

Rongai Route.

The Rongai Route is the easiest route up Kilimanjaro. It starts from the northeastern side of the mountain near the Kenyan border, the Rongai Route rises above the Amboseli plains and approaches the summit of Kilimanjaro west of the Mawenzi peak. It is an unfrequently used route. The descent normally uses the Marangu Route on the southern side. It's the only route that approaches the mountain from the North.

There are two variations to this route. You can choose to attempt the summit via Mawenzi Tarn Hut or via School Hut which is also referred to as the Outward Bound Hut. The former is longer and more popular.

6-7 Day Itinerary

Day 1: Rongai gate to Simba Cave camp

After Breakfast with your packed lunch you will drive to the village called Nale Moru which is the starting point. From here you will trek through the farmlands and pine forest until you reach your first camp called Simba Camp.

Elevation: 2625

Distance: 8 Km

Time: 5 Hours

Day 2: Simba Cave Camp to Kikelewa cave Camp

After Breakfast you will continue your Treks up towards Kibo passing the Second Cave until you reach Kikelewa Cave Camp for your meals and overnight.

Elevation: 3630M

Distance: 5 Kms

Time: 6 hours.

Day 3: Kikelewa Cave Camp to Mawenzi turn hut

After breakfast the morning walk begins in a steady ascent to view Kibo peak and eastern icefields on the crater rim up. We will set up a camp in the sheltered valley near Kikelewa caves.

Elevation: 4310M

Distance: 8 Kms

Time: 4-5 hours

Day 4: Mawenzi turn Hut to Kibo Hut

After Breakfast you leave your camp and ascend across the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo. you will trek to reach Kibo Hut for summit night, meals and overnight.

Elevation: 4720M

Distance: 8 Kms

Time: 5-6 hours

Day 5: Kibo Hut to Uhuru peak

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Day 6: Horombo Hut to Marangu gate

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Important: * it's very recommended for an additional day at Mawenzi turn hut for acclimatization