenzi Peak. Spend the night at Mawenzi Tarn camp next to a little lake. Dinner and overnight: Mawenzi Tarn Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 06

Day 06: Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,320 m/14,174 ft) – Kibo Camp (4,700 m/15,419 ft)

Walking distance: 9 km/ 5.5 miles

Walking time: 5-6 hours

Altitude gain: 380 m/1,245 ft

After breakfast you pass through the lunar desert of Saddle. This is the lava covered expanse between the two peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. Though the walk is not far, progress is slow due to the altitude. Spend the night at the base of Kibo Crater at Kibo Camp. Set in for an early night wake, as your final ascent will start around midnight. Dinner and overnight: Kibo Camp.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



Day 07

Day 07: Kibo Camp (4,700 m/15,419 ft) – Summit via Gillman's Point (5,685 m/18,651 ft) to Uhuru Peak (5,895 m/19,340 ft) and descent to Horombo Hut

Walking distance: 6 (3,720 m/12,205 ft) 16 km/9.9 miles descent

Walking time: 5-6 hrs + 1-2 hours up, 7-8 hours down (the overall walking time may vary between 10-16 hours)

Altitude gain: 985 m/3,232 ft (Gillman's Point) or 210 m/689 ft (Uhuru Peak)

Descent: 2,175 m/7,135 ft Horombo Hut

You will be required to wake up very early to have a quick bite and something warm to drink before setting out in darkness. The hike to Gillman's Point is a very slow steep walk on volcanic scree for about 5-6 hours. The headlamps on the trail towards the summit almost look like fireflies in a long row. As you approach the crater rim you will enjoy the most memorable sunrise you may ever experience – the golden sunrise over Africa! Habitually will you luckily see the curving of the earth at this high altitude and the sunrise on the horizon just accentuates it. Always keep your camera ready as there are plenty of photographing opportunities along the summit. Once you reach Gillman's Point on top of the crater rim, you have approximately another hour and half hike to get to Uhuru Peak. Hike along fairly flat terrain for about 1½ hours to reach Uhuru Peak. Spend a few minutes at the top and get photos of your choice next to the sign marking the summit. Descend from Uhuru Peak in high spirits as you have just achieved your goal. The trail down from Gillman's Point on the Marangu route is often enjoyed by hikers sliding down the scree slope, which entails skidding down the loose gravel with big steps and some sideways moves. Try it, it is fun! With every step going down your body enjoys having more oxygen to breathe in. Depending on how you feel, you may enjoy a short rest at Kibo Camp before descending to Horombo Hut where you will spend the night. Dinner and overnight: Horombo Hut.

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 08

Day 08: Horombo Hut (3,720 m/12,205 ft) – Marangu Gate (1,843 m/6,046 ft)

Walking distance: About 20 km, 12.4 miles

Walking time: 5-7 hours

Descend: 1,877 m/ 6,159 ft

Enjoy a slow hike through the rainforest to Marangu Gate. Take time to enjoy the lush vegetation with the Old Man's Beard (tree moss) growing on the giant trees as well as some Giant Ferns towering high over the forest bed. The path has many steps leading you down to Marangu Gate where you may find a cold beer or soft drink to start celebrating your assault of Kilimanjaro. You will be transferred back to Keys Hotel for hot shower and overnight rest.

Meal: Breakfast



Day 09

Day 09: Departure

End of Services

Meal: No Meal

Inclusions

- 1: A night before and after the trek on bed and English breakfast.
- 2: All food on the climb.
- 3: Transfer to and from the gate.
- 4: Tents (Four season, 3-person mountain tent – double occupancy), chairs and table.
- 5: Mattress (Sleeping pad foam 1.5 inches thick).
- 6: First aid kit/Bottled oxygen/pulse oximeter.
- 7: Park fees, Camping fees and Rescue fees.
- 8: Forest fees where applicable.
- 9: Guides and porter's fees as per government regulations, their food and public Liability insurance for the porters/guides.
- 10: Value Added Tax (VAT) and other government taxes.

Exclusions

- International / Domestic Airfare.
- Optional activities.
- Meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.
- Travel insurance.
- Gratuities.
- Voluntary tips for guides, drivers and porters.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Transport from / back to the airport.
- 3 litres of water for the first day.
- Food for the first and last night at the hotel.
- Personal equipment for mountain climbing.



Note

All accommodation subjected to availability

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

Price for Extra night accommodation and Airport pick up Accommodation available on request.

Transfer from/to Kilimanjaro international airport Moshi available on request.

Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

Periodic Departure

10 Feb, 2025 to 31 Dec, 2025

2-3 pax

AUD 5,399 P P twin share

ON REQUEST

4-5 pax

AUD 5,226 P P twin share

ON REQUEST

6 plus

AUD 4,957 P P twin share

ON REQUEST

