

## 8 Day Kilimanjaro Climb Rongai Route

### Day 1 Tanzania – Moshi

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Moshi is the gateway to Mount Kilimanjaro and the meeting place for trekking expeditions. Today we meet and are briefed about the climb and if the weather is favourable, catch a glimpse of the world's tallest freestanding mountain (5 895 m). The Rongai Route is one of the less well-known routes of Mount Kilimanjaro. If you are making your own way to Moshi, please advise us of your estimated arrival time to organize the briefing.

Meals: Dinner

Overnight: The Keys Hotel [www.keys-hotel-tours.com/keys-hotels.html](http://www.keys-hotel-tours.com/keys-hotels.html)

### Day 2 Kilimanjaro National Park – Simba Camp (2625m)

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It is a 4-5 hour transfer from Moshi to the National Park Gate near the village of Rongai at 1990m. After signing in and preparing the porters, we begin the hike on a wide path, which winds through fields of maize and potatoes, before entering pine forest. The path climbs 9km consistently through the attractive forest that shelters a variety of wildlife.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Simba Camp (no website available)

### Day 3 Kilimanjaro National Park – Kikelewa Camp (3630m)

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On the second stage we will pass the heather and moorland zones until you reach Second Cave Camp (3450m). Here you will stop over for lunch and admire the superb views of Kibo Crater and the eastern ice fields on the crater rim. From the Second Cave we turn left towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi, covering 10 km as we cross the moorland towards Kikelewa Camp, located at 3 630 m in a sheltered valley.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kikelewa Cave Camp (no website available)

### Day 4 Kilimanjaro National Park – Mawenzi Tarn (4310m)

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A short but steep climb up grassy slopes is rewarded by superb all-round views and a tangible sense of wilderness. We 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 is free to rest or explore the surrounding area whilst we acclimatise to the altitude.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Mawenzi Tarn Camp (no website available)

### Day 5 Kilimanjaro National Park - Kibo Hut (4700m)

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It is a 7km hike through the lunar desert of the 'Saddle' between Mawenzi and Kibo. The Kibo campsite is at 4700m, at the bottom of the Kibo Crater wall. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent; it is advisable to have a very early night! The guide will wake us up again at 11:30 pm for the climb after midnight (day 6).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kibo Hut Camp (no website available)



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### Day 6 Uhuru Peak (Summit 5895m) – Horombo Camp (3700m)

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At around 00.30 a.m. we start the climb to the Uhuru peak, climbing by torchlight for the first part of the journey. We travel very slowly in the darkness as we are on a switchback trail over loose volcanic scree. When we reach the crater rim at Gillman's Point, 5681m, we enjoy the spectacular sunrise over Mawenzi. Those who are still feeling strong can make the 3 hour round trip to Uhuru Peak, passing close to spectacular glaciers, and ice cliffs, that still occupy most of the summit area. The 14km descent to the campsite at Horombo (3700m) is surprisingly fast.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: Horombo Camp (no website available)

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### Day 7 Moshi

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It is a steady descent down through moorland to Mandara Hut (2700m) where a hot lunch is prepared for us. We continue down through lush forest, on a good path to the National Park gate at Marangu. At lower elevations it can be wet and muddy, gaitors and trekking poles will help. If you conquered the summit you can collect your summit certificate at the gate. Green for Gilman's Point and gold for those that reached Uhuru Peak. Then we head back to Moshi for a hot shower and a well-deserved rest.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Overnight: The Keys Hotel [www.keys-hotel-tours.com/keys-hotels.html](http://www.keys-hotel-tours.com/keys-hotels.html)

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### Day 8 Tour Ends

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After breakfast the tour ends, please let us know if you require any further transport/accommodation.

Meals: Breakfast

