

# Beyond your imagination

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## DARE TO SUMMIT! - Kilimanjaro Trek Rongai route plus extra acclimatization day included!



Kilimanjaro is shy. Although she towers at 5 895m above sea level, she is something of a reluctant muse, more often than not concealing her lofty splendor behind a cloudy veil. On the Rongai route you get to view her from almost all angles but her western slopes

Day 1

Valid for travel 01 Sept 17 - Dec 17

Jnb - Moshi

- Your adventure will start with an early flight WDH-JHB-Nairobi-Kilimanjaro International airport.
- On arrival at Kilimanjaro airport you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel in Moshi.
- A climb briefing is scheduled for today in order to meet your guides and discuss the expedition in more detail.

Overnight

Keys Hotel, Moshi

Full board

Day 2

Rongai Gate (1,950m) to Simba Camp (2,800m)

- After breakfast you will be transferred by road (approx. 3-4 hrs drive) along the eastern side of Kilimanjaro to the Rongai Gate from where your hike will start.
- A short slow hike will take you through a pine plantation that leads up into the thicker rainforest on the foothills of the mountain. Enjoy time taking in the natural surroundings, take photos and nibble on your packed lunch that is provided.
- Spend your first night on the mountain at Simba Camp on the edge of the rainforest.

Walking distance for the day: 8km

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Altitude gain: 850m

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Simba Camp, Kilimanjaro

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## Day 3

### Simba Camp (2,800m) to Second Camp (3,450m)

- On day two you trek higher up on the northern slopes of Kilimanjaro leaving the montane forest behind.
- The path takes you into the Kikelewa Moorland area with fantastic mountain vegetation such as Proteas, Impatiens & daisies.
- Enjoy great views of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim. Giant Senecious grow nearby the sheltered valley of Second Cave, where you will spend the night.

Walking distance for the day: 7 km

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Altitude gain: 650m

Overnight

Second Camp, Kilimanjaro

Full Board

## Day 4

### Second Camp (3,450m) to Kikelewa Camp (3,600m)

- Today you will continue to head out across the Kikelewa moorland towards the jagged peaks of Mawenzi. From here you are rewarded with spectacular views of the plains of Kenya below.
- Remember to take it slowly to give your body time to acclimatize to the altitude gain. Pole Pole will become your mantra going higher and higher.

Walking distance for the day: 6 km

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Altitude gain: 150m

Overnight

Kikelewa Camp, Kilimanjaro

Full Board

## Day 5

### Kikelewa Camp (3,600m) to Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,320m)

- A steep, but short hike leads you over grassy terrain to the base of Mawenzi Peak. The views from here are spectacular into Kenya's plains below.
- The vegetation diminishes as you gain altitude towards the towering spires of Mawenzi Peak.
- Spend the night at Mawenzi Tarn camp next to a little lake.

Walking distance for the day: 6 km

Walking time: 3-4 hours

Altitude gain: 150m

Overnight

Mawenzi Tarn Camp, Kilimanjaro

Full Board

## Day 6

### Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4,320m) to Kibo Camp (4,700m)

- After breakfast you pass through the lunar desert of the Saddle. This is the lava covered expanse between the two peaks of Kibo and Mawenzi. Though the walk is not far, progress is slow due to the altitude. Spend the night at the base of Kibo Crater at Kibo Camp. Settle in for an early night as your final ascent will start around midnight.

Walking distance for the day: 9 km

Walking time: 5-6 hours

Altitude gain: 380m

Overnight

Midnight climb to the Summit!



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## Day 7

### Kibo Camp (4,700m) to Summit (5,895m) to Horombo Hut (3,720m)

- Wake up very early (around midnight!) to have a quick bite to eat and something warm to drink before setting out in darkness. The hike to Gillman's Point is a very slow steep walk on volcanic scree for about 5-6 hours.
- The headlamps on the trail towards the summit almost look like fireflies in a long row. As you approach the crater rim you will enjoy the most memorable sunrise you may ever experience - the sunrise of Africa!
- Often you see the curving of the earth at this high altitude and the sunrise on the horizon just accentuates it. Keep your camera ready at all times as there are plenty of photo opportunities along the summit.
- Once you reach Gillman's Point on top of the crater rim, you have approximately another hours hike to get to Uhuru Peak.
- Get that photo of you next to the sign marking the summit!
- Descend from Uhuru Peak - the trail down from Gillman's Point on the Marangu route is often enjoyed by hikers sliding down the scree slope, which entails skidding down the loose gravel with big steps and some sideways moves. Try it, it is fun!
- With every step going down, your body enjoys having more oxygen to breath in. Depending on how you feel, you may enjoy a short rest at Kibo Camp before descending down to Horombo Hut where you spend the night.

**Walking distance for the day: 6 km ascent + 16 km descent**

**Walking time: 5-6 hours + 1-2 hours up + 7-8 hours descent (overall walking time for the day between 10 - 16hours!)**

**Altitude gain: 985m to Gillman's point + 210m to Uhuru Peak**

Overnight

Horombu Hut, Kilimanjaro

Full Board

## Day 8

### Horombo Hut (3,720m) to Marangu Gate (1,843)

- Enjoy a slow hike through the rainforest to Marangu Gate. Take time to enjoy the lush vegetation with the Old Man's beard growing on the giant trees as well as some Giant Ferns towering high over the forest bed.
- The path has many septs leading you down to Marangu Gate where you may find a cold beer to start celebrating your assault of Kilimanjaro.
- You will be transferred back to Moshi, Keys Hotel, to overnight and celebrate.
- This evening your guides will meet you to hand out your Kilimanjaro Certificates .

**Walking distance for the day: 20 km**

**Walking time: 5-6 hours**

**Descend: 1,877m**

Overnight

Keys Hotel, Moshi

Dinner, Breakfast

## Day 9

### Return to Windhoek

- The Kilimanjaro Expedition comes to an end. After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Kilimanjaro International Airport for your flight home.

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## PACKAGE INFORMATION

### Package Includes

- Economy class flights from Windhoek on Kenya Airways
- Pre- and post-night accommodation at Keys Hotel, Moshi on B&B basis
- Gear storage at Keys Hotel for duration of hike (the stuff you don't want to take on the hike)
- Transfers to from Kilimanjaro International Airport
- Transfers to/from Kilimanjaro National Park Gates
- Services of an experienced Kilimanjaro registered head guide and assistant guides
- Porter service (hiker's baggage weight limit is 12kg)
- Climb briefing before the hike in Moshi
- Guide and porter fees as stipulated by Kilimanjaro National Park
- National Park fees of U\$980
- National Parks Mountain rescue fees
- Government tourist taxes
- Three meals per day on the trail prepared by a seasoned Kilimanjaro cook
- Camping equipment (alpine tents, enclosed mess tents, compressed foam sleeping mats, camping chairs, tables, cutlery & crockery)
- Water during the hike (boiled for consumption and washing up)
- Portable oxygen for emergency use
- Pulse fingertip Oximeter
- Kilimanjaro Certificate issued by Kilimanjaro National Park post hike

### Package Excludes

- Travel/medical insurance, health requirements
- Equipment rental
- Tips, drinks and all items of personal nature and any service not specified
- Optional add-ons to Zanzibar or Serengeti

**Total package per person @ N\$45 000.00**

- Package price based on minimum of 10x passengers in group. Alternative pricing applicable should min group size not be reached.
- 50% non-refundable deposit payable to confirm your place
- Balance of payment to be made no later than 60 days prior to departure. Prices may fluctuate due to currency fluctuations. Price can only be guaranteed once full payment is made.
- Terms and conditions apply and E & EO