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### Mount Kilimanjaro, 6 Day Rongai Rout Climb

#### **Day 1 Moshi – Rongai Gate – Simba Camp**

You will be collected from your chosen hotel in Moshi and driven to Rongai Gate (1800m) which is located at the village of Nale Moru (1950m). From the gate trek through farmland and pine forest (where you will get to see the beautiful Kilimanjaro Black and White Colobus Monkey) to the edge of moorland zone where we can enjoy excellent views out across the Kenyan plains. Dinner and overnight stay at Simba Camp (2600m).

#### **Day 2 Simba Camp – Kikelewa Caves**

Commence the long trek through the moorland zone steadily gaining height and giving superb views of Kibo and the Eastern ice fields on the crater rim. After crossing the moorland zone, head towards the jagged Mawenzi Peak. Drop into the valley for Kikelewa Caves (3600m) for dinner and overnight.

#### **Day 3 Kikelewa Caves – Mawenzi Tarn**

Leave the Kikelewa Caves heading for Mawenzi Tarn Camp (4320m), a relatively short but steep day of trekking through grassy slopes. The tarn and camp are set at the foot of the cirque of Mawenzi Peak directly beneath the towering spires of Mawenzi making this a spectacular site to set camp for dinner and overnight. You will have time in the afternoon to rest and explore the base and rocky slopes of Mawenzi which will help towards your acclimatization.

#### **Day 4 Mawenzi Tarn – Kibo Camp**

Watch the spectacular sunrise from Mawenzi Tarn as the light cascades through the jagged spires of Mawenzi Peak. Depart Mawenzi Tarn Camp and cross the lunar-like landscape of the saddle between Mawenzi and Kibo Peaks. Dinner and overnight at Kibo Camp (4750m) at the base of the Kibo crater wall. Relax on arrival to prepare for the final ascent which begins shortly after midnight.

#### **Day 5 Kibo Camp – Uhuru Peak – Horombo Hut**

Making a very early start at around 0100 hrs, follow the zigzag path up the loose volcanic scree slope, stopping frequently to catch breath in the starlit air. This is the steepest and most demanding section for the climb, taking at least five hours to Gillman's Point (5685m). Gillman's Point offers great views of the Eastern Ice fields. See sunrise behind Mawenzi Peak illuminating the plain. Then walk a further 45 minutes around the crater and up to the highest point Uhuru Peak (5,895m), the roof of Africa where you will be rewarded with stunning views of the spectacular glaciers illuminated by the sunrise. Thereafter it is a 7 hour descent to Horombo Camp (3720m) with a rest at Kibo Hut (4700m) on route. Dinner and overnight stay at Horombo Camp.



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## **Day 6            Horombo Hut - Marangu Gate - Moshi**

A much gentler and steadier day of descent through Moorland to Mandara Hut (2700m) and then onwards through lush rainforest to Marangu Gate (1800m) to complete your climb and collect your certificate. A vehicle awaits you at Marangu Gate to transfer you to your chosen hotel in Moshi.

## **End of Climb**