

Route Overview

The **Rongai Route** approaches Kilimanjaro from the northern side, near the Kenyan border. It is the only route starting from this direction, offering a quieter and less crowded experience. The trail is drier than other routes, with unique views of the mountain and the chance to spot wildlife. The 6-day version adds an extra acclimatization day, making it safer and more successful than the shorter 5-day trek.

- **Duration:** 6 days / 5 nights
- **Difficulty:** Moderate to challenging (better acclimatization than 5-day version)
- **Accommodation:** Tented camps only
- **Best for:** Climbers seeking a quieter, less crowded route with gradual slopes and higher success rates

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Rongai Gate → Simba Camp

Your trek begins at **Rongai Gate** (1,950m). After registration, you hike through farmland and pine forest. The trail is gentle, with occasional views of Kenya's plains. By evening, you arrive at **Simba Camp** (2,600m), where tents are set up and dinner is served.

Day 2: Simba Camp → Second Cave Camp

The trail ascends steadily through moorland. Vegetation changes to alpine shrubs, and views of Kibo Peak become clearer. By afternoon, you reach **Second Cave Camp** (3,450m), a scenic spot with wide views of the mountain.

Day 3: Second Cave Camp → Kikelewa Camp

Today's trek continues upward through moorland and into alpine terrain. The air grows thinner, and the landscape becomes more rugged. By evening, you arrive at **Kikelewa Camp** (3,600m), surrounded by giant senecios and offering stunning views of Mawenzi Peak.

Day 4: Kikelewa Camp → Mawenzi Tarn Camp

A shorter but steeper climb brings you to **Mawenzi Tarn Camp** (4,330m), nestled beneath the jagged spires of Mawenzi. This is an acclimatization day, giving your body time to adjust to altitude. The camp is one of the most dramatic and beautiful on Kilimanjaro.

Day 5: Mawenzi Tarn Camp → Kibo Hut

The trail crosses the alpine desert between Mawenzi and Kibo. The air is dry, and the landscape barren yet striking. By afternoon, you reach **Kibo Hut** (4,700m), located at the foot of Kibo crater. Dinner is early, and climbers rest before the midnight summit attempt.

Day 6: Kibo Hut → Uhuru Peak → Horombo Hut → Marangu Gate

Summit night begins at midnight. With headlamps glowing, you ascend slowly in freezing air. The climb is steep and demanding, but as dawn breaks, you reach **Gilman's Point** (5,681m), then continue to **Uhuru Peak** (5,895m), the highest point in Africa. The sunrise over the glaciers is unforgettable. After celebrations, you descend back to **Horombo Hut** (3,720m) for a short rest, then continue down to **Marangu Gate** (1,800m), where climbers receive official summit certificates.

At the end of your descent, you'll gather with your guides and porters to celebrate your achievement and receive your official summit certificate — a proud reminder that you've conquered Kilimanjaro. After hugs, photos, and heartfelt goodbyes, we'll transfer you back to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha. There, a hot shower, a soft bed, and a delicious celebration meal await — the perfect way to relax, reflect, and enjoy the memories of your incredible journey.

✓ Inclusions

- **Professional guides & crew** – Certified, English-speaking guides, assistant guides, porters, and cooks.
 - **Park fees & permits** – Entry fees, camping/hut fees, rescue fees, and government VAT.
 - **Camping or hut accommodation** – High-quality tents (4-season) or huts on the Marangu Route.
 - **Meals & water** – Freshly prepared hot meals daily, clean drinking water, tea/coffee, and snacks.
 - **Group equipment** – Dining tent, kitchen tent, cooking utensils, sleeping pads, and medical kit with oxygen.
 - **Daily health monitoring** – Pulse oximeter checks, altitude assessments, and emergency protocols.
 - **Airport transfers** – Round-trip transfers between Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) and hotel in Moshi/Arusha.
 - **Hotel stays before & after trek** – Typically 2 nights (1 before, 1 after climb).
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✕ Exclusions

- **International flights** – Airfare to/from Tanzania.
- **Visa fees** – Tourist visa (varies by nationality).
- **Travel insurance** – Must cover high-altitude trekking and emergency evacuation.
- **Personal trekking gear** – Boots, sleeping bag, insulated clothing, rain gear, backpack, trekking poles.
- **Tips for guides & porters** – Standard practice, a key income source for staff.
- **Personal expenses** – Souvenirs, drinks, laundry, optional activities.
- **Extra hotel nights** – Beyond the standard 2 nights included.

