

**Climbing Options:** We are at your service to customize any of our itineraries to suit your needs. You are at liberty to reduce or add a number of night(s), change a hotel (upgrade / downgrade) or change a given routing etc. Feel free to talk to our experienced consultants for your preferred trekking routing. Rongai Route: Total hiking distance: Approximately 70 kms excluding acclimatization hikes

### **Day 1: Arrival in Tanzania – Moshi**

By road from Nairobi Kenya – Meeting point – Steers (Muindi Mbingu Street opposite the Jeevanjee Gardens) at 0730hrs. Departure @ 0745hrs

Transfer from Nairobi to Moshi town via Namanga – border. Packed lunch will be served on the way. Enjoy the amazing views of the lush agricultural Meru plantations arriving at Moshi hotel in the early evening.

By flight landing in Arusha JRO Airport – Upon arrival at the Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), Arusha Airport (ARK) or Arusha or Moshi Bus Station, our representative will pick and transfer you to our base hotel in Moshi. Overnight stay at Moshi. (Bed & Breakfast)

### **Day 2: Moshi – Rongai Gate (1950m) – 1st Cave Simba Camp (2600m)**

Departs: Any day

Hiking time: 3 - 4hrs

Distance: Approximately 8kms

Habitat: Montane forest

After registration at the Marangu park gate, transfer (approximately 2 ½ hours) to the Rongai trailhead. Checking in at the gate, start an acclimatization hike from the Nale Moru village with lunch enroute. The small winding path crosses maize fields before entering pine forest, and then climbs gently through a forest. The trail is not at all steep, but is rather a gentle hike through beautiful country. The first night's camp is at First Cave at about 2,600 metres. Water can be found just down the trail below First Cave. Dinner and overnight camping in mountain tents at 1st caves camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 3: First Cave Simba Camp (2600m) – Kikelewa Cave (3600m)**

Hiking time: 7hrs

Distance: Approximately 9kms

Habitat: Moorlands

The trail continues upwards passing the Second Cave (3450m) and reaching Kikelewa Cave at about 3600 meters. Picnic lunch en-route while enjoying spectacular views of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields. Dinner and overnight camping in mountain tents at Kikelewa camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 4: Kikelewa Cave (3600) – Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4330m)**

Hiking time: 4hrs

Distance: Approximately 6kms

Habitat: Moorlands

A short but steep climb up grassy slopes offers superb views of this wilderness area Mawenzi and Kibo peaks. The vegetation zone ends shortly before reaching camp Mawenzi Tarn spectacularly situated beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi with lunch en-route. Dinner and overnight camping in mountain tents at Mawenzi Tarn camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

### **Day 5: Mawenzi Tarn**

This optional extra day and night at Mawenzi Tarn is for acclimatization and relaxation. Lunch, dinner and overnight camping in mountain tents at Mawenzi Tarn camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

### **Day 6: Kilimanjaro Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4330m) – Kibo hut (4700m)**

Hiking time: 4 - 5 hours

Distance: Approximately 9kms

Habitat: Alpine desert

After early breakfast, depart camp ascending on the East side of Kibo crossing the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo. The remainder of the day is spent resting in preparation for the final ascent, which begins around midnight. Dinner and overnight camping in mountain tents at Kibo camp. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 7: Kibo Camp – Uhuru Peak Summit – Kibo – Horombo Hut**

Hiking time: 8hrs to Uhuru Peak, 6hrs to Horombo

Distance: Approximately 6kms ascent, 21kms descent

Habitat: Stone scree, ice-capped summit and Alpine Desert

Start the hike at 2300hrs of the main peak – Uhuru Peak Africa's top most point (alt. 5895m) which is the highlight of our trip! It is advisable to start the hike of the summit as early as the scree slope up the Gillman's point (alt5680m), will still be frozen, which will make the walking safer and less strenuous. Walk for a further 2 hrs from Gillman's point to arrive at Uhuru peak at 0600hrs. After taking photos with the sunrise, descend further down to Kibo hut where you will have some breakfast and later descend further with lunch enroute to Horombo hut for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner)

**Day 8: Horombo – Mandara – Marangu Gate – Moshi**

Hiking time: 7hrs

Distance: Approximately 27kms

Habitat: Moorland and Montane forest

Depart the camp after breakfast and walk through the forest vegetation lunch enroute arriving at Marangu gate in time to sign off and certificate issuance to all successful climbers to Point Gilman's and Uhuru Peak and thereafter onward connection and transfer to the hotel in Moshi for a long overdue hot shower, dinner and celebrations after the achievement. (Breakfast, Lunch

& Bed)

### **Day 9: Moshi – Nairobi**

After breakfast, drive to Arusha for lunch at own cost then proceed to NBO via Namanga border and further to Nairobi arriving late in the evening or transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO), Arusha Airport (ARK) or Arusha or Moshi Bus Station for your departure. (Breakfast)

Any extra day will attract from USD 180 per person

### **Children Rate Policy:**

Children between 13 – 15.99 years, 80% of adult rate

Children aged 16 years and above, adult rate applies

**NB:** The above rates are subject to change without notice should necessitating factors dictate. These may be influenced by changes in government policies, intermittent exchange rates among other factors.

### **Package inclusive of:**

- Return road transport to Moshi / transfers from Tanzania
- Packed lunch from Nairobi road travelers
- Arrival day and Last night accommodation at Moshi on Bed and Breakfast
- Return transfer from the hotel at Moshi to the mountain gate
- Meals and picnic lunch while on the trek and as reflected in the itinerary
- Park entry fees
- Professional services of our English speaking guides/ cooks and porters

- Accommodation in mountain bunk hostels, bed and a mattress will be provided
- Uhf Radio communication / advanced Mountain first Aid Kit

**Package exclusive of:**

- Hiking equipment and climbing gear
- Bottled water
- Dinners in Moshi and Lunch on the return day
- Medical, travel & personal insurance cover
- Sleeping bag while on trek (charges at KES 350 per bag per night)
- Any item of personal nature
- Tips and gratuities for the mountain crew
- Any other item not mentioned in the inclusive list

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