RONGAI ROUTE

8 Days / 7 Nights

Rongai Route

Duration: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Type: Private Safari

Main Focus: Adventure

Country: Tanzania

Overview of the Rongai route

Rongai approaches Kilimanjaro from the **north**, near the Kenyan border. It tends to be **quieter** than Machame or Lemosho on the first half of the climb, passes **Mawenzi**, and summits from **Kibo** before descending the **Marangu** trail.

It is a strong option in **rainy periods** when the northern forest can be drier than the southern rainforest belt. Programmes are usually **6 or 7 days on the mountain**.

Safety first: Typical age range **12–70 years**.

Expert recommendation

Choose **Rongai 7-day** when you want more solitude early on and a gentler acclimatization curve. The **6-day** schedule is shorter and tougher from an altitude perspective.

This package with Serengeti Nexus

Itinerary below: **6-day mountain / 8-day tour**. Pricing references published 2026 tiers on this page.

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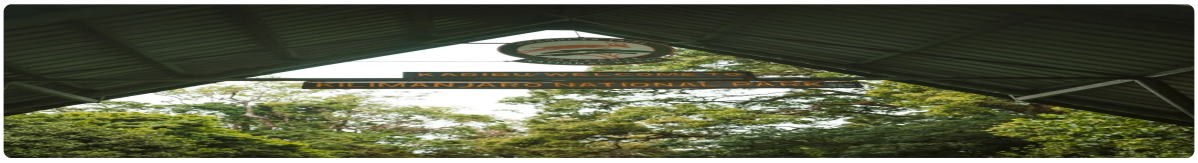

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival

Arrival at JRO; meet **Serengeti Nexus** staff and transfer to your hotel. Evening briefing. **Please note:** Check-in often from **2:00 PM**.

Day 2: Nalemuru Gate to Simba Camp

Morning briefing, then drive to **Nalemuru Gate** (~2,020 m / 6,627 ft). After permits and registration, trek through **coniferous forest** on the northern slopes to **Simba Camp** (~2,671 m / 8,761 ft). Keep a comfortable pace — first night at altitude.

- High fluid intake all day.
- Altitude medication only per your physician's advice.
- Report symptoms to your guide.

Trekking time: 3–4 hours | **Distance:** ~8 km (4.9 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

Kilimanjaro mountain camp (tented)

Day 3: Simba Camp to Kikilewa Camp

Early breakfast, then trek to **Kikilewa Camp** (~3,630 m / 11,906 ft). In clear weather, **Kibo** dominates the skyline. This day is more demanding than the first; rest well at camp.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~10 km (6.2 mi)

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Day 4: Kikilewa Camp to Mawenzi Tarn Camp

Trek to **Mawenzi Tarn Camp** at the foot of **Mawenzi**. Lunch and a short rest, then an **acclimatization hike** on Mawenzi's lower slopes (~200 m gain) before returning for dinner.

Acclimatization hike: ~2 km, **1–2 hours**.

Trekking time (main): 4–5 hours | **Distance:** ~6 km (3.7 mi)

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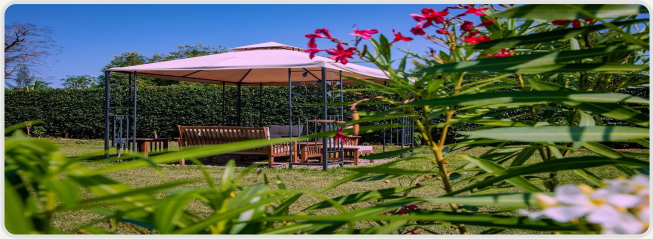

Day 5: Mawenzi Tarn to Kibo Hut

Trek across **alpine semi-desert** toward **Kibo Hut** (~4,720 m / 15,482 ft). Conserve energy — summit night follows. Eat, hydrate, and sleep as much as you can in the afternoon.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~9 km (5.5 mi)

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ACCOMMODATION

Marangu route huts (KINAPA)

Day 6: Uhuru Peak and descent to Horombo Hut

Night departure from Kibo for **Uhuru Peak** (5,895 m / 19,336 ft). The route is not technical, but altitude is taxing; guides monitor pairs closely. After the summit, optional short detour toward glacier viewpoints, rest at Kibo, then long descent to **Horombo Hut**.

Please note: Most slips and toe injuries occur descending — stay focused.

Trekking time: 12–14 hours | **Distance:** ~21 km (13 mi)

DESTINATION

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ACCOMMODATION

Marangu route huts (KINAPA)

Day 7: Horombo Hut to Marangu Gate

Warm breakfast, then descend through forest to **Marangu Gate**. Certificates, guestbook, and transfer to the hotel.

Trekking time: 5–6 hours | **Distance:** ~18 km (11.1 mi)

Day 8: Departure

Rest and airport transfer. **Please note:** Hotel check-out often **11:00 AM**.

ACCOMMODATION

No Accommodation

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

Included

- All transfers in Tanzania as per programme (airport pick-up and drop-off, hotel ? park gate / trailhead)
- Hotel accommodation before and after the climb (typically bed & breakfast; shared twin unless single supplement)
- Kilimanjaro National Park fees, camping or hut fees, and rescue fee contributions as applicable
- Professional mountain guides, assistant guides, cook(s), and porter crew
- All meals on the mountain; mess / kitchen tent and group dining equipment
- Four-season mountain tents (shared, two per tent by default), group sleeping mat, group camping furniture
- Safety: emergency oxygen, comprehensive group medical kit, daily health monitoring with guides
- Summit certificates after a successful climb

Excluded

- International flights to/from Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO)
- Tanzania visa fees (confirm current rate before travel)
- Travel and high-altitude evacuation insurance (mandatory — confirm coverage for trekking to 6,000 m)
- Tips for guides, cooks, and porters (budget per consultant advice)
- Personal trekking clothing, boots, and sleeping bag (rental may be available)
- Lunch and dinner at the hotel before/after the climb unless stated otherwise
- Single room or single tent supplements; optional portable toilet hire; optional private tent surcharge
- Personal expenses, drinks, laundry, and phone/data charges

PRICING INFORMATION

All prices are per person in USD and may vary based on season and group size.

Low Season

April 1 - May 31

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,774	$2,921	$2,656	**$2,564**	$2,507	**$2,475**

Mid Season

March 1 - March 31, November 1 - December 15

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,774	$2,921	$2,656	**$2,564**	$2,507	**$2,475**

High Season

June 1 - October 31, December 16 - February 28

GROUP SIZE	SOLO	2 PAX	3 PAX	4 PAX	5 PAX	6+ PAX
8-day	$3,876	$3,030	$2,767	**$2,679**	$2,623	**$2,591**

Group Discount: The more travelers, the lower the price per person. Perfect for families and groups!

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