

Majestic Kilimanjaro Treks & Safaris



Climb Kilimanjaro - Rongai Route - 7 Day Itinerary

DAY 1: Elevation (m): 1950m to 2600m, Distance: 8km, Time: 4 hours, Habitat: Montane Forest. RONGAI GATE TO FIRST CAVE'S CAMP

We will register at Marangu Park Gate and then drive to the Rongai trailhead and the Nale Moru village. This drive will take approximately 2 ½ hours. Once there we will begin your trek and cross maize fields and climb through a pine forest. This climb is a gentle one on a small winding path. The first night's camp is at First Cave, approx 2,600m altitude.

DAY 2: Elevation (m): 2600m to 3600m, Distance: 9km, Time: 6 - 7 hours, Habitat: Moorland. FIRST CAVE TO KIKELEWA CAVE

Today our trek continues up towards Kibo, passing Second Cave (3450m), and reaching Kikelewa Cave at 3600 meters. From here you will see how majestic Kilimanjaro is. Tonight's camp is at Third Cave Camp (Kikelewa Caves).

DAY 3: Elevation (m): 3600m to 4330m, Distance: 6km, Time: 4 hours, Habitat: Moorland. KIKELEWA CAVE TO MAWENZITARN

Today we start with a short but steep climb up grassy slopes. At the top you will have magnificent 360 degree views. Our next camp for the night is beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi (4330m).

DAY 4: Elevation (m): 4330m, Habitat: Moorland. MAWENZITARN

We will spend an extra day at Mawenzi Tarn to acclimatize. Here we will explore the area surrounding Mawenzi Tarn and then in the afternoon rest as preparation for continuing trek tomorrow.

DAY 5: Elevation (m): 4330m to 4750m, Distance: 4 km, Time: 3 hours, Habitat: Alpine desert MAWENZITARN TO KIBO CAMPSITE

Today we cross the lunar desert of the 'Saddle' between Mawenzi and Kibo to reach Kibo campsite (4750m) at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. The rest of the day is spent in preparation for the ascent. During this time you will have an early dinner, finish preparing your personal gear and get some sleep.

DAY 6: Elevation (m): 4750m to 5895m, Distance: 6 km ascent/16km descent, Time: 6-8 hours ascent/4-5 hours descent, Habitat: Stone scree and ice-capped summit. KIBO CAMPSITE TO UHURU PEAK TO HOROMBO HUT

We will wake you up at 23.30 hours, have some breakfast and then at midnight start our ascent. The first section of the trail consists of a rocky path to the Hans Meyer Cave (5150m). We then zigzag up to Gillman's point (5681m), on the crater rim. This section is very steep with much stone scree and is the most demanding section of the route. From Gillman's Point we could encounter snow all the way up to Uhuru Peak (5895m), the highest point in Africa. After taking photos and breathing in the views we descend back to Kibo Hut and then Horomobo where we camp overnight for our last night on Mount Kilimanjaro.

DAY 7: Elevation (m): 3720m to 1980m, Distance: 20km, Time: 5-7 hours, Habitat: Moorlands. HOROMBO HUT TO MARANGU GATE

This morning we continue our descent, passing Mandara Hut, down to the Marangu Gate. We will then go to lunch and you will receive your summit certificates. After lunch we will drive you back to your hotel and say our farewell.