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# 10 Days Kilimanjaro Rongai Route Trek

The quiet northern approach, drier than the southern slopes, with a dramatic night beneath Mawenzi.

| DURATION | STARTS | STYLE | PRICE |
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| 10 Days / 9 Nights | Arusha | Mid-range | On request |

**Route:** Arusha → Kilimanjaro

Makao Mapya, Arusha, Tanzania

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YOUR JOURNEY

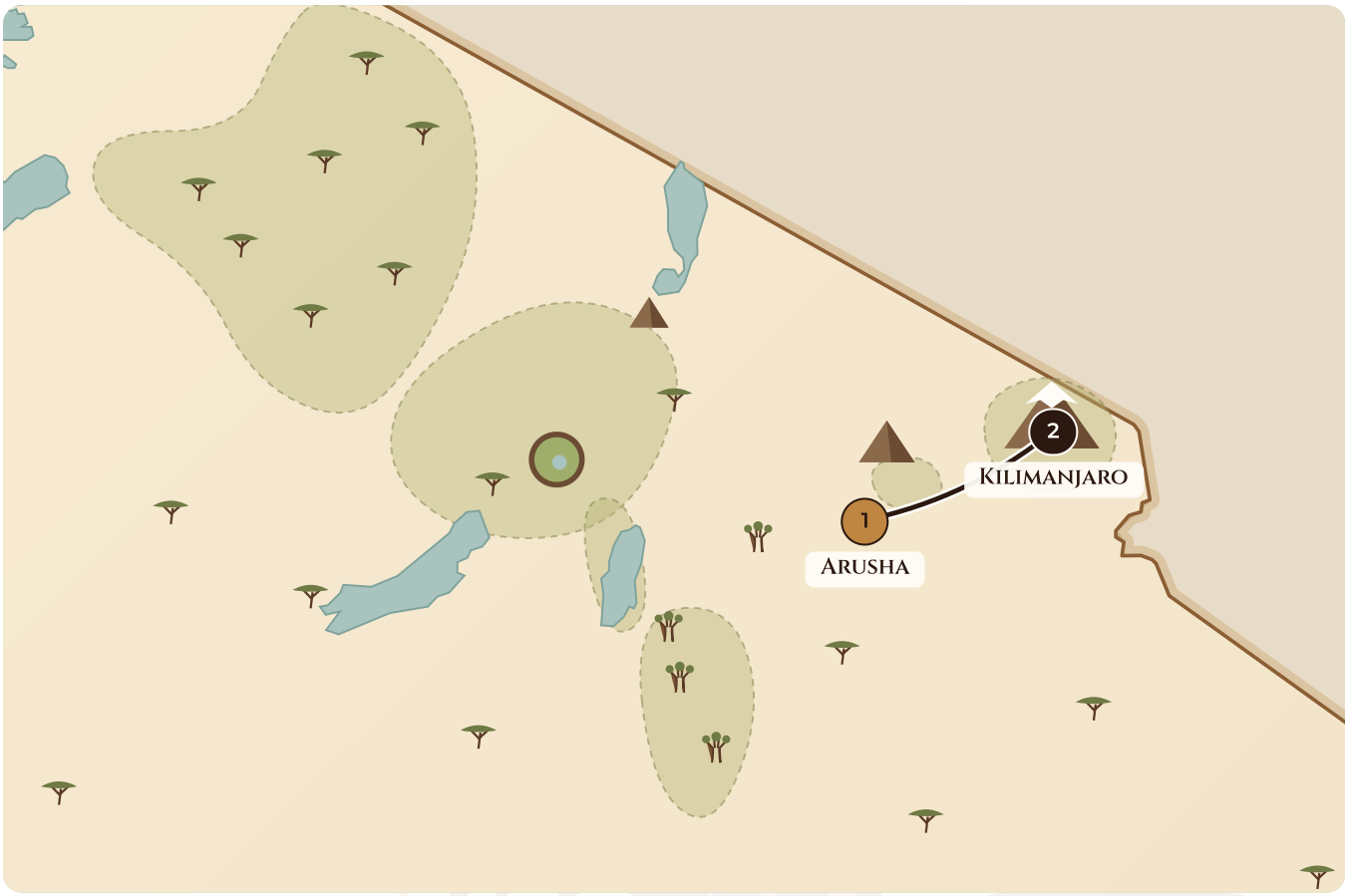
# THE OVERVIEW

Rongai starts near the Kenyan border, where the mountain's rain shadow makes it a good choice in wetter months. The climb is steady and sees far fewer people, and it descends on the opposite side of the mountain.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Quiet northern slopes
- Rest day at Mawenzi Tarn
- Drier in the rainy season
- Uhuru Peak at about 5,895 m
- Descend on the other side of the mountain

# YOUR ROUTE




Journey start · Stop · By road

Illustrative map, not to be used for navigation.

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| **Day 1** | Arrival in Arusha |
| **Day 2** | Warm-Up Day in Arusha National Park |
| **Day 3** | Nale Moru Gate – First Cave Camp |
| **Day 4** | First Cave – Kikelewa Cave |
| **Day 5** | Kikelewa – Mawenzi Tarn |
| **Day 6** | Acclimatization Day at Mawenzi Tarn |
| **Day 7** | Mawenzi Tarn – Kibo Hut |
| **Day 8** | Summit Day: Uhuru Peak – Horombo Hut |
| **Day 9** | Horombo Hut – Marangu Gate – Arusha |
| **Day 10** | Departure from Arusha |

# Day by day

DAY 1

## Arrival in Arusha

Arrive in northern Tanzania, where a Hartebeest Safaris representative welcomes you and provides a private transfer to your Arusha accommodation. Settle in, recover from the flight and go through the plan for the days ahead.

Personal airport welcome | Private transfer | Briefing and route review

**TRAVEL**
Approximately 45–75 minutes from Kilimanjaro International Airport, depending on traffic.

**MEALS**
Dinner, depending on arrival time

**STAY**
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 2

## Warm-Up Day in Arusha National Park

Stretch your legs on a ranger-guided walk among giraffe and buffalo near the Momella Lakes, beneath Mount Meru. Back at your hotel, your guide checks your gear and goes through the climb.

Walking among wildlife | Mount Meru views | Gear check and climb briefing

**TRAVEL**
Usually about 1 hour by road each way, and 2–3 hours of easy walking.

**MEALS**
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**STAY**
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 3

## Nale Moru Gate – First Cave Camp

Drive to the northern side of the mountain and start through farmland and pine forest, climbing gently to your first camp.

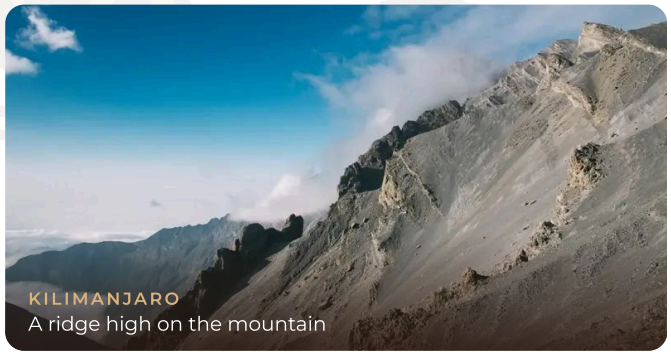
Quiet forest trail | Views towards Kenya | First night on the mountain

**TRAVEL**
A long road transfer, then usually 3–4 hours of walking.

**MEALS**
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**STAY**
First Cave Camp, about 2,625 m.


KILIMANJARO
Above a sea of clouds


KILIMANJARO
A ridge high on the mountain

DAY 4

## First Cave – Kikelewa Cave

Climb steadily through heath and moorland with Kibo growing ahead, and Mawenzi's jagged outline appearing to the south.

Heath and moorland | Views of Kibo | Open northern slopes

**TRAVEL**
Usually 6–7 hours of walking.

**MEALS**
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**STAY**
Kikelewa Cave Camp, about 3,600 m.

DAY 5

## Kikelewa – Mawenzi Tarn

A shorter, steep walk to one of the most dramatic camps on the mountain, beside a small tarn beneath Mawenzi's spires.

Mawenzi's spires | Mountain tarn | A short climbing day

**TRAVEL**
Usually 3–4 hours of walking.

**MEALS**
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**STAY**
Mawenzi Tarn Camp, about 4,330 m.

DAY 6

## Acclimatization Day at Mawenzi Tarn

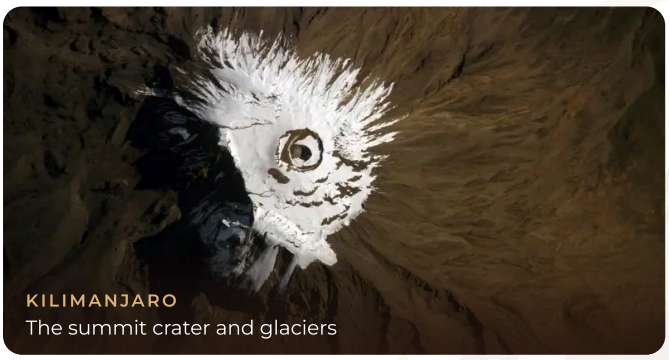
Walk up towards the Mawenzi ridges to help your body adapt, then return to camp to rest.

Climb high, sleep low | Mawenzi ridges | Time to adapt

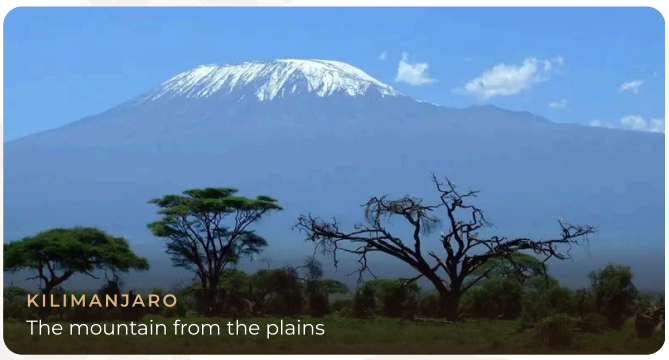
**TRAVEL**
Usually 2–4 hours of walking.

**MEALS**
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**STAY**
Mawenzi Tarn Camp, about 4,330 m.



KILIMANJARO
The summit crater and glaciers



KILIMANJARO
The mountain from the plains

DAY 7

## Mawenzi Tarn – Kibo Hut

Cross the wide alpine desert of the Saddle to Kibo Hut. Eat early and rest before the midnight start.

The Saddle | Alpine desert | Summit briefing

**TRAVEL**
Usually 4–6 hours of walking.

**MEALS**
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**STAY**
Kibo Hut, about 4,720 m.

DAY 8

## Summit Day: Uhuru Peak – Horombo Hut

Start around midnight and climb the long scree slope to Gilman's Point on the crater rim, then along it to Uhuru Peak. Descend past Kibo to Horombo.

Gilman's Point | Uhuru Peak | Long descent to Horombo

**TRAVEL**
Usually 12–16 hours in total. Your guide may turn back if conditions or your health require it.

**MEALS**
Breakfast, lunch and dinner

**STAY**
Horombo Hut, about 3,720 m.

DAY 9

## Horombo Hut – Marangu Gate – Arusha

Walk down through moorland and rainforest to Marangu Gate to collect your certificate, then transfer to Arusha.

Rainforest descent | Summit certificates | Return to Arusha

**TRAVEL**
Usually 5–6 hours of walking, then the road transfer.

**MEALS**
Breakfast and lunch

**STAY**
Hotel in Arusha, confirmed in the final quotation.

DAY 10

## Departure from Arusha

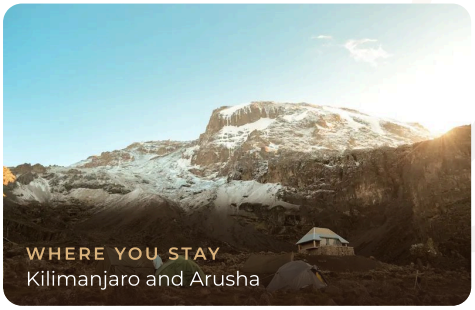
Enjoy a relaxed final breakfast before your private transfer to the airport, or continue to a safari or Zanzibar extension.

Relaxed final morning | Private departure transfer | Optional extensions

**TRAVEL**
Transfer timing is confirmed once final flight details are supplied.

**MEALS**
Breakfast

**STAY**
No accommodation included unless an extension is requested.




Mid-range

## Mountain camps and Arusha hotel

Tented camps on the mountain, with a hotel in Arusha before and after the trek. Your hotel is confirmed in your tailored quotation.

## Included

- Licensed mountain guides, assistant guides, cook and porters
- Kilimanjaro park, camping and rescue fees
- Tents and shared camp equipment on the mountain
- All meals and treated drinking water while trekking
- Hotel nights in Arusha before and after the trek
- Airport and trailhead transfers
- Warm-up day in Arusha National Park with an armed ranger

## Not included

- International flights
- Tanzania visa and travel insurance covering high-altitude trekking
- Personal trekking clothing, boots and sleeping bag
- Crew tips and personal expenses
- Meals in Arusha not listed as included

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