



7 Days / 6 Nights - *Rongai Route*

DAY 1:

**Rongai Gate to Rongai Cave Elevation: 6,398 ft to 9,300 ft Distance: 8 km/5 miles
Hiking Time: 3-4 hours Habitat: Rain Forest**

We drive from Moshi to Rongai Gate trailhead. The path winds through corn and potato fields and then climbs gently through the forest which is home to a variety of wildlife, including the black and white colobus monkey.

DAY 2:

**Rongai Cave to Second Cave Elevation: 9,300 ft to 11,300 ft Distance: 6 km/4 miles
Hiking Time: 3-4 hours Habitat: Heath
Second Cave to Kikelewa Cave Elevation: 11,300 ft to 11,811 ft Distance: 6 km/4 miles
Hiking Time: 3-4 hours Habitat: Heath**

We begin this morning with a steady incline up to Second Cave. We continue trekking through moorland, leaving the main trail for a smaller path towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi, before finally arriving at Kikelewa Cave for the night.

DAY 3:

**Kikelewa Cave to Mawenzi Tarn Elevation: 11,811 ft to 14,160 ft Distance: 5 km/3 miles
Hiking Time: 3-4 hours Habitat: Alpine Desert**

The hike today is short and steep up a grassy slope. Views of the wilderness area are stunning. As we exit the heath zone and emerge into the Alpine Desert zone, the landscape changes dramatically. Our camp is situated beneath the jagged spires of Mawenzi, at Mawenzi Tarn. The remainder of the day can be spent relaxing or exploring the area.

DAY 4:

Mawenzi Tarn to Mawenzi Ridge Elevation (ft): 14,160 ft -14,400 ft Distance: 2 km/1 mile Hiking Time: 1-2 hours Habitat: Alpine Desert

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This is an extra day meant for acclimatization and can be spent day hiking on Mawenzi Ridge. The unique landscape offers motivating views of Kibo and Mawenzi. After spending a few moments exploring the area we head back to Mawenzi Tarn for camp.

DAY 5:

Mawenzi Tarn to Kibo Hut Elevation (ft): 14,160 ft to 15,430 ft Distance: 8 km/5 miles Hiking Time: 5-6 hours Habitat: Alpine Desert

We climb gradually, then cross the lunar desert of the “Saddle” between Mawenzi and Kibo. Our camp, Kibo Hut, sits at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. Once here we rest, enjoy an early dinner to prepare for the summit day.

DAY 6:

Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak Elevation (ft): 15,430 ft to 19,341 ft Distance: 6 km/4 miles Hiking Time: 6-8 hours Habitat: Arctic

Uhuru Peak to Horombo Hut Elevation (ft): 19,341 ft to 12,250 ft Distance: 16 km/10 miles Hiking Time: 4-5 hours Habitat: Heath

Very early in the morning (around midnight), we begin our push to the summit. This is the most mentally and physically challenging portion of the trek. The wind and cold at this elevation and time of day can be extreme. We ascend in the darkness for several hours while taking frequent, but short, breaks. At Gilman’s point (18,600 ft), you will be rewarded with the most magnificent sunrise you are ever likely to see coming over Mawenzi Peak. Finally, we arrive at Uhuru Peak- the highest point on Mount Kilimanjaro and the continent of Africa.

After spending a few moments taking in the plains of Africa and your accomplishment, we descend to Horombo Hut. Later in the evening, we enjoy our last dinner on the mountain and a well-earned sleep.

DAY 7:

Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate Elevation (ft): 12,205 ft to 6,046 ft Distance: 20 km/12 miles Hiking Time: 5-7 hours Habitat: Rain Forest

On our last day, we have a long trek mostly downhill through the tropical rainforest. Once at the park headquarters at Marangu gate, we collect our summit certificates. A vehicle will meet us here and drive us back to the hotel in Moshi.

Tour price includes:

- Park entry fees
- Camping fees
- Transportation to & from the Kilimanjaro gate
- Team Kilimanjaro Rescue fees
- 18% VAT
- Tents
- Professional Mountain Guide, Cook and Porters
- 3 meals daily while on the mountain
- Sleeping Mattress
- Emergency first aid Kit

Price does not include:

Personal items (e.g. cameras, visa, and travel insurance); alcoholic drinks; tips for your guide and cook.

Industry recommendations are

- Porters \$ 7 a day
- Cook \$10 a day
- Guide/Assistant \$20 a day
- Pre/post-accommodation (booking is available upon request).