

APPROACH KILIMANJARO FROM THE NORTHERN SIDE

7 Days Rongai Route Kilimanjaro Climb

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FROM**USD 2,150**

Per person

DURATION**7 Days / 6
Nights****TRIP STYLE****Guided,
camping-
based,
northern
approach
climb****KEY DESTINATIONS****Moshi,
Rongai Gate,
Simba Camp,
Second Cave,
Kikelewa
Camp,
Mawenzi
Tarn, Kibo
Hut, Uhuru
Peak****BEST FOR****Private
groups,
couples,
trekkers**Seeking a less
common approach

Overview

Experience the 7 days Rongai Route Kilimanjaro climb, an extraordinary journey through the northern approach of Mount Kilimanjaro. This trail offers breathtaking views of Mawenzi and stunning open landscapes while providing a gradual ascent for optimal acclimatization. As you camp under the stars and ascend through diverse terrains, you will immerse yourself in the rich beauty of Kilimanjaro's northern landscapes, concluding your trek with a descent via the Marangu route.

Highlights

- Northern Kilimanjaro approach
 - Views of Mawenzi and open alpine landscapes
 - Gradual camping itinerary
 - Dedicated acclimatization activity
- Summit attempt from Kibo Hut
 - Descent through the Marangu Route
 - Professional mountain crew support

Inclusions & Exclusions

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- All park fees - Professional mountain guides - Camping accommodations - Three meals daily - Water during trekking - Emergency communications equipment	- Flights to and from Tanzania - Travel insurance - Personal climbing gear - Tips for guides and porters - Visas and personal expenses

Itinerary

Day 1 Transfer to Rongai Gate and trek to Simba Camp Meals: Lunch, Dinner Accommodation: Simba Camp On Day 1, you will be transferred from Moshi to Rongai Gate, where your adventure begins. After checking in and registering, you will start your trek through lush vegetation and diverse wildlife toward Simba Camp, at an elevation of 2,600 meters. The trekking will take about five to six hours, leading you to your first campsite, where you can relax and enjoy dinner under the stars.	
ACCOMMODATION Simba Camp	ACCOMMODATION —

Day 2 Trek from Simba Camp toward Second Cave Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Accommodation: Second Cave Camp Day 2 involves trekking from Simba Camp toward Second Cave, which is situated at an altitude of 3,450 meters. The trail will take you through stunning landscapes filled with giant heather and open moorlands, presenting fantastic views of the eastern slopes of Kilimanjaro. You will hike approximately six hours, arriving at Second Cave in the afternoon, where you can acclimatize and rest for the night.	
ACCOMMODATION Second Cave Camp	ACCOMMODATION —

Day 3

Continue from Second Cave to Kikelewa Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Kikelewa Camp

On Day 3, you will continue your ascent from Second Cave to Kikelewa Camp, located at 3,600 meters. The trail provides an excellent opportunity to enjoy panoramic views of Mawenzi and the surrounding landscapes as you trek for approximately six hours. You will arrive at Kikelewa Camp with plenty of time to relax, absorb the scenery, and prepare for the next leg of your climb.

ACCOMMODATION Kikelewa Camp	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 4

Trek to Mawenzi Tarn and complete an acclimatization walk

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Mawenzi Tarn

Day 4 is dedicated to reaching Mawenzi Tarn at 4,300 meters, primarily to aid in acclimatization. After a leisurely morning, you will trek toward the tarn, surrounded by towering peaks that create stunning imagery. Upon arrival, you will have an acclimatization walk in the area, enjoying the unparalleled views and emphasizing the importance of adjusting to the altitude.

ACCOMMODATION Mawenzi Tarn	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 5

Cross the alpine landscape to Kibo Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Kibo Hut

On Day 5, prepare to cross the stunning alpine landscape toward Kibo Hut, located at an altitude of 4,700 meters. This challenging trek will take around six hours, leading you through glacial valleys and rugged terrain with beautiful vistas. Upon reaching Kibo Hut, you will settle in and prepare for the summit attempt, resting for the night in readiness for the climb ahead.

ACCOMMODATION Kibo Hut	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 6

Summit attempt to Uhuru Peak and descent to Horombo Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner | Accommodation: Horombo Hut

Day 6 marks the summit attempt to Uhuru Peak, commencing at midnight to reach the summit at dawn. You'll tackle steep slopes and challenging conditions, striving to reach the highest point in Africa at 5,895 meters. After a brief celebration at the summit, you'll begin your descent to Horombo Hut, where you will rest and reflect on your accomplishments.

ACCOMMODATION Horombo Hut	ACCOMMODATION —
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Day 7

Final descent through Marangu Gate and return to Moshi

Meals: Breakfast

On the final day, you will complete your trek by descending through the Marangu Gate. This part of the journey takes approximately six hours, providing an opportunity to reflect on your memorable expedition. Upon reaching Marangu Gate, you'll receive your summit certificate before being transferred back to Moshi for a well-deserved celebration of your successful climb.

FAQs

How do I access the Rongai Route?

The Rongai Route begins at the Rongai Gate, easily reachable via transfer from Moshi.

What are the campsite facilities like?

Campsites along the Rongai Route typically offer basic facilities, including shared toilets and dining areas.

What type of weather can I expect during the climb?

Weather conditions can vary greatly; expect cold temperatures at higher altitudes, but generally milder weather at lower elevations.

How does acclimatization work on this climb?

The itinerary includes designated acclimatization activities to help your body adjust to higher altitudes.

What fitness level is required for this trek?

A good level of physical fitness is recommended, as the trek involves several long days of hiking.

What type of equipment should I bring?

It is essential to have appropriate trekking gear, including sturdy boots, warm clothing, and a sleeping bag.

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