

Rongai Route (6 days,5Nights)

Day 1: Rongai Gate (1,800m/5,900ft) to First Cave Camp (2,600m/8,400ft)

Elevation Gain: 760 meters, 2,000 feet

Hiking time: 4 – 6 hours

After an early breakfast in Arusha, drive for about 5 hours to the Rongai Gate near the Kenya border. After registering at the gate, begin your climb to Uhuru Peak, the roof of Africa. First hike through forests where you may see and hear wildlife. Eat lunch on the trail before continuing to the first campsite. Rongai ascends via the less forested northern side of the mountain.

The Rongai Route is one of the least crowded routes on Kilimanjaro because of the long drive to the gate. The Rongai trail is thought to have the best chance of viewing wildlife.

Day 2: First Cave Camp (2,600m/8,400ft) to Kikelewa Camp (3,600m/11,810ft)

Elevation Gain: 1,000 meters, 3,280 feet

Hiking time: 4 – 6 hours

Hike through Kilimanjaro's moorland. The Rongai route is relatively short and steep, making for shorter hiking times. During the hike, view Mawenzi Peak and Kibo Peak ahead. The campsite is allocated near by the water stream which is the main source of water for all campers

Day 3: Kikelewa Camp (3,600m/11,810ft) to Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,330m/14,200ft)

Elevation Gain: 730 meters, 2,390 feet

Hiking time: 4 – 6 hours

This more leisurely acclimatization day starts with a morning hike followed by a rest in the afternoon and evening. The hike is relatively short but steep. The Mawenzi Tarn campsite is situated below Mawenzi Peak and offers stunning views of both Mawenzi and Kibo. Lunch is served at the camp and after having lunch, you will take a rest and thereafter you can decide whether you will like to walk around the campsite or take a rest for saving your energy for the final ascend

Day 4: Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,330m/14,200ft) to Kibo Camp (4,750m/15,580ft)

Elevation Gain: 420 meters/1380 feet

Hiking time: 4 – 6 hours

Cross the lunar landscape of the saddle before arriving at the final campsite. Kibo Camp is situated directly below the Kibo cone and offers uninterrupted views of your final destination. On the way to Kibo hut, this is the place you will have the wonderful view of Kibo Peak and sometime its gets wind because of the monsoon wind

Day 5: Kibo Camp (4,750m/15,580ft) to Uhuru Peak (5,895m/19,340ft) to Horombo Hut (3,720m/12,200ft)

Elevation Gain: 1,145 meters, 3,760 feet

Elevation Loss: 2,175 meters, 7,140 feet

Hiking time: 6 hours to the rim, 1.5 hours to Uhuru, 4 hours to Kibo, 4 hours to Horombo

Around midnight, begin the final ascent to Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa. Hike by the light of your flashlight for the next six hours. The ascent to the crater rim is the most challenging part of the entire trek. The trail is very steep until you reach the crater rim at Gilman's Point.

The hike from Gilman's to Uhuru Peak is a gradual climb and, as far as hikes go, not very difficult. The altitude, however, makes the hike long and tiring. The crater rim hike takes about two hours. Upon reaching Uhuru, take photos of your guide and group at the peak before beginning the descent to Horombo Hut.

Day 6: Horombo Hut (3,720m/12,200ft) to Marangu Gate (1,800m/5,905ft)

Elevation Loss: 1,920 meters, 6,295 feet

Hiking time: 6 – 8 hours

After breakfast, complete your trek with a descent to Marangu Gate. Your last hike on Kilimanjaro is a beautiful one, passing through Kilimanjaro's cloud forest. Watch your step during the descent as the trail can be slippery. Our vehicles will be waiting at Marangu Gate to take you back to Arusha. Our porters and cook will walk fast to the gate for lunch preparation. You will sign out and your guide together with all the team will sing and dance for celebrating your trip done successful. You can purchase t-shirts and other souvenirs at the gate.