



RONGAI ROUTE ESCAPE - 7 DAYS FROM THE QUIET NORTHERN SIDE

Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro through Rongai Route

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DURATION

7 Days / 6 Nights

quiet trails, drier side, unique views

TRIP STYLE

Private Trip

kilimanjaro climb

DESTINATIONS

Mount Kilimanjaro

Moshi - Rongai Gate - Simba Camp - Kikelewa - Mawenzi Tarn - Kibo - Uhuru Peak

BEST FOR

Year-round

good option in rainy months

Highlights

- A quieter route with fewer crowds, approaching Kilimanjaro from the north.
- Often drier conditions compared to the southern routes during rainy seasons.
- Beautiful wilderness feel with open views of Mawenzi and Kibo.
- Good acclimatization over 7 days to support summit success.
- Sunrise summit to Uhuru Peak, Africa's highest point.
- Full support team: guides, porters, and camp crew.

Inclusions & Exclusions

INCLUSIONS

- Professional mountain guide, porters, and camp crew
- Park fees, camping fees, and rescue fees
- Mountain tents and sleeping mattress
- All meals on the mountain
- Filtered or treated drinking water on the mountain
- Transfers to and from the gate (as per itinerary)
- All government taxes

EXCLUSIONS

- International flights
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Personal gear (sleeping bag, trekking poles, etc.)
- Tips for guides, porters, and crew
- Snacks and drinks on the mountain
- Extra hotel nights before/after the climb (unless stated)

Itinerary

Day 1

Rongai Gate to Simba Camp

Meals: Dinner



Drive to the Rongai trailhead for registration, then hike through forest to Simba Camp. Quiet trails and a peaceful first night.

Day 2

Simba Camp to Kikelewa Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Trek through moorland with open views. The path is gentle as you continue to Kikelewa Camp for the night.

Day 3

Kikelewa Camp to Mawenzi Tarn Camp

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Climb to Mawenzi Tarn with dramatic views of Mawenzi Peak. A beautiful alpine setting and a key acclimatization night.

Day 4

Mawenzi Tarn Acclimatization Day

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

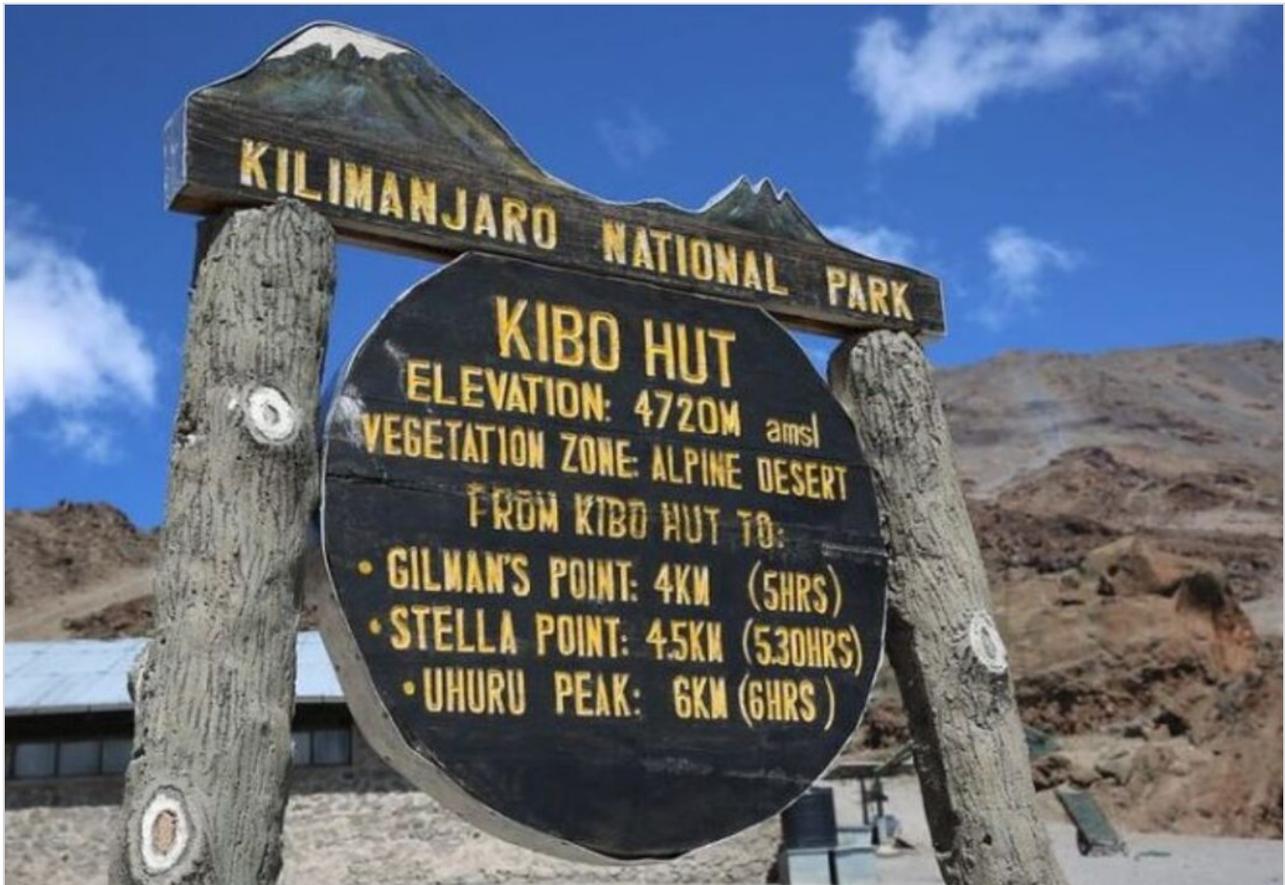


A key acclimatization day. Take a short hike higher on the slopes, then return to camp to rest and prepare for the next stage.

Day 5

Mawenzi Tarn to Kibo Hut

Meals: Breakfast



Hike across the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo to Kibo Hut. Rest, eat well, and prepare for the summit night.

Day 6

Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak to Horombo Hut

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Start before midnight and climb to Gilman's Point, then continue to Uhuru Peak for sunrise. After photos, descend to Horombo Hut for a well-earned rest.

Day 7

Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate - Return to Moshi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Descend through moorland and rainforest to Marangu Gate for certificates. Transfer back to Moshi for a shower, celebration, and rest.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why choose Rongai Route?

Rongai is a quieter route from the north, often drier in rainy months, and offers a more remote feel.

Do we descend the same way we climb?

Usually no. Most Rongai climbs descend via the Marangu route for a smoother return.

Is Rongai good for first-time climbers?

Yes. It has a steady approach and good acclimatization over 7 days, which supports summit success.

Can you help with gear rental?

Yes. We can arrange quality gear rental in Moshi if you need items like sleeping bags, jackets, or trekking poles.



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