



MOUNT KILIMANJARO ITINERARIES

RONGAI ROUTE

DURATION: 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

Day 1

The climb begins at the village of Nare Moru (1950mts) through cultivated land before entering the pine forest. Watch out for Kilimanjaro Colobus monkeys in the tree tops with their white fringed 'capcs' and trail. Taking 3-4hrs the first camp is on the edge of the moorland zone where the forest begins to thin out at first cave at 8500ft/2600m. Overnight 1st Cave Camp.

Day 2

The morning walks in a steady ascent up to second Cave 11300ft/3450m with superb views of Kibo and the eastern ice fields on the crater rims. Pushing on to reach third cave taking 3to 4 hrs at 12800ft/3800m for overnight camp. Overnight camp cave

Day 3

Continue ascending on the east side of Kibo crossing the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo taking 4-5 hrs to reach Kibo hut at 15000ft/4700m. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent which begins around midnight. Overnight Kibo Camp.

Day 4

Early starts for the summit on steep heavy scree arrive at Gillmans point at 18640ft/5681m in time to see the sunrise. Those who want to reach the highest point in Africa can take the approximately three hours excursion to Uhuru peak 19340/5896m passing close to the spectacular glaciers and ice cliffs that still; occupy most of the summit area. The descend down to Kibo is surprisingly fast and after some refreshment, continue the descend to reach the final campsite at Horombo at 12000ft/3700m taking 11-15hrs. Overnight Horombo camp.

Day 5

A steady descend down through the moorland to Mandara hut and then downward through the lush forest on a good path to the national park gate at Marangu (1830m) taking 5to 7hrs to be met and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

MARANGU ROUTE

DURATION: 6 NIGHTS/ 7 DAYS

Day 1:

We meet at Arusha Airport and take you to hotel, and transfer you to your coach for a departure Nairobi-Arusha. You will be met in Arusha and transported to Moshi. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2:

You will be taken to the Kilimanjaro National Park and begin your ascent from 1800m. Today it is steadily paced walk through the thick forest of the lower slopes. After 3-4 hrs you will reach your overnight destination-the Mandara hut, 2700m.



Day 3:

From the Mamdara hut, the route climbs steeply through giant alpine forget and across moorlands onto the slopes of the Mawezi massif. After 5-7 hrs you reach the Horombo Hut 3720m. Altogether you will cover 14km today, which needs to be taken at a slow pace.

Day 4:

A continuing climbing today, cover about 13km and approx. 7hrs, in the cool clear air. Tonight you use the Kibo Hut, 4703m. Your porters will remain here when you complete the ascent tomorrow.

Day 5:

A start in the early hours of the morning is necessary in order to reach the summit by sunrise. The final assault is aimed at Gillmans Point, on the crater rim, 5681m. This usually takes 5-6 hrs. Time and energy permitting, there is an option of climbing the higher Uhuru peak - Kibo's highest point and the highest point in Africa 5895m. Whilst this is only 600m from Gillmans point, it can take 1 ½ hours. After taking in the view and a rest, you descend down to the Kibo hut. The fitter may return further down the mountain to the Horombo hut.

Day 6:

Today you complete the Mount Kilimanjaro descent. You are met at the base of the mountain and will overnight in Moshi at the hotel.

Day 7:

This morning you will be transported to Arusha Airport in the time for the afternoon coach back to Nairobi.

MACHAME ROUTE

DURATION: 7 NIGHTS/ 8 DAYS

Day 1

Pick up from Arusha airport and transfer to Moshi for dinner and overnight. If you will have allowance you will be taken around town evening.

Day 2

Leave the hotel Moshi to Kilimanjaro national park Machame gate through Machame agriculture area, the drive takes an hour. Check in process and proceed through the rain forest in a muddy wet road which at the end can be slippery 6-7hrs of good walk which covers 11km will finally lead to Machame hut for dinner and overnight.

Day 3

After breakfast, leave the glades of the rain forest to continue on an ascending path crossing along steep rocky ridges covered with heather proceed to the view point for lunch and further to Shira for dinner and overnight 5-6hrs = 5kms

Day 4

Continue eastwards from Shira towards Kibo peak and change direction to south east towards Lewa tower. Hit 4640m and down to Barraco early enough for hot lunch the evening is spent watching Barraco wall ready for the next day 4hrs.

Day 5

Breakfast and start will steep baranco wall, view and continue to Karango valley camp for dinner and overnight 6hrs = 5kms.



Day 6

Leave Karange valley camp and proceed to complete southern- curcut through the rocky ridges which will finally leave you in Barafu hut. Views of the mountain from all angles are expected in this day. Lunch on the way dinner and overnight at Barafu 4-5hrs=4km.

Day 7

Pre-dawn breakfast and leave Barafu for the Summit to reach the highest point in Africa: sunrise from the summit is just amazing. After this magic experience it is then a careful descend for both late breakfast and early lunch and then descend down to Mweka camp for your last dinner on Kilimanjaro. The trek from Barafu to the summit and down to Mweka takes 11 good hrs which is about 12km.

Day 8

Last breakfast and leave Mweka camp and descend down to Mweka gate to connect transfer back to Moshi-8-4hrs, about 10km.

WHAT YOU REQUIRE:

A sleeping bag ,a good pair of hiking boots, sunglasses, warm jacket, warm trouser ,rain pants and jacket, a warm hat/balaclava/gaiter, gloves, torch, a big rucksack, ski poles and a small day pack.

NB: If you don't have any of the above, for a small fee we can hire any of them to you for the duration of the trip.

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