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7-Day Rongai Route – Best for a Quieter, Less Crowded Experience

Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

Route Type: Camping (Tents Provided)

Difficulty: Moderate to Challenging

Success Rate: ~80%

Total Distance: ~73 km (45 miles)

Best For: Hikers looking for a **less crowded, scenic, and drier route**

Day 1: Arrival in Moshi – Pre-Trek Briefing

Accommodation: Hotel/Lodge in Moshi

Meals: Dinner

- ✓ Arrive at **Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)**
- ✓ Transfer to your hotel in **Moshi**
- ✓ Trek briefing with **guides & porters**
- ✓ Gear check and final preparation for the climb

Day 2: Moshi to Rongai Gate (1,950m), Trek to Simba Camp (2,650m)

Accommodation: Simba Camp (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- **Drive Time:** ~3-4 hours from Moshi to Rongai Gate
- **Trekking Time:** 4-5 hours
- **Distance:** ~8 km (5 miles)

- **Habitat:** Montane Forest

- ✓ Drive to **Rongai Gate (1,950m)** for park registration
- ✓ Begin trekking through **pine forest & lush vegetation**
- ✓ Spot **colobus monkeys and blue monkeys**
- ✓ Arrive at **Simba Camp (2,650m)** for an overnight stay

Day 3: Simba Camp (2,650m) to Second Cave Camp (3,450m)

Accommodation: Second Cave Camp (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- **Trekking Time:** 3–4 hours
- **Distance:** ~7 km (4 miles)
- **Habitat:** Moorland


- ✓ Trek out of the **forest zone** into the **moorland region**
- ✓ First clear views of **Kibo Peak**
- ✓ Arrive at **Second Cave Camp (3,450m)** for an overnight stay

Day 4: Second Cave Camp (3,450m) to Kikelewa Camp (3,600m)

Accommodation: Kikelewa Camp (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- **Trekking Time:** 3–4 hours
- **Distance:** ~6 km (4 miles)
- **Habitat:** Moorland

- ✓ Steady ascent with increasing **altitude adaptation**
- ✓ Incredible views of **Mawenzi Peak (5,149m)** 
- ✓ Arrive at **Kikelewa Camp (3,600m)** for the night

Day 5: Kikelewa Camp (3,600m) to Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,330m)

Accommodation: Mawenzi Tarn Camp (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- **Trekking Time:** 3–4 hours
- **Distance:** ~5 km (3 miles)

- **Habitat:** Alpine Desert

- ✓ Hike towards **Mawenzi Tarn**, one of Kilimanjaro's scenic high-altitude lakes
- ✓ Enjoy stunning **views of Mawenzi Peak & glaciers**
- ✓ Arrive at **Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,330m)** for an overnight stay

Day 6: Mawenzi Tarn (4,330m) to Kibo Hut (4,703m) – Summit Base Camp

Accommodation: Kibo Hut (Tents)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- **Trekking Time:** 5–6 hours
- **Distance:** ~9 km (6 miles)
- **Habitat:** Alpine Desert

- ✓ Cross the **Saddle**, a barren yet breathtaking volcanic plateau
- ✓ Arrive at **Kibo Hut (4,703m)** – Base Camp for a summit attempt
- ✓ Early dinner and rest before **midnight climb to the summit**

Day 7: Summit Attempt – Kibo Hut to Uhuru Peak (5,895m), Descend to Horombo Camp (3,720m), Return to Moshi

Accommodation: Hotel/Lodge in Moshi

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

- **Summit Ascent Time:** 6–8 hours
- **Descent to Horombo Camp:** 4–5 hours
- **Total Distance:** ~22 km (14 miles)

- ✓ **Midnight departure for the final ascent**
- ✓ **Steep climb to Gilman's Point (5,681m)**
- ✓ **Reach Uhuru Peak (5,895m) – the highest point in Africa!** 🎉🏆
- ✓ **Celebrate at the summit, take photos, and descend to Horombo Camp (3,720m)**
- ✓ **Continue descent to Mweka Gate, receive summit certificate**
- ✓ **Transfer back to Moshi for a hot shower & celebration dinner**

Package Inclusions:

- ☒ **Kilimanjaro National Park Fees – Entry & conservation fees**
- ☒ **Certified Mountain Guides & Porters – English-speaking professionals**
- ☒ **Camping Equipment – Tents, sleeping mats, dining tent, tables, chairs**
- ☒ **Meals & Drinking Water – Full-board meals, hot drinks, purified water**
- ☒ **Emergency Oxygen & First Aid – Medical support in case of altitude sickness**
- ☒ **Hotel Stays in Moshi – Pre- & post-trek accommodation**
- ☒ **Airport Transfers – Pickup & drop-off at Kilimanjaro International Airport**