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KILIMANJARO · LINDO TRAVEL & TOURS

7 Days Kilimanjaro Climbing via Rongai Route – A Remote Northern Journey to the Roof of Africa

Rongai Route · 7 days

Experience a different side of Mount Kilimanjaro on this unforgettable 7-day Rongai Route climbing expedition. Approaching the mountain from its northern side near the Kenyan border, the Rongai Route offers a quieter and less crowded trekking experience through beautiful forest landscapes, open moorlands and spectacular alpine scenery.

Unlike the popular southern approaches, Rongai provides a unique perspective of Kilimanjaro, with expansive views across the northern plains and dramatic landscapes surrounding Mawenzi Peak. As you gradually ascend, you will pass through scenic campsites including Simba Camp, Second Cave, Kikelewa Camp and the beautiful Mawenzi Tarn, before continuing towards Kibo Hut for your final summit attempt.

With the support of our experienced mountain guides, professional porters and dedicated mountain crew, you will enjoy freshly prepared meals, comfortable mountain camping and personalized assistance throughout your journey.

The adventure reaches its highlight at Uhuru Peak (5,895m), where you will celebrate standing on the highest

point in Africa. Your descent follows the Marangu Route, giving you the opportunity to experience another side of Kilimanjaro before returning to Moshi.

Whether you are seeking a quieter mountain trail, spectacular northern landscapes or the challenge of reaching Africa's highest summit, the 7-day Rongai Route promises an extraordinary Kilimanjaro experience with Lindo Travel & Tours.

Trip Highlights

Approach Mount Kilimanjaro from its beautiful northern slopes.

Experience a quieter and less crowded climbing route.

Enjoy spectacular views across the Kenyan plains.

Trek through beautiful forests, moorlands and alpine desert.

Camp beneath the dramatic peaks of Mawenzi Mountain.

Explore the beautiful Mawenzi Tarn campsite.

Reach Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa.

Descend through the scenic Marangu Route.

Arrival

ARRIVAL

Arrival Day: Welcome to Tanzania

Upon arrival at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), you will be warmly welcomed by our Lindo Travel & Tours representative and transferred to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha.

Depending on your arrival time, you can relax and enjoy the hotel facilities before meeting your professional mountain guide for a pre-climb briefing. Your guide will inspect your trekking equipment, explain the climbing schedule and discuss important altitude considerations, mountain safety procedures and preparations for the expedition.

Enjoy a relaxing evening and a good night's rest before beginning your seven-day journey via the beautiful Rongai Route.

Arrival accommodation options

Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

Moshi – Rongai Gate to Simba Camp (2,625m)



Your Kilimanjaro climbing adventure begins after breakfast at your hotel in Moshi. You will meet your mountain guide and drive towards the northern side of Mount Kilimanjaro, passing through beautiful countryside and local villages before reaching Rongai Gate near the Kenyan border.

Upon arrival, you will complete the park registration formalities while your mountain crew prepares the equipment for your expedition.

After registration, your trek begins through cultivated land, pine forest and beautiful natural surroundings. The trail gradually ascends through the northern slopes of Kilimanjaro, offering a peaceful introduction to the mountain.

As you continue climbing, the forest gradually becomes thinner, opening up to beautiful views across the surrounding landscape and the distant Kenyan plains.

After approximately 4–5 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Simba Camp (2,625m). Your mountain crew will welcome you to camp, where you can enjoy refreshments, a freshly prepared dinner and a relaxing evening before your next day's adventure.

Elevation: 1,950m to 2,625m
Distance: Approximately 8km
Hiking time: 4–5 hours

Accommodation options
Standard: Simba Camp

DAY 2

Simba Camp to Second Cave Camp (3,450m)



After breakfast, you will leave Simba Camp and continue ascending through open moorlands towards Second Cave Camp.

Today's trail follows a steady uphill path through beautiful high-altitude vegetation, with increasingly impressive views of the surrounding northern plains. As you gain elevation, the landscape becomes more open, with giant heathers, grasses and scattered rocky formations.

The route offers a peaceful trekking experience with fewer climbers compared to some of Kilimanjaro's more popular southern trails. Along the way, you will enjoy wonderful views of Kibo Peak and the surrounding mountain wilderness.

After approximately 3–4 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Second Cave Camp (3,450m). Your crew will prepare lunch and dinner while you relax and enjoy the mountain surroundings.

Depending on your condition and your guide's recommendation, you may take a short acclimatization walk around the campsite before returning for dinner.

Elevation: 2,625m to 3,450m
Distance: Approximately 6km
Hiking time: 3–4 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Second Cave Camp

DAY 3

Second Cave Camp to Kikelewa Camp (3,600m)



After breakfast, you will leave Second Cave Camp and continue trekking towards Kikelewa Camp, located on the eastern side of the northern slopes.

Today's trail gradually moves away from the main Rongai trail, taking you across open moorland towards the spectacular Mawenzi massif. The landscape becomes increasingly rugged, with impressive views of the jagged peaks of Mawenzi Mountain.

As you approach Kikelewa Camp, the trail passes through beautiful high-altitude vegetation and sheltered valleys beneath the mountain's dramatic rock formations.

Today's relatively short trekking distance allows you to maintain a comfortable walking pace while continuing to adjust to the increasing altitude.

After approximately 3–4 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Kikelewa Camp (3,600m), situated in a beautiful sheltered valley with impressive views of Mawenzi Peak.

Enjoy a freshly prepared meal and a relaxing evening at camp.

Elevation: 3,450m to 3,600m
Distance: Approximately 6km
Hiking time: 3–4 hours

Accommodation options
Standard: Kikelewa Camp

DAY 4

Kikelewa Camp to Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,330m)



After breakfast, today's adventure begins with a relatively steep ascent along grassy slopes towards Mawenzi Tarn, one of the most spectacular campsites on Mount Kilimanjaro.

As you climb higher, the vegetation gradually becomes thinner, revealing dramatic volcanic rock formations and impressive views of Mawenzi's rugged peaks.

The trail offers magnificent scenery as you approach the beautiful Mawenzi Tarn campsite, situated beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi Mountain.

Upon arrival, you will enjoy lunch and have time to relax while taking in the breathtaking surroundings. Depending on your condition and weather conditions, your guide may organize a short acclimatization walk around the area before returning to camp.

Mawenzi Tarn is particularly special because of its dramatic mountain scenery and peaceful setting, making it one of the most memorable overnight stops on the Rongai Route.

Enjoy dinner and a well-deserved rest as your body continues adjusting to the higher altitude.

Elevation: 3,600m to 4,330m
Distance: Approximately 5km
Hiking time: 4–5 hours

Accommodation options
Standard: Mawenzi Tarn Camp

DAY 5

Mawenzi Tarn Camp to Kibo Hut (4,700m)



After breakfast, you will leave the beautiful Mawenzi Tarn campsite and continue towards Kibo Hut, your final base camp before the summit attempt.

Today's trek crosses the impressive alpine desert known as the Saddle, a vast open landscape situated between Mawenzi and Kibo peaks.

The terrain is relatively dry and rocky, with little vegetation, creating a dramatic high-altitude environment. Along the way, you will enjoy spectacular views of Kibo's summit cone and the surrounding volcanic landscape.

As you gradually approach Kibo Hut (approximately 4,700m), the altitude becomes more noticeable, making it important to maintain a slow and steady walking pace.

Upon arrival, your mountain crew will prepare your meal while you rest and prepare for the summit attempt. Your guide will provide a detailed briefing about the midnight ascent, expected weather conditions and essential safety procedures.

Organize your warm clothing, headlamp, trekking poles and other essential equipment before enjoying an early dinner.

Try to get as much rest as possible, as your final ascent towards Uhuru Peak will begin around midnight.

Elevation: 4,330m to approximately 4,700m
Distance: Approximately 8km
Hiking time: 5–6 hours

Accommodation options

Standard: Kibo Hut

DAY 6

Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak (5,895m) to Horombo Hut (3,720m)



Today is the most challenging and rewarding day of your Kilimanjaro climbing adventure.

Your summit attempt begins around midnight after a light snack and hot drinks. Equipped with warm clothing, headlamps and determination, you will begin the demanding ascent towards Gilman's Point (5,681m) on the crater rim.

The trail follows steep volcanic scree and rocky terrain, requiring patience, endurance and a slow, steady walking pace. Your experienced mountain guides will support and encourage you throughout this demanding climb.

After reaching Gilman's Point, you will continue along the crater rim towards Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the highest point in Africa.

As the first light of dawn appears over the African horizon, you will be rewarded with breathtaking views of Kilimanjaro's glaciers, volcanic landscape and the vast African plains below.

Reaching the famous Uhuru Peak summit sign is an extraordinary achievement. Take photographs, celebrate your accomplishment and enjoy this unforgettable moment on the Roof of Africa, weather and conditions permitting.

After spending some time at the summit, you will begin your descent towards Kibo Hut, where you will take a short break before continuing down to Horombo Hut (approximately 3,720m).

The long descent can be physically demanding after the summit climb, but your mountain guides will help you maintain a comfortable pace.

Upon arrival at Horombo Hut, enjoy a freshly prepared dinner and a well-deserved rest after an incredible day on the mountain.

Elevation: 4,700m to 5,895m, descending to approximately 3,720m
Distance: Approximately 22km
Hiking time: 12–15 hours

DAY 7

Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate (1,870m) – Moshi



After breakfast at Horombo Hut, you will begin your final descent through the beautiful lower slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro towards Marangu Gate.

Today's trail passes through the scenic moorland and lush tropical rainforest, offering a refreshing change from the dry alpine landscapes experienced during the upper sections of the climb.

As you descend, you will gradually return to warmer temperatures and greener surroundings. The trail provides an opportunity to appreciate the natural beauty of Kilimanjaro one final time.

After approximately 5–7 hours of trekking, you will arrive at Marangu Gate, where you will complete the official park checkout procedures and receive your Kilimanjaro summit certificate, depending on the highest point you successfully reached.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your achievement with your mountain guides and support crew.

After completing your Kilimanjaro climbing adventure, our driver will meet you for a transfer back to your hotel in Moshi or Arusha. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon, a well-earned shower and some time to reflect on your incredible journey to Uhuru Peak.

Elevation: 3,720m to approximately 1,870m
Distance: Approximately 20km
Hiking time: 5–7 hours

Accommodation options
Midrange: Panama Garden Resort

Departure

DEPARTURE

Departure Day: Farewell Tanzania

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy your final moments in Tanzania before checking out. Depending on your flight schedule, our driver can arrange a transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) for your onward journey home or to your next destination.

Take with you unforgettable memories of the mountain, the friendships made along the trail and the incredible achievement of reaching the Roof of Africa with Lindo Travel & Tours.

Trip details

Included

- Experienced mountain guides and support crew
- Mountain accommodation and meals
- Park, rescue and camping fees as specified
- Safety briefing and basic medical checks
- Transfers to and from the mountain gate

Not included

- International flights and visas
- Personal trekking gear and expenses
- Tips for mountain crew
- Travel insurance and evacuation cover