

7 DAYS

# Rongai Route

## Trekking *Highlights*

The Rongai route begins on the side of the mountain close to the Kenyan border, running on the dry northeast side of Kilimanjaro. It takes a long drive to get to the starting point. It is the only route that approaches from the north and can be drier than most routes even in the rainy season. This route is less crowded, moderately steep, crosses a beautiful alpine desert zone and allows for good views towards Kenya and the Kibo summit. You will have an acclimatization day on day 5 at Mawenzi Tarn. The decent will follow the Marangu route.





## DAY 1 Airport pick-up - Drop off at Hotel

You will be picked up by the staff of Jerry Tanzania Tours from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and driven to your hotel in Moshi. In the evening your guides will meet you at the hotel to brief you on your upcoming trek and do an equipment check to make sure you have all the necessary mountain gear. Gear which is missing can be rented on this day.



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1 hour, 40 km from Kilimanjaro International Airport to Moshi.



## DAY 3 From Simba Camp to Kikelewa Camp

After some hot porridge and eggs you will set off on today's section. Vegetation is changing and you see more shrubs as you walk through the moorland zone. On a clear day you should see the Kenyan plains and Mawenzi Peak. There will be a break at Second Cave (3,450 metres) where you will stop for lunch before crossing over some ups and downs to reach Kikelewa Camp. Tea is served! The camp has great views. Relax and breathe in the tranquility of the mountain.

- Elevation: From 2,671 metres to 3,600 metres
- Walking time: 6-7 hours
- Distance: 9 kilometres
- Environment: Moorland



Kikelewa Camp



Breakfast, Picnic lunch box and Dinner



## DAY 2 Moshi – Nalemoru Gate to Simba Camp

You will have breakfast before all the gear is loaded. It is a long drive – about four hours – to the north-eastern side of Kilimanjaro. After registration at Nalemoru Gate, the hike begins. You will walk past small farms, pine trees and then up into the forest on the mountain slopes. You might be lucky to see the colobus monkeys with extravagant black and white tails. The porters will go in front to set up camp while you will hike at a moderate pace to reach the Simba campsite (2,671 metres) in about four hours. The tents and some warm washing water will be ready.

- Elevation: From 2,364 metres to 2,671 metres
- Walking time: 4 hours
- Distance: 8 kilometres
- Environment: Montane forest



Simba Camp



Breakfast, Picnic lunch box and Dinner

## DAY 4 From Kikelewa Camp to Mawenzi Tarn Hut

The typical senecien vegetation will soon disappear and the scenery will become more barren with the occasional rock formations. In good weather you can enjoy the breath-taking views of the Kibo and Mawenzi summits as well as Kenya's savannah grasslands. After passing a few more rock formations, you will arrive at the Mawenzi Tarn Hut. For many mountain climbers, it is the most atmospheric camp on the mountain.

- Elevation: From 3,600 metres to 4,315 metres
- Walking time: 4 hours
- Distance: 6 kilometres
- Environment: Moorland



Breakfast, Picnic lunch box and Dinner



Mawenzi Tarn Hut



## DAY 5 Acclimatization day at Mawenzi Tarn Hut

You will spend a full day at and around Mawenzi Tarn as part of the acclimatization process. There will be plenty to do, and your crew will help arrange short excursions to explore the area.

- Elevation: 4,315 metres
- Environment: Moorland



Mawenzi Tarn Hut



Breakfast, Picnic lunch box and Dinner

## DAY 6 From Mawenzi Tarn Hut to Kibo Hut

After breakfast, you will head west and continue ascending on the east side of Kibo. You will then cross the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo taking 4 to 5 hours to reach Kibo Hut. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent, which begins around midnight.

- Elevation: From 4,315 metres to 4,720 metres
- Walking time: 4-5 hours
- Distance: 9 kilometres
- Environment: Alpine desert



Kibo Hut



## DAY 8 Descent From Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate Moshi

You will be offered a warm breakfast in the morning, after which you will depart from Horombo hut and start your descent down towards Marangu Park Gate, stopping at Mandara hut for a hot lunch at around midday. Marangu Gate is reached by around 4:00 p.m., and today's section is approximately 19.7 kilometres which takes 6 -7 hours of walking time. Having reached Marangu Park Gate, you will be presented with your certificate, recognizing your tremendous effort. You will now drive back to Moshi for a long overdue hot shower, dinner and celebration

- Elevation: From 3,100 metres to 1,640 metres
- Walking time: 3-4 hours
- Distance: 10 kilometres
- Environment: Montane forest



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Breakfast & Picnic lunch box

## DAY 7 From Kibo Hut to summit at Uhuru Peak, descent to Horombo Hut

You will rise at around 12:00 a.m., and after a hot drink and a snack you will shuffle off into the night, and this is where the going really gets tough. The first section of the trail consists of a rocky path to the Hans Meyer Cave (5,150 metres) and also offers a good resting spot. The path then zigzags up to Gilman's Point on the very rim of the top crater, 5,681 metres above sea level. This section is very steep with a lot of stone scree, requiring great physical and mental effort and probably the most demanding section of the entire route. Do the Kili shuffle and move slowly. From Gilman's Point, you will normally encounter snow all the way up to Uhuru peak (5,895 metres), the highest point in Africa. Weather conditions on the summit will determine how long you will be able to spend, taking photographs, before the 3 hour descent back to Kibo hut. After a short rest, you will gather all your gear you left behind for the ascent and head down to Horombo hut, some 2,000 metres below the peak, for your overnight. The return to Horombo hut will seem surprisingly fast compared to the ascent. The total time spent walking on this day is around 14 hours, so be prepared for a very tough day. Later in the evening, you will have your last dinner on the mountain and have your well-earned sleep.

- Elevation: From 4,720 metres to 5,895 metres (and down to 3,720 metres)
- Highest Point: 5,895 metres (Uhuru Peak)  
Walking time: 12-14 hours (7-8 hours ascent / 5-6 hours descent)
- Distance: 21 kilometres ( 6 kilometres ascent/ 15 kilometres descent)
- Environment: Stone scree and ice-capped summit



Horombo Hut



Breakfast, Picnic lunch box and Dinner

## DAY 9 Departure

This day left for your next destination. If you have safari, then might be used to beginning your safari or fly to Zanzibar or fly back home. Our vehicle will be ready to take you to the airport at your time.



Breakfast







## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

International & Domestic Flights

Alcoholic and soft drinks

Trekking gear

Sleeping bag

Visa fees

\$100 per person for US Nationals and \$50 per person for other Country Nationals.

Tips:

– Senior Mountain Guide: \$20 per day / per group.

– Assistant Mountain Guide: \$15 per day / per assistant guide/ per group.

– Mountain Cook: \$15 per day / per group.

– Mountain Porter: \$10 per day / per porter.

Laundry service

Mountaineering insurance

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

Include

Round trip airport transfer

Accommodation: 2 nights in Moshi, 6 nights on the mountain

1st night

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2nd night

Simba Camp

3rd night

Kikelewa Camp

4th night

Mawenzi Tarn Hut

5th night

Mawenzi Tarn Hut

6th night

Kibo Hut

7th night

Horombo Hut

8th night

Panama Garden Resort on Bed and Breakfast

Trip Crew:

– Mountain Guide

– Mountain Cook

– Mountain Porters

Transportation to & from the mountain gate

Meals:

8 Breakfast, 7 Lunch, 6 Dinner

Treated Drinking Water

Park fees

All Taxes/VAT

Oxygen for altitude sickness emergencies

Portable flush toilet with a toilet tent

Camping Equipment:

– Sleeping Tents

– Dining Tents

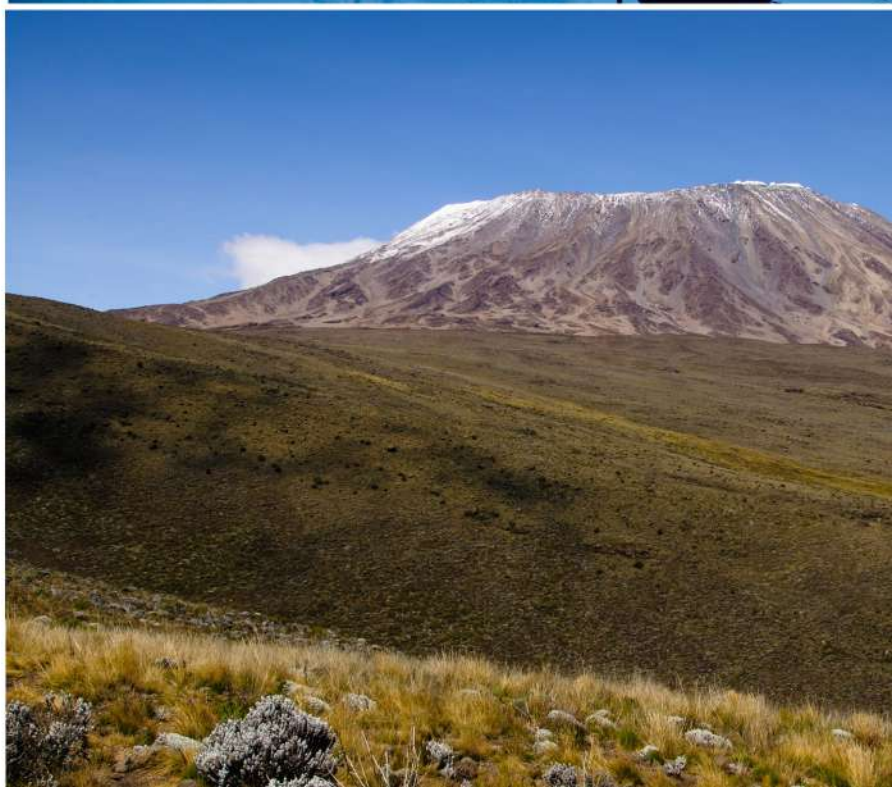
– Sleeping mattress

– Utensils

– Tables and chairs

Award:

Certificate of Achievement if you reach Gilman's Point (5,681 metres) or Uhuru Peak (5,895 metres)







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