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ITINERARY DETAILS FOR RONGAI ROUTE 7 DAYS.

Itinerary Overview

- **Length:** 7 Days
- **Category:** Trekking
- **Destination:** Kilimanjaro via Rongai Route
- **Major Attractions:** Kilimanjaro mountain, Africa's highest mountain
- **Tour Guides Language:** English
- **Starting Point:** Moshi
- **Ending Point:** Moshi
- **Route Accessibility:** It approaches the mountain from the northern side close to the border of Kenya. Because of its position, it has few crowds of people compared to other routes.
- **Additional Info:** We provides guides, porters and cooks for the guidance and assistance while on the mountain.

Itinerary Details

Day 1: Rongai Gate (2364M) To Simba Campsite (2670M).

After an early breakfast at your hotel (07.00), you depart one hour later and arrive at the Nalemuru Gate for around 11.00, when you take your picnic lunch.

Once you have completed registration, you've met the trekking team who will accompany you up the mountain and the porters have loaded up, you are ready to start the trek. Your starting altitude is at 2,000 meters and today you will ascend up to 2,671 meters, beginning your approach from the north-east. The vegetation at first is pine, as well as some vegetable fields, but you briefly enter lush forest where colobus monkeys can sometimes be



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seen. After the forest, the landscape changes to heathland with its huge heathers. You aim to reach Simba Camp by 16.00, as your walking distance today is only 8 km and your walking time is around 3 hours. Dinner at Simba Camp will be at 18.30.

- **Distance:7 Kilometers.**
- **Time:3 Hours walking.**
- **Zone: Moorland.**

Day 2: Simba Campsite (2670M) To Kikelewa Campsite (3600M).

Your 07.00 breakfast is followed by today's 08.00 departure. You would expect to spend about 6.5 to 7 hours walking today, covering a distance of 16 km. At the start, notice how the once-large heathers become smaller as you climb and the trees become fewer and further between. Behind you, you can see over the border to Kenya if the weather is good. The path is a steady, steep and dusty ascent. A picnic lunch is eaten at 13.00, before you continue in a south-easterly direction with the craggy peak of Mawenzi in front of you.

The path crosses moorland and there is less ascent than you have experienced this morning, but overall, this is a long day. At the end of the afternoon's walk, you should reach camp at around 17.00 and dinner will be served at 18.00.

- **Distance:16 Kilometers.**
- **Time:8 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Moorland.**



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Day 3: Kikelewa Campsite (3600M) To Mawenzi Tarn Hut(4335M).

You have the luxury of a later (08.00) breakfast and a slightly later departure. Today, after leaving Kikelelwa at 09.00, you have a very short day of walking – at just over 3 km – but you have to ascend over 600 metres and you take between 3.5 and 4 hours to complete the stage.

The scenery and views on this route are truly wonderful. You will notice how the vegetation disappears as you climb. On arriving at the campsite around 13.00, it will be time for a hot lunch. Some people like to use the afternoon to acclimatize, and if you are lucky enough to experience clear weather then the views of Kibo can be spectacular. In any event, the setting for this camp is truly beautiful. Dinner is served at 18.00.

- **Distance:5 Kilometers.**
- **Time:3 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine desert.**

Day 4: Acclimatization Day At Mawenzi Ridge.

This is an extra day meant for acclimatization and after breakfast you will begin hike in the direction of Mawenzi Ridge with a 74-metres gain in altitude. You will spend one or two hours at higher altitude in order to properly acclimatize yourself, so the lunch break will take place at Mawenzi Ridge itself before you head back down to Mawenzi Tarn. Dinner is once again scheduled for 18.00.

Day 5: Mawenzi Tarn (4335M) To Kibo Hut (4720M).

After a 07.00 breakfast and departure from Mawenzi at 08.00, you set off on today's 9 km walk, which will take you from an altitude of 4,315 metres up to the 4,720 of Kibo.



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Expect to spend around 4.5 to 5 hours walking on the stage today. You begin the day westwards, then cross the ridge and proceed downwards and along the edge of the so-called "saddle". You won't see much vegetation today, but it is not unknown for an eland to be sighted – amazing at this altitude. Equally incredible are the views today, the favourite day of many trekkers. On the way, you stop for your picnic lunch at midday, before continuing the climb to Kibo, which you would expect to reach by 15.00. Dinner is served at the early time of 17.30, an early bedtime is recommended, ready for your summit day.

- **Distance:10 Kilometers.**
- **Time:5 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine desesrt.**

Day 6: Ascend To Uhuru Peak (5895M).

Your schedule for your 'Summit Day' is very different. Rising at 23.00, you take your tea and biscuits (23.30) before a midnight departure. Today, you have 1,192 metres to climb, on what will be your toughest day, with around 13 hours of actual walking time and a distance of 21 km

Your expectation is to reach the summit from 07.00 onwards. You begin on a rocky path, and then climb via a series of zig-zags which get ever smaller.

Your reference points on your ascent today are, first, William's Point (5,000 metres), Hans Meyer Cave (5,151 metres) and then Gilman's Point (5,685 metres). The focus today is on walking slowly. On reaching the top, you take time to celebrate the successful climb, take photos and congratulate yourself, then make the descent to return to Kibo Camp for about 11.00 and take a very well-deserved, two-hour rest and enjoy a welcome hot lunch. Setting



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off again at 14.00, you continue your descent until you reach Horombo for about 17.00. Dinner will be served at 19.00.

- **Distance:10 Kilometers.**
- **Time:5 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Alpine desesrt.**

Day 7: Horombo Hut (3720M) To Marangu Gate (1800M).

After breakfast at your now-familiar time of 07.00, you take the chance to thank your hard-working guides and porters at the 'Tipping Celebration'. You depart from Horombo and start your descent down towards Marangu Gate, stopping at Mandara for a hot lunch at around midday.

Marangu Gate is reached by around 16.00, and today's section is around 19 km which takes 6.5 to 7 hours of walking time. Having reached Marangu Gate, you will be presented with your certificate, recognizing your tremendous effort. You then return by vehicle to Moshi, to the comfort of your lodge, for your overnight stay and some deserved relaxation. Or perhaps, if you still have some energy, you can celebrate your wonderful achievement. After all, you have just climbed Africa's highest mountain!

- **Distance:19 Kilometers.**
- **Time:5 Hours walking.**
- **Zone:Rain forest.**



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- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- Kilimanjaro Park rescue team fees.
- Government taxes.
- 3 freshly-prepared delicious meals daily on the mountain prepared by professional cooks who are happy to accommodate your dietary needs.
- 3-4 liters of mineral/treated water per person per day.
- Hot drinks on the mountain and hot water for washing.
- Private transport to and from the hotel to the Kilimanjaro Park Gate.
- National Park entry fees and hut fees.
- Portable oxygen tanks, ox meter and emergency first-aid kit.
- Porter's Cook's and Guide's Salary.
- 2 nights of accommodation at Hotel Moshi.
- Friendly and highly qualified mountain guides, assistant guides and professional cooks.
- Enough Porters to carry camping gear and additional baggage.
- Accommodation in Huts/camping.
- Private transport to & from Kilimanjaro International Airport to your accommodation in Moshi
- 4 Season mountain tents
- Double layered Sleeping Mats
- Fair wages for the mountain crew as approved by the Kilimanjaro National Park Authority



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- (KINAPA), Kilimanjaro Association of Tour Operators (KIATO)
- Emergency first-aid kit

EXCLUDE

- Flights
- Laundry Services
- A doctor for the group
- Lunches, dinners and drinks at your hotel in Moshi before climb and after climb.
- Personal items and toiletries.
- Tips for guides, porters and cook (this is a guide to tipping on the mountain)
- Tips on Mountain Kilimanjaro are recommended for group sharing as follows:
 - Guides: US \$20/day/guide.
 - Cook : US \$15/day.
 - Porter: US \$10/day/porter.

Note: Tipping is not included in the quoted price.

NOTE: Our Guides, cooks and Porters are always satisfied with your thanks giving (tip) you have and not beyond your ability.

