





The Rongai Route is one of the easiest routes, and the success rate is very high. The route starts on the north side of the mountain just south of the Kenyan border and is one of the least traveled routes. The descent is down the Marangu Route on the south side of the mountain, so climbers will be able to see the mountain from many viewpoints.

The drive to the trailhead takes about 2.5 hours from Moshi and goes through many villages and coffee plantations, including a stop to register climbing permits at Marangu.

The Rongai Route can also be accessed from Amboseli National Park in Kenya. Allow for two hours, including the border crossing. We will need copies of passports ahead of time.





## **SCHEDULE**

## KILIMANJARO | 6-DAYS RONGAI ROUTE

#### DAY 1

## **ARRIVE MOSHI**

Welcome to Moshi- the more quaint, laid-back of the small towns sitting at the base of the famed Mount Kilimanjaro! Upon arrival in Kilimanjaro International airport you will be met by our Real Life Adventure Travel representatives, who will provide transportation to your hotel.

No activities are planned for the day. You are free to explore picturesque downtown Moshi.

#### DAY 2

## FREE IN MOSHI OVERNIGHT IN HOTEL

Group briefing and pre-trip discussion. You will be introduced to your trekking guide, have a comprehensive gear check. You are free to explore some more, take part in informal group tour around town; visit the market or a local coffee shop for lunch. Moshi is a relatively small, comfortable city that has a reputation for being somewhat laidback compared to it's sister city of Arusha so fee free to wander. There will also be time to do last-minute shopping for the trek if needed.

#### DAY 3

## **RONGAL GATE TO SIMBA CAMP**

Elevation gain: 8,530 ft / 2,600 m Hiking Time: 4-5 hours

Distance: 4 mi / 7 km Habitat: Moorland

Leave from your hotel after breakfast drive to the attractive wooden village of Nale Muru.

After signing in and preparing the porters, you will begin the hike on a wide path that winds through fields of maize and potatoes before entering pine forest. The track then starts to climb consistently, but gently through attractive forest that shelters a variety of wildlife. The forest begins to thin out and the first camp is at the edge of the moorland zone with extensive views over the Kenyan plains.

#### DAY 4

## SIMBA CAMP TO KIKELEWA CAMP

Elevation: 11,811 ft / 3,600 m Hiking Time: 6-7 hours

Distance: 4 mi / 6 km Habitat: Moorland

The morning walk is a steady ascent up to the Second Cave (3450m/11,319 ft) with superb views of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim. After lunch, leave the main trail and strike out across the moorland on a smaller path towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi, Kilimanjaro's second major peak rising to slightly less than 17,000 feet. Our second camp is shortly before reaching the saddle that connects Mawenzi to Kibo and Uhuru peaks. The campsite is in a sheltered valley with giant Senecios.





#### DAY 5

## KIKELEWA CAMP TO MAWENZI TARN

Elevation: 14,206 ft / 4,330 m Hiking Time: 3-4 hours

Distance: 3 mi / 5 km Habitat: Alpine Desert

A short but steep climb up grassy slopes is rewarded by superb all-round views and a tangible sense of wilderness. Leave the vegetation behind shortly before reaching the next camp at Mawenzi Tarn spectacularly situated in a cirque directly beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi. The afternoon will be free to rest or explore the surrounding area as an aid to acclimatization.

#### DAY 6

## MAWENZI CAMP TO KIBO CAMP

Elevation: 15,600 ft / 4,750 m

Hiking Time: 5-6 hours

Distance: 5 mi / 8 km

Habitat: Alpine Desert

Cross the lunar desert of the 'Saddle' between Mawenzi and Kibo to reach Kibo campsite at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent before a very early night!

#### DAY 7

## KIBO CAMP TO UHURU PEAK TO HOROMBO HUT

Elevation gain: 15,300 ft / 5,895 m Hiking Time: 7 hrs ascent / 6 hrs decent

Distance: 4 mi / 6 km Habitat: Alpine Desert

A long, hard day! Leaving at 1:00 am for the summit on steep and heavy scree up to Gilman's Pt. at 5685m/18,466'. Here you will take a rest and enjoy the views at the crater rim and spectacular sunrise over Mawenzi before ascending up to Uhuru Peak. You will reach Uhuru Peak, the summit of Kilimanjaro at 19,340 feet, around 8 a.m. At this early hour, before the clouds close in, we have spectacular views of Africa in all directions.

From here you descend going straight down to Kibo Hut for lunch and then on to Horombo Hut for overnight. It is a long descent and trekking poles are recommended. Congratulations, you made it to the Roof of Africal.

#### DAY 8

## HOROMBO HUT TO MARANGU GATE

Elevation: 15,300ft - 19,341ft - 10,200ft Hiking Time: 5 - 6 hours decent

Distance: 3 mi Habitat: Alpine Desert

Our last hike is a descent through the lovely lush rainforest to the trailhead at Marangu Gate. At the gate you will say goodbye to your mountain crew and enjoy a picnic lunch. The trip leaders will take you back to your hotel for a much welcome hot shower.





## DAY 9

## **DEPARTURE**

Departure for airport for international flight home or add-on safari (if participating in a safari; please make sure to book your international flight home in the evening).







# **PRICING**

#### STANDARD / JOINING GROUP



per person - per trip

#### **ABOVE COST INCLUDES**

- ✓ All international & domestic airport transfers as per the program by private vehicle.
- ✓ Vehicle transfer from Moshi to the starting point of your trek (private vehicle).
- ✓ Vehicle transfer at the end of the trek back to your hotel in Moshi (private vehicle).
- ✓ 3 nights Accomodation in Moshi & breakfasts while at the hotel.
- ✓ All park fees.
- ✓ All meals and accommodations while on climb.
- ✓ All camping equipment.
- ✓ Allowances for guide(s), chef(s) and porter(s).
- ✓ All applicable government taxes
- ✓ Oxygen cylinder and Pulse Oximeter
- ✓ Filter pumps to treat water everyday
- ✓ Private chemical toilet
- ✓ Sleeping pad / matress
- ✓ Power Banks to charge your phones
- ✓ First Aid and injury prevention kits

## **COST DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Lunch & dinner in Moshi prior and post-climb.
- Any sightseeing tours in Moshi
- International and domestic airfare
- Bottled drinks (mineral water, any cold drinks, and alcoholic drinks).
- Travel insurance & overseas medical insurance coverage.
- Expenses of personal nature (tips for guide, porter and driver, laundry, bar bill, telephone calls etc.)
- Liability for expenses against sickness, flight cancellation, road blockage, accidents and other occurrence beyond our control.
- Tanzanian visa fee.
- \* Any other expenses not mentioned above







# **PRICING**

#### PREMIUM LUXURY TOUR



\$2,860 USD

per person - per trip

## ABOVE COST INCLUDES

- ✓ Sleeping cots / Bed on the mountain
- ✓ Transport to / from the mountain gates
- ✓ All park entry fees
- ✓ 3 nights at a five star hotel
- ✓ Private chemical toilet
- ✓ Sleeping bag -10c
- ✓ Hot shower Tent at camp.
- ✓ Sleeping pad or Mattress
- ✓ Filter pumps to treat water everyday
- ✓ Powerbanks to charge your Phones
- ✓ Wi-Fi on camps
- ✓ Transport to and from the airport.
- ✓ All camping and hut fees
- ✓ All camping gears
- ✓ A private chef to cook all your meals
- ✓ Rescue fees
- ✓ Oxygen cylinder & Oxmiter machine
- ✓ Guide, chef and porters salaries
- ✓ Meals(3 times per day)
- ✓ Cook and kitchen utensils
- ✓ Daily briefing
- ✓ Boiled/Purified drinking water
- ✓ English speaking guide (certified as a Wilderness First Responder & Emergency Medicine Adult and CHild CPR)
- ✓ Special Language Guide (for \$20 per guide,per day)
- ✓ Mobile Communications (for emergency only)
- ✓ First Aid & Injury prevention kits
- √ 10% discount on gear rental (the discount applies for online shopping only)
- ✓ Personal Summit Certificate stamped and signed by the National Park and your Guide

#### COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

- / International or Local Flights
- ✓ Optional activities
- ✓ Alcoholic and soft drinks
- ✓ Visa fees
- ✓ Tips
- ✓ Personal spending money for souvenirs etc
- ✓ Travel insurance









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