

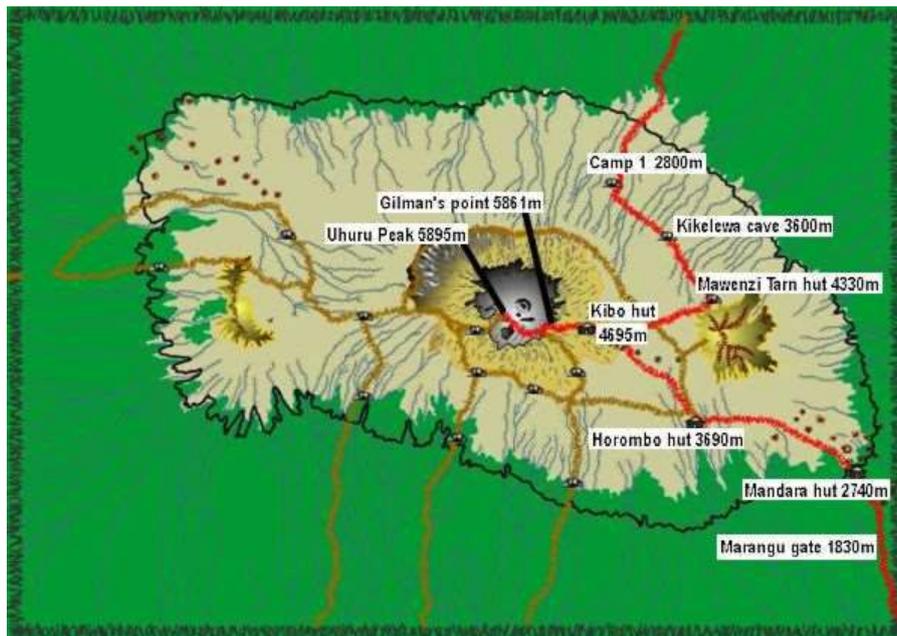
# RONGAI ROUTE KILIMANJARO



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- The Rongai route begins on the northern side of Kilimanjaro, on the Kenyan border, and is the least-travelled route.
- The drive to the starting point of your adventure, the Naru Moru Village, is lengthy one and winds through numerous coffee plantations and villages.
  - The route converges with the Marangu Route at Kibo Hut and descends along this route.
    - This route can be completed in six or more days.
    - Accommodation on the Rongai route will be in tents.



Day	Starting point	Altitude	End point	Altitude	Terrain	Distance	Hiking time
1	Rongai Park gate	2 364 m	Simba camp	2 671 m	Montane forest	7 km	3 hours
2	Simba camp	2 671 m	2nd Cave camp	3 450 m	Heathland / Moorland	8 km	3 hours
3	2nd Cave camp	3 450 m	Kikelewa camp	3 600 m	Heathland / Moorland	8 km	3 hours
4	Kikelewa camp	3 600 m	Mawenzi Tarn Hut	4 330 m	Alpine Desert	3 km	3 hours
5	Mawenzi Tarn Hut	4 330 m	Kibo School campsite	4 750 m	Alpine Desert	10 km	5 hours
6	Kibo School campsite	4 750 m	Gillman's Point	5 685 m	Alpine Desert	4 km	5 hours
	Gillman's Point	5 685 m	Uhuru Peak	5 895 m	Alpine Desert	2 km	1.5 hours
	Uhuru Peak	5 895 m	Horombo Huts	3 720 m	Alpine Desert	15 km	8 hours
7	Horombo Huts	3 720 m	Marangu Park gate	1 879 m	Heathland / Moorland	19 km	7 hours

# Rongai route itinerary

## Day 1: Moshi – Rongai Gate – Simba camp



After a relaxing night stay at Springlands your first day on your Rongai route Kilimanjaro adventure starts. Depending on what time you arrived at the hotel on the previous day, you would either have had a detailed briefing with your guide. Important things that need to be covered are your equipment, if you still need to rent some gear this is the time to get all in place. Also, the meals that will be prepared for you will be covered, if you have specific requirements or needs, please remember to communicate this to your guide.

From Moshi it will be on average 90 minutes' drive to Rongai Gate, the starting point for your hike situated on the northern side of the National Park. After signing yourself in at the gate you begin your hike on a small path that winds through fields of maize and potatoes before entering pine forest.

The path then starts to climb consistently, but gently through forest that shelters a variety of wildlife, including the well-known Kilimanjaro Colobus monkey. The forest begins to thin out and Simba camp is at the edge of the moorland zone at around 2 600m with views over the Kenyan plains.

Dinner will be prepared by the head cook, and drinking water collected by the porters.

Have your containers ready to be filled up by the support team (water will be boiled).

While the water has been tested by the Tanzanian National parks board (TANAPA), it will be safer to use the boiled water that is made available.

Using water purification tablets will add extra peace of mind.

Washing water will also be made available.

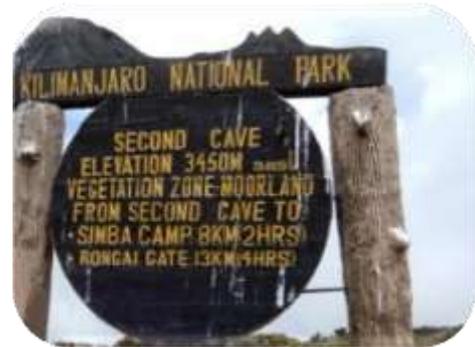
Your guide will schedule in a briefing with the group either that evening or the next morning, with a test with his pulse oximeter to monitor the blood oxygen levels of each hiker.

After enjoying dinner in the dining tent, you will retire to your tent for a good night rest, to be ready for the following day's adventure.

Night temperatures can already drop to freezing point, with the Sun normally setting & rising just before 7 o' clock each day.

A good idea will be to take some reading material or some card games to keep yourself busy in the evening.

## Day 2: Simba camp – 2<sup>nd</sup> Cave camp



After a hearty breakfast we continue with a steady ascent up to the 2nd Cave camp 3 450m. Here you will be treated to lunch with spectacular view of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim.

Spend the rest of the day with a short hike and capturing the views with your camera.

Dinner and overnight at the 2nd Cave camp.

# Rongai route itinerary continue

## Day 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Cave camp - Kikelewa camp



This morning the path will take us in a south-easterly direction towards Mawenzi, the 3rd highest peak in the Kilimanjaro national park. A short 3 hours hike later we will reach Kikelewa campsite, in a sheltered valley with giant views near Kikelewa Caves. Moving closer to your main objective, reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro, you realize the size of this majestic mountain. Dinner and overnight at the Kikelewa camp.

## Day 4: Kikelewa camp - Mawenzi Tarn Hut



A short but steep climb up grassy slopes is rewarded by superb all-around views and a tangible sense of wilderness. We leave vegetation behind shortly before reaching the next camp at Mawenzi Tarn hut, spectacularly situated in a cirque directly beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi. The afternoon will be free to rest or explore the surrounding area as an aid to acclimatization. Dinner and overnight at the Mawenzi Tarn Hut.

## Day 5: Mawenzi Tarn Hut - Kibo School campsite



After leaving the campsite we head west to cross the lunar desert of the 'Saddle' between Mawenzi and Kibo to reach Kibo School campsite at the bottom of the Kibo crater wall. On arrival and after lunch start to prepare your equipment, ski stick and thermal clothing for your summit attempt. This should include the replacement of your headlamp and camera batteries and make sure you have a spare set available as well. To prevent freezing it will be wise to carry your water in a thermal flask. Go to bed before 19h00 to get some precious rest and sleep for the final ascent.

# Rongai route itinerary continue

## Day 6: Kibo School campsite - Uhuru peak - Horombo Huts



Around midnight you will have to start your final ascent to the summit. You will be woken with tea/coffee and biscuits. This part of your hike will be done at night to be able to reach Gillman's Point around first light, 5 hours from Kibo huts. This will be by far the most difficult part of your hike, as you will not only be hiking on a slope of loose gravel, but also be doing so at altitude. Remember to constantly be on the move, and only take short breaks every 2 hours or so to avoid getting cold. Your equipment that you have on should be able to assist your body to warm itself, and to keep cold wind out, but when not moving this becomes more difficult. Once arriving at Gillman's Point, people tend to stay too long and often choose to turn around at this point. Do not spend more than 10 minutes here as you still have the last leg of your trip to complete. Another 1,5 hour's hike and you will have reached Uhuru Peak – the highest point in Africa! After this amazing and emotional experience, you will return to Kibo Huts via Gillman's Point. This will go a lot faster than when you summated. You should arrive back at Kibo Huts just before lunch time for a light lunch and a short break. After that you will continue down back to the Horombo huts for dinner and a well-earned rest.

## Day 7: Horombo Huts - Marangu Gate - Moshi



After Breakfast, you start your final descent to the Marangu Gate. Enjoy the scenery as you walk through the rain forest. From Marangu Gate you will be transferred back to Springlands Hotel and you will be served a delicious hot lunch and a well-deserved hot shower. It is recommended and tips are highly appreciated at the end of your trip. Tips must only be given to the Guide at Springlands Hotel. This is also where successful climbers receive their summit certificates. Those climbers who reached Gillman's Point (5 685m) are issued with green certificates and those who reached Uhuru Peak (5895m) receive gold certificates. Overnight in Springlands hotel.

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